

**Oahe Hockey Association  
October 2015 Board Meeting Minutes  
EXPO Center Board Room – Fort Pierre, SD  
Monday, October 19, 2015**

Board President, Nathan Sanderson, called the October Board meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Lee Axdahl, Katie Starr, Nathan Sanderson, Mike Mueller, Tiffany Sanchez, Stephanie Lyons, Rick Miller, Jon Herman, Serena Swenson, and Bob Gray.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING**

**Board President Sanderson entertained a Motion to approve the September Board Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Lee Axdahl. Second by Bob Gray. Motion passed unanimously.**

**II. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS**

**TREASURER – TIFFANY SANCHEZ**

Tiffany presented her August and September Month-End numbers, including her October-to-date numbers; she also presented her August, September and October-to-date, Income and Expense reports:

**Aug 31 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$64,446.63**

**Restricted Funds: \$42,787.34**

**Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Aug 31: \$ 21,659.29**

**Aug 1 – Aug 31 income \$17,541: We Care Dakotamart Donation \$200; Merchandise Revenue \$1,041; Registration 2015-16 \$15,570; Restricted Donations (Godfrey Roberts Support Fund Contributions) \$230; Signage \$500**

**Aug 1 – Aug 31 expenses \$1,772.70:** Coach USA Hockey Fees \$120; Concession Expense \$(896.10); Gifts Given \$280; Jersey Purchase \$185.08; Phone & Internet \$130.24; Registration on-line fees \$53.48; Signage Expense \$600; Pee Wee Tournament Registration \$1,300

**Overall Total for Aug 1 – Aug 31: \$15,768.30**

**Sep 30 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$68,202.15**

**Restricted Funds: \$37,678.66**

**Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Sep 30: \$ 30,523.49**

**Sep 1 – Sep 30 income \$12,722.32:** Coca Cola Donation \$4,000; Registration 2015-16 \$8,680; Restricted Donations (Godfrey Roberts Support Fund Contributions) \$42.32

**Sep 1 – Sep 30 expenses \$8,966.80:** Advertising \$467.88; Board Expenses \$4.02; Concession Expense \$12.16; Equipment \$206.36; Phone & Internet \$130.34; Registration on-line fees \$245.03; Restricted Fund Expenses \$5,151; Rink Expense \$1,350.01; Varsity Tournament Registration \$1,400

**Overall Total for Sep 1 – Sep 30: \$3,755.52**

**Oct 1-19 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$87,054.08**

**Restricted Funds: \$26,991.79**

**Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Oct 19: \$60,062.29**

**Oct 1 – Oct 19 income \$35,804:** We Care Dakotamart Donation \$100; Fundraiser Revenue/Calendar Sponsors \$200; Merchandise Revenue \$814; Registration 2015-16 \$390; Signage \$12,000; Sponsorships \$20,500; Tyler Wilcox Registration \$1,800

**Oct 1 – Oct 19 expenses \$16,952.07:** Coach \$80; Equipment \$466.40; Merchandise Expense \$826.57; Phone & Internet \$(84.79); Restricted Fund Expense \$10,686.87; Rink Expense \$1,405.75; Signage Expense \$280.90; Tournament Host Expense \$55; Squirt Tournament Registration \$2,400; Varsity Tournament Registration \$600; Trash \$235.37

**Overall Total for Oct 1 – Oct 19: \$18,851.93**

**Board President Sanderson entertained a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Lee Axdahl. Second by Mike Mueller. Motion passed unanimously.**

**REGISTRAR – RICK MILLER**

217 registered skaters thus far. Coordinators got updated lists last week. Registration is still going on and registrations are still coming in. Going well.

Reminder that when signing up for "Learn to Skate", the volunteer box needs to be checked. Having this box checked only helps the registrant get through the on-line registration process – it does not mandate the "Learn to Skate" family to volunteer.

**PLAYERS – KATIE STARR**

Try Hockey For Free – Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>. Twelve participants signed up thus far, and this is from Facebook posts only. Targeting ages 4 years and up. The first 40 participants get free jerseys from USA Hockey.

Reminder that coaches, board members, locker room monitors, and coordinators need to complete their background checks on the USA Hockey website. Coaches' background checks are good for 1 year – volunteers' and board members' background checks are good for 2 years.

**Dawn Magee – SD Safe Sport Coordinator and the OHA Risk Manager – addressed the board on topics from the last SD State (Fall) Board meeting:**

- USA Hockey is enforcing the use of mouth guards; if mouth guards are not in use, a game misconduct will be given.
- "Zero Tolerance" is being enforced this season. Anyone in the stands can stop behavior that violates "Zero Tolerance". Referees will also be enforcing "Zero Tolerance" as well.
- The State Treasurer position is open on the board.
- USA Hockey has commended the Northern Plains District (SD, MT, ND, WY) for growing the game of hockey in keeping their player numbers up. USA Hockey also commended the Northern Plains District for their use of the ADM model. USA Hockey feels the Northern Plains District is turning out

good overall athletes, not just good hockey players, through the use of the ADM.

- The Safe Sport Handbook is now on the state website for viewing.

### **COACHING – PAUL BACHAND (absent)**

President Sanderson reported for Paul that there are pending play-up requests which Craig Davis has (intra-league levels). These will be discussed at the November board meeting.

### **LEAGUE PLAY – CRAIG DAVIS (absent)**

An e-mail was sent to the board:

“League schedule is pretty much done and I will begin assigning game time later this week. I would prefer to not release the schedule to membership until I have a chance to get this done and reviewed thoroughly. I can then start working on the open skate schedule. I will do my best to get it out as soon as I can.

Boys Varsity will be playing some pre-season games at home on 11/8 vs Mitchell at 11 AM. The Girls Varsity will be playing the SD U14 team in two games that day at 1 PM and 4 PM. That should be a good day for concessions. Boys and Girls Varsity has also scheduled a home games vs Huron on 11/13 pending the outcome of the football playoffs. If we make it that far we may move these games to Sunday 11/15.

Bob and Serena - Great Job on fundraising so far. Please remind all coordinators to get a zam schedule setup for their levels so I don't get phone calls from mad coaches about dirty ice. Thanks all.”

### **RINK OPERATIONS – JON HERMAN**

Gave the board an update on Locker Room #2. Service Masters is cleaning that now after rodent control has been done. The ice, big and small, is almost ready to go. There will be no practice in the EXPO center on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> until the ice is completely ready. Katie will let the coordinators know. Cleaning of the rink needs to be done. Varsity and JV players can get their hours in this way and will be encouraged to do so.

## **FUNDRAISING – SERENA SWENSON**

Raffle tickets will be done this week. 5 sponsors' donations ended up paying for the printing. Top sellers will be awarded various gift cards that have been received and the top seller will receive Rush tickets.

Zamboni Days – Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm. 5 group leaders have been found, working on getting 3 more leaders so will have 8 groups total. For a \$10 donation Coca-Cola products will be given. The skaters will solicit donations around town, they will not be stationed anywhere for pickup. Planning on doing on-line sales again (pre-orders). Varsity players will deliver these on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Radio promotion of Zamboni Days and Try Hockey for Free Day will be done by Katie on KGFX (Wednesday Nov 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM) and by Mike Mueller on KCCR (Thursday Nov 5<sup>th</sup>). Press releases will also be sent to all the local radio stations.

## **MARKETING – BOB GRAY**

Invoices are out to all sign sponsors and many checks are already coming in. Three new dasher boards so far – Delta Dental, First Dakota National Bank, and Midwest Construction (moved from ice). New ice sponsor is Brosz Engineering.

I have spoken with Tiffany about framing old jerseys to present to sponsors after they reach a specific year or dollar threshold. We have many who have contributed for 17 years now. We also have 17 major sponsors – businesses contributing \$1000 or more per year. Will get this figured out and report back to the board.

Working on sponsor posters with Tiffany. Will hopefully go out in mid-November. Season passes are done. Players will hopefully hand deliver these to the sponsors as well. For every \$500 donated by sponsors – 1 season pass is given.

Lastly, we'll work with Pryntcomm to include top sponsors on our program. Coordinators will need to provide rosters for league level teams.

### **COMMUNICATIONS – MIKE MUELLER**

Will work lots in the next 2 weeks on publicity. Will take game passes to the radio stations for giveaways. Plan on having them good for games that take place within the month the game passes are given away.

### **VICE-PRESIDENT – LEE AXDAHL**

Lee will present his report in Executive Session.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS**

### **EXPO BUILDING RODENT PROBLEM**

Lee Axdahl will form a “Pest Control” committee that will coordinate the efforts of getting rid of the rodents. Hoping to have Jon, Lisa Gordon, and Gordie Woods as members to work with the EXPO Board on alleviating this problem.

**No board action was needed or taken at this time.**

### **“FLYING 5” BYLAWS AMENDMENT**

The Board will discuss this during their January 2016 meeting.

### **COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

Both of these were circulated to membership after the September Board Meeting for review and comment. Only a “typo error” comment has been received from the membership thus far.

Lee Axdahl met with Paul Bachand, Bob Gray, Mike Behm, and Rob Kittay to review our current “Coaches Code of Conduct” policy. They only made a minor change to the existing policy and Lee presented it to the board in its draft form. The change made was the insertion of a reference to the “USA Hockey Coaching Ethics Code” at the very end of the current policy.

**President Sanderson entertained a motion to approve the draft policy of the “Coaches Code of Conduct” as presented by Lee Axdahl to the board. Motion made by Mike Mueller. Second by Katie Starr. The motion was approved unanimously as of October 19, 2015, by the OHA Board of Directors.**

#### **LOCKER ROOM POLICY**

Lee Axdahl presented to the board a draft “Locker Room Policy”. From additional research he did before the board meeting, Lee proposed amending #3 of the policy draft; substituting USA Hockey’s wording into the current draft policy, stating “mixed gender teams”.

**Lee Axdahl made a Motion to approve his amendment to the proposed draft policy. Second by Katie Starr. The Motion was approved unanimously.**

**President Sanderson entertained a Motion to adopt this draft policy, as amended. Mike Mueller made the Motion. Second by Bob Gray. The Motion was approved unanimously.**

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business was presented.

**Rick Miller made a Motion at 8:12 p.m. CST, to go into Executive Session for contractual and disciplinary matters. Second by Katie Starr. Unanimous approval and the Board went into Executive Session.**

**At 9:01 p.m. CST, Tiffany Sanchez Made a Motion to come out of Executive Session. Second by Mike Mueller. Unanimous approval and the Board came out of Executive Session.**

**President Sanderson Made a Motion to ratify the Disciplinary Committee’s recommendations on Items A & B in Executive Session. Motion made by Bob Gray. Second by Tiffany Sanchez. Motion approved unanimously.**

President Sanderson reminded the Board of the differences between “Play Up Policy” and “Split Policy”. The “Play Up Policy” petitions to move a player up into another division/league (e.g. from Mite to Squirt). The “Split Policy” petitions to move a player within a division/league (e.g. from a “B” team to an “A” team within a division/league).

**The OHA November Board Meeting will take place on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. CST. It will be held in the OHA Board Room/EXPO Center.**

**President Sanderson entertained a Motion to Adjourn. Tiffany Sanchez made the Motion. Second by Rick Miller. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m. CST.**