

**Oahe Hockey Association
July 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
EXPO Board Room – Fort Pierre, SD
Monday, July 15, 2019**

Board President, Nathan Sanderson, called the July Monthly Board meeting to order at 6:26 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Nathan Sanderson, Ryan Swartz, Stephanie Lyons, Rick Miller, Tawnya Pfeifer, Jim Wedin, Steve Steele, Bob Gray, John Ullmann, and Lisa Lee.

Tawnya Pfeifer Made a Motion to approve the June monthly and Annual board meeting minutes. Second by Ryan Swartz. Motion passed unanimously.

I. TREASURER’S REPORT

Interim Treasurer Lisa Gordon was absent so no report was given. The board will hold off approving a treasurer’s report until one is given.

Since Lisa Gordon served in an interim capacity as Board Treasurer, this is now an open seat on the OHA Board. Kellie Beck has verbally told President Sanderson she is interested in the open seat. Her election will take place at the August meeting.

II. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS

President Sanderson welcomed the new officers and directors. Reminder that the Treasurer position is the only one vacant at this time.

EXPO BOARD MEETING UPDATE – RYAN SWARTZ

Hoping by July 26th to have a plan from Brian Bucholtz regarding doing some floor grinding to improve the ice, as well as a concrete bid.

Reminder that the rink sponsor signs are not just exclusive to OHA, but to the EXPO as well. Keep building sponsor relationships often and early.

City of Pierre will be doing their annual plumbing and electrical inspection of the EXPO building soon as part of their interest ownership in the building. They will be sharing their report with the EXPO board after it's completed. A good thing to have annual building inspections.

REGISTRAR – RICK MILLER

Working on getting registration open. It should be up for board review on July 17th and then open for the public on August 1st. Still will be a payment plan option, fees will not change, and financial aid is still available. Reminder that a USA Hockey number is needed to register with OHA and that there will be a Zamboni fee again to alleviate having to do a Zamboni Day fundraiser.

If a girl wants to skate U14 only – the fees will mirror the PeeWee level fees. If a girl wants to dual roster on the U14 team and girls JV – the fees will mirror the Girls JV rate.

Thoughts on Learn to Skate (which will be finalized at the August board meeting): having 2 sessions running 6 weeks each session (October-November and then January-February) and how to advertise Learn to Skate to keep numbers up.

DIRECTOR OF PLAYERS – TAWNYA PFEIFER

Will give report during our New Business discussion.

DIRECTOR OF COACHING – JIM WEDIN

We are good for coaches at the Boys JV/Varsity levels. Other levels are making progress and this is where we are tentatively at: Girls/Ryan McEntaffer and Justine Brevin (Justine – once a week at practice); Bantam A's/Nick Marso and Jordan Heckenliable; Bantam B's/Ron Bren and Issac Bucholtz (assistant); PeeWees/Sam Shaw and Chad Babcock

DIRECTOR OF LEAGUE PLAY – BOB GRAY

According to Jenny Werkus, numbers for the Squirt league look good. All the other level numbers look good as well statewide.

In addition to the Girls U14 team, not sure if will petition with the state board to have a JV team only, or stick with a varsity team only. Will decide by upcoming deadline and report at the September board meeting.

The Girls U14 schedule will follow the girls varsity team for game schedules this season.

Will have an informational meeting open to all girls on Monday, July 22nd. As of now, the girls program numbers look the same as last year.

DIRECTOR OF HOCKEY – STEVE STEELE

Had 76-80 kids do the Summer Camp. Was shooting for 40. Been good – the older players have been great mentors.

Varsity Boys – proposing 3 Ideals/Questions (OIL PATCH) for the team to adopt in representing OHA Hockey (similar to football – whereas here we are going to build on the OHA History and use for recruitment from the younger levels on up):

- O. Others**
- I. Improved**
- L. Legacy**

There are **3 questions** the Oahe Capitals are based on. Each and every Capital Player & Coach should ask themselves these 3 questions every day. A Capital is someone who can honestly & positively answer each question, each & every day of their life. The 3 questions represent the 3 periods of a hockey game required to play a complete game. These 3 questions when honestly & positively answered make you a complete Capital, and more importantly a complete person each & every day of your life. Here are the 3 Questions for Capitals...

- 1. What have I done for OTHERS/OAHE today?**
 - a. Have I done something to help the team, community, or someone other than myself today?**

2. How have I IMPROVED myself today?

- a. Have I done something to make myself a better person today?

3. What LEGACY have I left today?

- a. Have I left behind a legacy today that set a positive example for those to come?

DIRECTOR OF RINK OPERATIONS – JON HERMAN: ABSENT/NO REPORT GIVEN

DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING – JOHN ULLMANN: NO REPORT GIVEN

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING – LENNIS AXDAHL: ABSENT/NO REPORT GIVEN

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS – LISA LEE

Nothing to report other than will be checking on getting Paysa passes and OHA season passes printed.

VICE-PRESIDENT – RYAN SWARTZ

Our lease of the EXPO building starts October 1st. Hoping the floor grinding is done by then as setup should be waited on until after the floor grinding is done.

CONCESSIONS – JESSI STEWART: ABSENT/NO REPORT GIVEN

III. PAYSA – CONRAD MALSAM

Maximum capacity of ice use is being met now with Steele's camp, Summer Rec, and Figure Skaters (with drop in hockey continuing into the evening after summer rec and the figure skaters are done). Pretty much going 8am-5pm (and beyond) every day. Causing humidity issues.

We may need to look at a dehumidifier in the future for PAYSA, however for the time being we need to care for what we've got now. Thus is recommending no more drop-in hockey for the remainder of July until after the other programs (Steele Camp and Summer Rec) are done. Board agrees.

IV. **OLD BUSINESS - NONE**

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

GOALIE EQUIPMENT – LISA LEE

In the process of waiting for the quote from Goal Crease.

\$6,000 approved in OHA Budget – with \$2,000 being submitted thru an outside grant by Nathan Sanderson. Still waiting on getting information from Nick Marso.

Hoping to have more to report at the August meeting.

FIGURE SKATERS LEASE AGREEMENT

Nathan will be meeting with the figure skating group on July 16th (tomorrow).

Still owing is \$7,000 in lease costs and \$2,000 for signage. So \$9,000 total.

An insurance clause and damage clause will be added into the new lease. Will be proposing that OHA take over the signage (sending out bills) & adjust the lease cost accordingly; including asking them to help clean. Otherwise their ice times goes down. Nathan will work on some various items to negotiate.

DIBS VOLUNTEER HOURS SYSTEM – TAWNYA PFEIFER

Tawnya proposed this new system versus the sign-up genius that was used before. It is all under one mass system, so all levels are included under one system. Assigning duties can still be done as needed. (See system explanation at the end of the minutes)

President Sanderson entertained a motion to approve the DIBS Volunteer System as proposed by Director of League Play, Tawnya Pfeifer. Motion by Jim Wedin. Second by John Ullmann. Motion passed unanimously.

Explanation of this new system will be on the OHA website and on the registration page.

Tawnya will also be at all the team meetings to explain and walk everyone through this new system. She will be going into the system daily and weekly throughout the season to approve what's been entered by each volunteer and family.

Thanks to Tawnya for all the work going into setting this up.

AUGUST OHA BOARD MEETING – “STATE OF OAHE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION”

The OHA board will hold their August meeting on Monday, August 19th at 6:30 p.m. (CST) in the Ramkota Amphitheater where the board will finalize the Learn to Skate program for this upcoming year and have the Treasurer election of Kellie Beck.

The August board meeting will then be followed by an OHA public meeting at 7:30 p.m. (CST) in the same amphitheater. The “STATE of OAHE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION” public meeting will last about an hour.

All skaters and members are encouraged to attend. The year/history of OHA will be presented at the public meeting (budget, revenues, expenses), along with the introduction of Steve Steele as our new Director of Coaching and Boys Varsity Head Coach. Coach Steele can then present his thoughts and ideas of where he sees the upcoming OHA year going with younger skater recruiting, his OIL PATCH ideals/questions, introduce coaches and players, etc.

Hoping to possibly award some door prizes as well to encourage attendance (i.e. PAYSAs pass and OHA Season pass giveaway). This public meeting will be publicized in the papers, on the radio, and on the OHA website. Hoping for a good turnout.

OTHER BUSINESS – BASELINE CONCUSSION TEST

An agenda item that will be discussed as well at the August board meeting is the cost and availability of baseline concussion tests for our skaters. Coach Steele will check with Pierre High School's Athletic Director and Trainer regarding this possibility. OHA is hoping to follow the high school's lead on administering this.

VI. ADJOURN

President Sanderson asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Rick Miller Made the Motion to Adjourn the July Monthly Board Meeting. Second by John Ullmann. Motion passed unanimously. The July Monthly Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. CST.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Lyons
OHA Board Secretary**