



OSSEO-MAPLE GROVE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

August Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 8, 2011
 Location: Maple Grove Community Center

Executive Members		Present	Absent	Non-Voting Members		Present	Absent
President	Dennis Smith	x		Ace Coordinator	Adam Gronlund	x	
	Tim						
Vice President Traveling	Kuelbelbeck	x		Ice Coordinator	Greg Herdine	x	
Vice President Traveling	Mike Hoben		x	Asst. Treasurer	Alisa Cardinal		
Vice President Girls	Lance Olson	x					
Vice President House	Curtis Janicke	x		Equipment Manager	Todd Machlitt	x	
				Concession Stand Mgr	vacant		X
Treasurer	Jim Cassibo	x		Concession Stand Mgr	Joy Kunz		X
Secretary	Jesse Braasch	x		Registrar Traveling	Kristy Gouley	x	
Direct Elect Board Members		Present	Absent	Registrar House	Jeanette Hill	x	
Charitable Gambling	Denise Hinton	x		Web Master	Todd Frisvold		x
Asst. Charitable Gambling	Jay Tilton	x		Asst. Web Master	Open		x
Directors		Present	Absent	Community Development	vacant		x
Mite Director	Avery			Volunteer Coordinator	Dana Johnson	x	
	Appelman	x					
SuperMite Director	Erik			Volunteer Coordinator	Jill Wente	x	
	Kukkonen	x					
District 3 Representative	Steve Knop	x		Scholastic Achievement	Larysa Karkoc		x
U10 Girls Director	Ken Helvey	x		Tournament Chair	John Griffith		x
U12 Girls Director	Dan McLean	x					
U14 Girls Director	Brad Dahl	x		Asst. Secretary	Open	x	
Jr. Gold Director	Roger Higbee	x		Mini- Mite Director	Matt Margenau	x	
Bantam Director	Kent Gerloff	x					
Bantam Director	Open		x				
PEEWEE Director	Eric Hanson	x					
PEEWEE Director	Open		x				
SQUIRT Director	Rob Borsch	x					
SQUIRT Director	Steve Karlson	x					

The meeting was officially called to order by Dennis Smith at 8:08 pm.

- I. Announcements by the President:**
1. Lance Olson Acceptance of Resignation
 2. Greg Bachmeier Appointment to Girls Traveling Director
 3. Justin Strunk Appointment to Boys Traveling Director

II. Treasurer's Report

1. \$470,000 on hand
2. OMGHA cut check for jerseys @25K for All Star Sports.

IV. Consent Business

1. Minutes from 7-11-11
2. Charitable Gaming Report - Approval of August Expenses: \$33,219.00
 - Duffy's Bar rent: \$875.00
 - Wild Bills Rent: \$1,750.00
 - Malone's: \$1,500.00
 - Payroll/Employer Taxes: \$15,500.00
 - Three Diamond games/tax: \$6,000.00
 - Pulltabs Plus – games/tax: \$4,000.00
 - Triple Crown – games/tax: \$3,000.00
 - Public Storage: \$186.00
 - The Payroll Company: \$158.00
 - Allied Charities of MN (annual fee): \$250.00
3. Jim Cassibo motioned for approval, Eric Hanson second – Board approved

V. Committee Reports

BOYS TRAVELING REPORT:

High Hockey Program Involvement – Mike Hoben, VP

1. Discuss way to increase involvement of both Maple Grove and Osseo High School programs. Future ideas to be explored are:
 - a. Pre-tryout camps (format and coordination of MG and Osseo running of sessions)
 - b. Regular season (coaches and players attending practices)
 - c. Have coaches call with Coaches and players (JV & V players)
 - d. Jersey night for OMGHA players
 - e. Mite games between periods
 - f. Use high school locker room at MGCC Arena
 - g. Open house for Kindergarten-Carnival combined high school & assoc hold a booth
 - h. Walk in the Parade high school team & OMGHA
 - i. Beginning, middle, end of season meeting with OMGHA coaches
 - j. Be a resource to the OMGHA coaches
 - k. Roster the entire team players, coaches, V, JV both high schools to be able to do on ice practices.
 - l. Reward for contest/fund raiser winner practices with the HS Team
 - m. Continue to look for more ways to involve high school programs

Pre-tryout and tryout planning review – Mike Hoben, VP

1. Did a review of progress for pre-tryout and tryout planning:
 - a. Last year's tryout books given to level directors
 - b. Review of next steps and set a meeting to follow up in mid August
 - c. Held pre-tryout planning meeting and finalized date, times, and format
 - d. Posted to the OMGHA web site by Monday August 8th.
 - e. Zach Sikich proposed new goalie tryout drills. We will pursue for next season.
 - f. Mike Hoben will send check list of tryout to dos by Monday August 8th
 - g. Roger Higbee Jr. Gold director has begun tryout planning and will be providing schedule for tryouts this week.

Tournament – Mike Hoben, VP

1. Invitational Bantam A and B1 tournaments 90% filled.
2. Tournaments for Bantams, Peewees, and Squirt 95% booked. Still need to make check requests to pay for tournaments.

Skills Development – Mike Hoben, VP

1. Sweet Hands – Traveling Committee recommends Sweet Hands to be implemented for Bantams, Peewees, and Squirts at the player level. This will be supported by Adam G. our coordinator to ensure usage by all teams. We monitor and evaluate as the season progresses. Sweet Hands to provide monthly report to OMGHA.
2. Dry land facility - Traveling Committee recommends to be implemented for Bantams, Peewees, and Squirts a regularly pre-scheduled dry land session for each team, once each week for the entire season

3. Presentations to be given on August 14th, by PHIT and Robby Glantz for in season skills development. Recommendation will be made at next Board meeting for approval. Travel committee will share full recommendation for selected vendor before final is made.

Open Coaching positions - Tim Kuebelbeck, VP / Mike Hoben, VP

1. Add is placed in June Let's play hockey. The travel committee is actively pursuing internal and external non-parent coaches. Additionally the committee is looking for coach suggestions internally. Still in the process of identifying a Peewee A coach.

Hockey Development Update – Mike Hoben, VP

1. Initial contacts have been made with potential vendors regarding; Skating/Stick-handling/Shooting & Strength/Conditioning format along with High School Coaches involvement at certain levels (TBD) once or twice a year. Contacted various instructor groups to see if we want to go ala carte or one vendor for all skill sets. NEXT STEPS:
 - a. VP of Boys, girls and house to reconvene to discuss finalize format to be used within each of the programs
 - b. Select 2-3 vendors to make proposals to OMGHA
2. Potentially implement High School Playbook into OMGHA (not mandated but suggested-leave room for coach deviation).

ACE/Hockey Development – Mike Hoben, VP

- 2011-12 top3 goals
1. Working with Ace Coordinator to develop top 3 goals for the 2011-12 season. This effort will be coordinated with VP's for each of the programs.

Code of Conduct Forms – Mike Hoben, VP

1. Researched and obtained copies of these from high schools and other sources. We will be reviewing to make a final proposal. Working with Grievance Committee for final documents.

D3 Referee Meeting – Mike Hoben, VP

1. Mike has contacted D3 and will be setting a final date for a meeting.

Maroon & Gold - Tim Kuebelbeck, VP

1. Tim will follow up with a discussion and an official letter to Maroon and Gold for Bantam A's requesting we be returned to the league. The B1 idea has been rejected for the 2011 season and will be revisited for next season.

Number of teams by level – Mike Hoben, VP

1. Bantams: 1 A, 2 B1's (1 upper), 3 B2's, and 2 C's
2. Peewees: 1A, 2 B1's, 2B2's, and 2 C's
3. Squirts: 1 A, 3 B1's, 4 B2's, and 1 C

Referee Meeting – Mike Hoben, VP

1. Mike Hoben to schedule a meeting with D3 head referees and OMGHA coaches after tryouts have been completed and teams are formed.

GIRLS TRAVELING REPORT: Aug, 2011

Girls Program – Brad Dahl, VP

1. OMGHA Girls Program Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 28th, MGCC
2. Conducted meetings with both Maple Grove and North Metro High School coaches to discuss how they can further impact OMGHA's girls program.
3. Potential 3rd Party Skill Development Instructor being looked at, Aug 14th, for in-season skill development.
4. Skater and Goalie pre-tryout camps complete and posted on website

10U Program – Ken Helvey, Director

1. David Prokop will instruct Development Camp. The objective of the development camp is threefold:
 - a. Player Development
 - b. Coaches Development
 - c. Player placement at the appropriate skill level
2. Player numbers are slightly down for 2011 – 2012. We anticipate approximately 40 skaters. One U10A Team and Two balanced U10B Teams.
3. Goalie Development continues to be a huge focus.

4. All tournaments are registered. 3 tourney's for the two B teams. 4 tourney's for the A team
5. Many qualified coaches have been identified for the three U10 teams. Interviews will be conducted.

12U Program – Dan McLean, Director

1. Tournaments done.
2. The Upper U12A Team, Lower U12A Team and two balanced U12B Team format for the 2011 – 2012 season has been communicated to parents and players.
3. We plan to conduct an Upper U12A only tryout again in 2011 - 2012. Players not participating in the Upper U12A tryout will participate in a traditional tryout.
4. Rob Roy will be returning to be the non-parent head coach for the Upper U12A team.
5. Advertising in Lets Play Hockey for a non parent coach to coach the Lower U12A team.
6. U12 Pre-Tryout camp dates are set: September 6th – 29th

14U Program – Lance Olson, Director (See Extra Attachment)

1. OMGHA Player Registration for the 2011 – 2012 season is now open. Communicated to parents via email.
2. OMGHA Policy for U14 Age Eligible Players wishing to tryout for High School (Language can also be found on the OMGHA website: Tryout Info Tab / U14 Tab). Communicated to parents via email.
 - a. U14 age eligible players will be allowed to participate in High School tryouts without penalty. In order to have the flexibility to return to the OMGHA team they were placed on following OMGHA tryouts, the player must have registered for OMGHA Hockey and participated in the OMGHA tryouts. If a player chooses not to register for OMGHA and does not participate in OMGHA tryouts, they will be allowed to participate in OMGHA hockey by registering (applicable late fees will be applied) and they will be placed on the lowest level team. Players who are offered a roster spot at the High School and who choose to leave OMGHA will receive appropriate refunds. If roster spots become available on the U14A Team, the U14A Head Coach, Level Director, Girls VP and the ACE Coordinator will determine “if” and “which” players from the U14B Team will be offered to move up to the U14A Team. The number of players who leave the U14A Team for High School will not necessarily determine how many U14B players are offered U14A roster spots. The tryout results and balancing (# of skaters) of the U14A & U14B Teams will be taken into account.
3. OMGHA Coaches Registration for the 2011 – 2012 season is now open. Coaches are required to register via the OMGHA website: Coach Info Tab. Communicated to parents via email.
4. The All Girls Player and Parent Meeting is scheduled for Sunday August 28th at 7:30. It will take place at the Maple Grove Community Center- not in the ice arena. Check the OMGHA website for additional details. Communicated to parents via email.
5. Coaches – There have been some changes to the Coaches Education Guidelines (CEP Certifications) Please be proactive and check the following USA Hockey website for additional details:
http://www.usahockey.com/Template_Usahockey.aspx?NAV=CO_02&ID=19532
6. If you are interested in Head Coaching or being an Assistant coach, please complete the attached Coaches Application and get it back to me by August 19th. Coaching interviews will take place August 20th through August 27th. Communicated to parents via email.
7. The OMGHA Girls Traveling Committee is considering the possibility of an Upper U14A Team and a Lower U14A Team vs. a U14A Team and a U14B Team. There has been a trend in recent years for other associations NOT to roster U14B Teams (due to number of U14 players and / or perception that there aren't enough U14B Teams...self perpetuating□). Last year, there were only 9 or 10 total U14B teams in the state. This resulted in fewer games, increased travel distance to find games, the elimination of Regional Tournament play, low value experience in tournaments – playing the same teams over and over again, etc.
 - a. Option 1: The feedback I'm looking for is whether people would value a low cost alternative (e.g. U14B Hockey) with fewer practices and fewer games. We anticipate the number of U14B teams will be similar to last year 9 – 12 total teams in the state. Historically, U14B has not been low cost (small roster, a ton of practice time, etc.). However, we could create an atmosphere similar to Junior Gold or U19B hockey where there are fewer practices and the team could play the 9 – 12 U14B teams in a less competitive atmosphere. This would be more about fun than being ultra competitive.
 - b. Option 2: Would people prefer a Lower U14A Team. The advantage to being an “A” team is that the team could play any U14A team and participate in any U14A tournament. Though the Lower U14A Team could seek scrimmages with other Lower U14A Teams, there will be situations in District play or tournaments, where this team may be significantly over matched (we would go into this knowing there may be some lopsided losses and non-competitive situations)
 - c. Option 3: Rainbow with another association, creating an Upper U14A Team, a Lower U14A Team and a fun, low cost experience....U14B Team. These teams would have smaller roster sizes similar to years past

(12 or so skaters). In this scenario, the other association skaters and goalies would have the ability to compete for roster spots on all three teams – total equity as OMGHA players.

8. Pre Tryout Camp dates have been communicated to parents and posted on the OMGHA website. Pre Tryout Registration will be on-line this year. The Girls Traveling Committee is working with the North Metro and Maple Grove High School Coaches to run the U12 & U14 Pre Tryout Camp. Communicated to parents via email.

19U Program

1. Annual recruitment begins - OMGHA is proud to be one of a select few associations to host a team at this level.
2. Greg Rogers is potentially interested in returning as the U19B Head Coach
3. OMGHA will be hosting the Fourth Annual U19B tournament in 2011- 2012.

HOUSE PROGRAM REPORT

1. Fall 3 on 3 schedule complete and registration available online
2. Working with Dave's to finalize order of Jersey's
3. House program key dates finalized including the following –
 - a. New Joiner Skates – 10/14, 10/19, 10/27
 - b. New Parent Orientation – 10/10
 - c. House Manager Meeting – 10/25
 - d. HEP Testing Date – 10/15
 - e. SM/U8 Start Date – 10/29
 - f. Mite Start Date – 11/5
 - g. Try hockey for free day – 9/17 & One session scheduled for a date in NOV (pending)
4. Finalizing plan with FHIT to lead House Skill Development program. Program will focus more on teaching the coaches
5. Coordinating Plan for Elementary Open House Events schedule 8/30 & 8/31
 - a. Lining up volunteers
 - b. Finalizing Flyer to hand out at event
 - c. Working with Girls and Boys High School programs to get players to help promote hockey at the open houses
6. Finalizing Flyer to go out in Wednesday Envelopes on 9/7 and 9/14
7. Coordinating Activities and Marketing for 9/17 “Try Hockey For Free” Event
 - a. To scheduled ice times (Girls 11:30 – 12:30; Boys 12:45 – 1:45)
 - b. Finalizing Marketing Flyer For Event
 - c. Coordinating volunteers for event
8. Looking into coordinating a “Used Equipment Drive” to collect old youth hockey gear to provide for new joiners into the program

JUNIOR GOLD REPORT

Not Submitted – Review verbally at meeting

CHARITABLE GAMBLING REPORT

1. We are really happy with the gambling activity this month (and of course, our monthly profit!)
 - a. Our sales were \$457,447
 - b. Prizes paid were \$401,612
 - c. Deposits were \$55,835
 - d. Expenses were \$25,571
 - e. Our sales increased by \$46,126
 - f. Deposits increased by \$1,965
 - g. We paid out \$44,511 more in prizes and our expenses decreased by \$814.
 - h. Our monthly profit was \$19,431

ACE COORDINATOR REPORT

Not Submitted – Review verbally at meeting

DISTRICT 3 REPORT

Not Submitted – Review verbally at meeting

EQUIPMENT REPORT

1. All Traveling Equipment on order (Game Jerseys and Socks from All Star) (Practice Jerseys and Pucks from Dave's)
2. All House Equipment on order (Dave's)

3. Still need to go through Goalie Gear – will be ordering an equivalent of 4-5 sets this year. We will be ordering at the Squirt/U10 and Supermite Levels. (Daves's)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1. As of noon today, 8/4, we have 83 players registered. I will bring an updated report to the meeting with a breakout by level.
2. Working with the House team on Open House, school flyers, Walk In Registration and New Player skates.
3. House Manager Meeting is scheduled for October 25 at 8:00pm.

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

Not Submitted – Review verbally at meeting

GALA COMMITTEE REPORT

Not Submitted – Review verbally at meeting

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS REPORT

1. The 2011-2012 volunteer season is open in DIBS. Please run as many volunteer opportunities through our system as possible as it is much more time consuming to assign manual credits. Only those individuals who are registered will be able to select volunteer hours.
2. Volunteer coordinators request to attend next traveling boys meeting to discuss tryout volunteer needs
3. The following items have been posted:
 - MG Concessions/August
 - Walk in Registration
 - Open house orientation
4. The following positions have been filled:
 - Apparel Committee - Mike Palkert and Judy Blesi
 - Background check administrator - Theresa Devick
 - Open House Coordinator - RJ Devick
 - Asst Webmasters – Chris Savoie and Don Johnson

CONCESSIONS REPORT

Not Submitted – Review verbally at meeting

ICE COORDINATOR REPORT

Not Submitted – Review verbally at meeting

TOURNAMENT REPORT

Not Submitted – Review verbally at meeting

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Not Submitted – Review verbally at meeting

DEVELOPMENT REPORT

1. This is an open position – we are seeking someone for this role. If interested please contact the Treasurer.

DRY LAND REPORT

Not Submitted – Review verbally at meeting

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Not Submitted – Review verbally at meeting

MAPLE GROVE COMMUNITY CENTER RINK COMMITTEE

Not Submitted – Review verbally at meeting

SKILL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. The Traveling VPs - See Boys Traveling Report
2. The House VP - See Boys Traveling Report
3. The ACE Coordinator will conclude the review of the final vendors for Traveling and House and with the committee's assistance will make a recommendation to the board.

VI. Old Business

1. Handbook; Ethics Committee - vote on proposed changes
 - a. Avery Appelman motioned for approval, Tim Kuelbelbeck second - Board Approved
2. Sweethands – vote on contract for 2011-2012 season
 - a. Curtis Janicke motioned for approval, Erik Kukkonen second - Board Approved

VII. New Business

1. Charitable Gaming Review
 - a. Open charitable donation request for Osseo HS Hockey Program reviewed from last month - \$1500
 - i. Curtis Janicke motioned for approval, Erik Hanson second – Board Approved

VIII. Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:35 pm by Denise Hinton and Jesse Braasch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

These minutes require Board action to approve them before they become part of the OMGHA permanent records.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Braasch, OMGHA Secretary