

OAHE HOCKEY BOARD MINUTES

Expo Building in Fort Pierre, SD

November 8th, 2011 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Tony Leif - Vice President; Angel Wedin - Treasurer; Amy McTighe - Registrar; Jeff Mammenga - Publicity; Kathy Norwick - Fundraising; Ron Wagner - League Play; Barbara Shoup Anderson - Secretary; Gordon Woods - Rink.

ABSENT: Paul Bachand – President.

Also Present: Deedra Gesinger, Tom Roberts, Lori Roberts, Jodi Fendrich, Bob Sutton, and Dawn Magee.

Tony Leif called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

A motion was made by Jeff Mammenga, seconded by Angel Wedin to approve the minutes from the October 5th, 2011 board meeting. Motion carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Available money in the checking account is \$3, 282.38. The debit card seems to be working well for concessions purchases. The Hockey Camp held in October was in the negative by \$1500. We will need to explore if we want to continue to bring someone to Pierre to put on a camp. Perhaps some of our older kids could design and hold a camp for the younger kids. This item will need to go on the agenda for the next meeting.

A motion was made by Gordon Woods, seconded by Ron Wagner to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carries.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Rink: On Saturday the crows next will go up. We also need boards for the locker rooms as the old one's need to be replaced. Locker Rooms 1 & 2 are being trashed. It would appear that the Varsity and JV players are not cleaning up after each practice. Jeff will put something in the newsletter and Ron will talk to Rob about getting the players to clean up after themselves.

League Play: The final schedule is not yet completed as several other associations still have teams coming and going. Hopefully it will be completed by the end of the week. And a final list of certified coaches should be completed by December.

Fundraising: With any luck, the calendars will be completed by Thanksgiving. The board reviewed the letter that will go out to association members regarding the calendars.

Players: There are two Pee Wee Teams, A and B. The B Team will not be using all of the money allocated to them to attend tournaments and they are wondering if the remaining \$150 could be allocated to the A Team to attend another tournament. At this point, the A team only has 16 games and the B's have 20 games. If the A's could attend another tournament, they would be able to increase the number of games they play.

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A motion was made by Amy McTighe, seconded by Angel Wedin to allow the remaining Pee Wee B tournament funds to be allocated to Pee Wee A in the amount of \$150. Motion carries.

OHA has received 4 scholarship requests for funds to support player participation. Tom and Lori Roberts, as well as Bob Sutton from SD Community Foundation were present to discuss the establishment of an endowment called the Godfrey Roberts Hockey Memorial. The revenue generated by the endowment is to be used to help reduce financial barriers for kids who want to play hockey. The only stipulation for use is that a report be sent with a sanitized summary of how the funds were expended. Special requests for use of the funding can also occur but must be approved by the Godfrey Roberts family. Anyone who is interested can donate to the endowment which already has \$40,000 in it. The endowment will need two years before any revenue will materialize. Until then, the Roberts have donated a total of \$6900 to OHA that could be used to fund scholarships over the next two years with half of the dollars allocated each year. Bob Sutton will work with Jeff Mammenga to write an article for the Capital Journal publicizing the Godfrey Roberts Hockey Memorial.

A letter is on the OHA website stating that scholarships are available for families requesting support for their children to play hockey. Recommendations for scholarships received will occur at the December meeting. The board will also need to define what the scholarships will fund.

Registration for the 2012-13 season will begin August 1st thru September 16th, 2012 for all age groups.

It has also been recommended/suggested that OHA waive the fee for all first time players for the 2012-13 season. This will need to be addressed in the April or May board meeting next year.

Several families did not satisfy the number of hours needed to meet the volunteer policy for the 2011-12 season. Typically a letter goes out at the end of each season (month of May) to families who still need volunteer hours which afford those families an opportunity to reconcile their volunteer hours if needed. However, that letter did not go out this year. It was decided that an email would be developed by Tony that allows those families to reconcile their recorded hours. Then, a letter will be sent by Paul stating those families will need to reimburse OHA for the unfulfilled volunteer hours and their players will not be allowed to play until the hours are paid.

OLD BUSINESS

State Tournament Status: Lynda was not able to make it to the meeting however, she is working on it.

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NEW BUSINESS

One of OHA's players did violate the substance use policy at the end of the 2010-11 season. The player was suspended for 25% of the track season, however the disciplinary committee also felt the player should have to miss 2 games at the beginning of the 2011-12 season. Another player violated the substance use policy and must sit out the first 8 scheduled games this season. A motion was made by Jeff Mammenga, seconded by Kathy Norwick, to accept the recommendations of the Disciplinary Committee. Motion carries.

A motion was made by Jeff Mammenga, seconded by Kathy Norwick, that Steve Ellingson be given a season pass for all Steve does for the association. Motion carries. Thanks Steve!!

A motion was made by Angel Wedin, seconded by Amy McTighe, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:10 pm. Meeting Adjourned.

The next meeting will take place Monday, December 5th at 6:00 pm at the Expo Building in Fort Pierre, SD.