



**Osseo Maple Grove Hockey Association
Meeting Notes – January 10th, 2015
8:00pm Maple Grove Community Center**

Executive Members		Present	Absent	Non-Voting Members		Present	Absent
President	Rob Borsch		X	Asst. Secretary	Laurel Bot	X	
ACE Coordinator	Luke Johnson		X	Asst. Treasurer	Irene Barbour		X
Vice President Traveling	Jesse Braasch		X	Volunteer Coordinator	Rochelle Giuliani	X	
Vice President Traveling	Kent Gerloff	X		Volunteer Coordinator	Tricia Leafblad	X	
Vice President Girls	Jeff Brandt	X		Ice Coordinator	Melissa Elias		X
Vice President House	Matt Margenau		X	Equipment Manager	Tim Carlson		X
Treasurer	Tim Jacobs		X	Equipment Manager	Tony Olson		X
Secretary	Amy Lee Olson	X		Concession General Mgr	Tony Kunz		X
Past President	Dennis Smith		X	Concession Purchasing Dr	Mike Dahlquist		X
Direct Elect Board Members		Present	Absent	Concession Staffing Dr	Joy Kunz		X
Charitable Gambling	Cathy Cheatham	X		Registrar Traveling	Kristy Gourley		X
Marketing Director	Avery Appelman		X	Registrar House	Sunny Hammann		X
Directors (Voting Members)		Present	Absent	Asst. Registrar	Michelle LaBorde	X	
Mite Director	Brian Grant	X		Grievance Chair	Harry Kennedy	X	
SuperMite Director	Chuck Sawicky	X		Web Master	Chris Savoie		X
U10 Girls Director	Bethany Winter		X	Asst. Web Master–Travelin	Don Johnson		X
U12 Girls Director	Jeremy Lewis	X		Asst Web Master – House	Menno Kievoet		X
U15 Girls Director	Mark Johnson		X	Recruitment	Jason Bauerly		X
Travel Director	Mark Ellingson	X		Scholastic Achievement	Larysa Karkoc		X
Travel Director	Kurt Halstrom		X	Tournament Chair	Karen Kukkonen		X
Travel Director	Erik Kukkonen		X	Tournament Chair	Amy Janicke		X
Travel Director	Adam Reiter	X		Girls House Director	Lisa Albers	X	
Travel Director	Victor Nelson	X		House Goalie Director	Aric Stienensen	X	
Travel Director	Bret Caywood	X		D3 Co-Chair	Ron Walsh	X	
District 3 Representative	Brian Blashack	X					
Asst ACE Coordinator	Curtis Janicke		X				

1. Meeting Called to Order at 8:25pm

- a. Announcements by the President
 - i. Amy Lee Olson sat in as President while Rob Borsch was out of town.
 - ii. Amy reminded everyone that there is a Blood Drive coming up February 15th.
 - iii. Amy thanked both Crimson teams for hosting "Skate with the Crimson".
 - iv. Huge thank you was directed to Sara Grant for the organization of the Lady Gopher game – just about 500 tickets were sold. OMGHA players were on the ice and the bench during introductions, OMGHA teams played during intermission and OMGHA players were able to participate in an autograph session.

2. Treasurers Report

- a. Consent Business Minutes from December 2015
- b. Charitable Gaming Report
 - i. Approval of December Expenses:

Duffy's Bar Rent	\$875.00
Wild Bills Rent	\$1,750.00
Malone's	\$1,750.00
Payroll/Employer Taxes	\$19,800.46

Three Diamond games/taxes	\$9,575.63
Pull Tabs Plus games/taxes	\$2,295.08
MN Revenue combined tax	\$41,492.13
City of MG Tax (Malone's)	\$2,839.00
City of MG Tax (Wild Bills)	\$124.00
Supplies – Western Container	\$91.18
CG Made Easy (Accounting Software)	\$120.00
Osseo Meats (Raffle)	\$800.00

Donation Requests

Maple Grove Boys Hockey	\$3,000
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Osseo Boys Hockey	\$3,000
North Metro Girls Hockey	\$3,000
Osseo Football 2015 Prep Bowl Expenses	\$2,000

- Cathy noted that OMGHA was recognized as a 5 Star Organization. Amy recognized Cathy, as it is not easy to get a 5 Star Rating.
- Bantam B2 would like to add a 5th tournament, Kurt Halstrom submitted process, unanimous vote by parents and approved by travel committee.

Motion to approve consent, donation requests, December minutes and Bantam B2 additional tournament. Motion by Jeff Brandt, second by Chuck Sawicky. Approved unanimously.

3. Committee Reports

a. District 3 Updates

- i. Mr. Walsh mentioned that they would like to meet with the Tournament Committee on what they need to do.
- ii. Jay Ellingson asked about PW A games. Why are AA games one more minute longer than A games? Mr. Walsh was requested to bring this up at the next D3 meeting.
- iii. Amy Lee Olson requested that we obtain the D3 meeting notes so they can be add to the OMGHA site; it would be great if we could get Oct – Dec 2015 added and then every month going forward.

b. Hockey Updates

i. Boys Traveling –submitted verbally by Kent Gerloff

- Kent provided an update on how the teams are doing and any issues that are occurring.
 - a. This year seems like it's going very well. This year at Bantam and Jr Gold, the teams are doing well – we seem competitive.
 - b. PeeWee has some struggles at the C level. Historically in the association, the parents feel that the teams are neglected and we don't compete very well at that level. Bret Caywood indicated that the Squirt C is performing similarly as PeeWee C. Bret measures by talking with the coaches...are the players having fun, doing dryland, etc. He doesn't want to measure success by wins/losses, but how kids are doing
- Parents of the PeeWee C team were present at the meeting; the floor was opened to them. Prior to opening the floor, Amy Lee Olson did note that the overall goalie situation has been brought to the Boards attention.
 - a. Duane Poppe – Head Coach of the PeeWee C team.
 - i. The team perspective is for the kids to show up and work hard. The team's attitude is phenomenal. The team feels they got the raw end of the deal with the goalie situation. A player is being put in a position where she doesn't have an opportunity to succeed, which isn't good for the association. There is a lot of frustration and a feeling of "it's a C team, just put the pads on". USA Hockey states the focus should be on Skill Development and he wasn't just going to put a player in the nets.
 - b. Jim Nord – Assistant Coach (Head Coach PWB2 last year).
 - i. Noted that the kids stick together and support the goalie. The goalie is playing over her head which isn't fair for anyone.
 - ii. He questioned the thought around the "fairness" of a prior B2 goalie playing on a C team. His son was B2 his first year and is now C – so it happens to skaters. It should be OK for it to happen to goalies (move from B to C).

- iii. Jim feels that goalies should be placed on each team and then the extras should be placed, rather than leaving a team without a goalie.
 - c. Ken White - Parent. First year in association.
 - i. The goalie is inconsistent and it's frustrating, she is over her head and has been put in an unfair place. C players have to be given a chance and an opportunity to win.
 - d. Amy Lee Olson noted that the board agrees – the perception of a C team needs to change. The Association needs to do a better job of ensuring all teams have coaches and goalies. Amy thanked the parents for attending.
 - e. Mark Ellingson asked Amy Lee Olson if anything could be done this year to rectify the situation. Amy mentioned that it would be a traveling committee decision. Mark wanted to ensure the parents knew that this is something that will be taken care of.
 - f. A parent from the PW C team asked how a team could be without a goalie. He wondered with all of the great structure around tryouts, how did this happen? Amy Lee Olson noted that it was a miss this year – pure and simple. It was just a miss.
 - g. Kent Gerloff stated that we need to stop treating goalies like a piece of equipment for the team. Do we place them there or do we develop them and coach them along? Do we treat goalies like puck bags? Every team gets a puck bag, OR do we put goalies where they really belong. Jim Nord addressed this comment and that he doesn't feel like his son was a piece of equipment going from B2 to C. He feels like the association is doing a lot better with goalies. He thinks a B2 player would do fine a C team.
 - h. Chuck Sawicky noted that the board has the same opinion as Jim Nord. He agrees that a huge mistake was made. There has been a lot of dialogue around it and noted that it wasn't fair.
 - i. Amy Lee Olson confirmed that AA and A have 2 goalies. The rest have 1.
 - j. Bret Caywood mentioned that there was confidence in many options to fill the goalie at the C spot and then it fell through.
 - k. Harry Kennedy mentioned that the Board needs to address that a player should be able to move up or down during tryouts. We can't assume that a player stays in one spot (once they make B1 they are always B1).
 - l. Shane Johnson (PeeWee C parent) asked what we would do differently next time.
 - i. Amy Lee Olson noted that we should know how many goalies we have up front and earlier
 - ii. Adam Reiter noted that we need to make sure we have a committed confirmed option vs possibilities
 - m. Jim Nord asked that the Board really look at this. It's too frustrating for the kids.
- ii. Girls Traveling – submitted by Jeff Brandt
 - U10A: (11-3).
 - a. 6-1 in tourney play. 1st place in Anoka; Consolation Champs in the All American Girls. Team is getting better, no real issues with parents or team.
 - U10B Black: (5-4-1).
 - a. 7th in Anoka tournament. Tough tournament as there were many associations playing that did not have an A team. Good kids, season is going well. Have had 3 injuries on the team. 2 concussions and 1 sprained thumb.
 - b. Have received some comments on tryouts that will be discussed at a future meeting.
 - c. Also would like to consider longer ice times and fewer days per week. Ice times or dryland before 5:00 is really tough for kids who do not get out of school until 4:10.
 - U10B White: (3-4-4).
 - a. Played in Rosemount tourney. Kind of far for an in town tournament. Kids seem to be improving. No issues with the team.
 - U12 A (18-9-3).
 - a. 6th in Cakeater, 2nd in Centennial Team is doing Ok. Most girls are working hard. No real kid issues on the team at this point.
 - b. Parents on the team are a different issue. An Asst. Coach has stepped down. There was a discussion surrounding how we enforce the Code of Conduct
 - i. Safe Sport was involved, the outcome was really minor.
 - ii. Mark believes there is an enforcement process that needs to be put in place.
 - iii. We need a policy for protecting coaches. SafeSport protects the kids – but we don't protect or stand up behind coaches.

- iv. Ron Walsh indicated that we need to create a position that can say “stop this right now” – someone that can take control before a grievance is filed.
 - U12 B White (14-6-4).
 - a. 1st place in Anoka tourney. Team is doing pretty well. Need to focus better as a team.
 - U12 B Black (27-5-6).
 - a. Currently 3rd in District play @ 7-2-3. 3rd in Cakeater; 2nd in Hutchinson. Team is doing well. No parent issues to report.
 - U15A (18-7-6).
 - a. 4th in the Cakeater and in Centennial. Top until until the last 2 weeks. Team is doing well, no issues to report
 - U15B. Only 1 loss so far this year! Won the Centennial tournament
 - iii. House
 - Amy Lee Olson and Brian Grant both indicated “nice work” and a “thanks” to Colin Steen on all of the work for the Tin Bin. The girl’s teams were much more competitive this year.
 - Mites started games this week and SM start full ice games in two weeks
 - Outdoor rinks are open
 - iv. Skills and Development
 - Nothing to report
 - v. Tournaments
 - Nothing to report
- c. OMGHA Partner Updates
 - i. High School Coaches –
 - Coach Berglund was happy with Skate with the Crimson. Ron Walsh indicated there is a cool new MG JV locker room.
 - ii. Arena Managers – nothing to report
 - iii. Marketing/Sponsors - nothing to report
- d. Administrative Updates
 - i. Volunteer Coordinators – submitted by Rochelle Giuliani
 - Squirt Extravaganza tournament just finished where we had 318.5 volunteer hours to support
 - Positions posted for the Tin Bin 3x3 Event that will expand over two weekends
 - Positions posted for the up-coming PeeWee B1 Winter Face-off Classic that will occur the weekend of Jan. 22
 - We will be posting volunteer positions for the Districts that OMGHA will host
 - We are keeping an eye on our Budget to ensure enough volunteer positions for all of our families
 - ii. Registration – House
 - Michele LaBorde indicated there were some issues with D3 and rosters. The rosters aren’t getting completed on time.
 - All coaches are on rosters, waiting to get rosters.
 - iii. Registration – Traveling – nothing to report
 - iv. Equipment – nothing to report
 - v. Grievances – nothing to report
 - vi. End of Year Celebration /Kick-off Celebration – nothing to report

4. Old Business

- a. Arena Banner Update
 - i. There is a banner up in the Osseo dryland, purchased with remaining dryland funds.
 - ii. Banner for MGCC is still in Franks office

5. New Business

- a. Coaches Bag Request – submitted by Brian Grant
 - i. \$1750 is requested to provide bags for all House program head coaches.
 - ii. *Motion by Brian Grant, second by Mark Ellingson, approved unanimously.*
- b. New Business Handbook Addition – OMGHA Support of Region and State Tourney Teams – submitted by Rob Borsch.

- i. Motion to have OMGHA fund practice time between the District and Region Tournament for Region tournament bound teams and practice time between Region and State Tournament for teams that qualify for State Tournament. OMGHA to also pay the Region and State Tournament entrance fees for each team that qualifies.
- ii. Estimated practice time and tournament fees would be ~ \$1,000 per team for Region Tournament teams and ~\$1,500 for State Tournament Teams.
- iii. OMGHA approval of the team purchasing a State Tournament jersey to use and keep for the State Tournament. The purchase must follow the guidelines in the handbook under General Policies #4 Payment Policies. The Level Director will hold a confidential vote where $\frac{3}{4}$ of the team must support the purchase. The State Tournament jersey can be designed by the team, but must have the OMGHA logo on it and contain only the OMGHA colors. Team would fund jersey.
- iv. *Motion to approve by Kent Gerloff. Second by Jay Ellingson. Approved unanimously.*

6. **Meeting Adjourned at 9:24pm**

Motion by Adam Reiter, second by Jeremy Lewis.