

**Oahe Hockey Association
January 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
EXPO Center Board Room – Fort Pierre, SD
Monday, January 18, 2016**

Board Vice-President, Lee Axdahl, called the January Board meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Nathan Sanderson, Craig Davis, Lee Axdahl, Mike Mueller, Tiffany Sanchez, Serena Swenson, Stephanie Lyons, Jon Herman.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

Board Vice-President Axdahl entertained a Motion to approve the December Board Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Tiffany Sanchez. Second by Serena Swenson. Motion passed unanimously.

II. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS

TREASURER – TIFFANY SANCHEZ

Dec 31 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$101,393.29

Restricted Funds: \$27,996.74

Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Dec 31: \$ 73,396.55

Dec 1 – Dec 31 income \$61,087: Concession \$9,231; Equipment Lease Program Income \$265; Fundraiser Revenue (Raffle tickets) \$36,390; Gate \$4,881.90; Merchandise Revenue \$4,683; Registration 2015-16 \$260; Godfrey Roberts Financial Assistance \$255.75; Retired Jersey Purchase \$10; Rink Income-Rental \$150; Season Passes \$2,795; Skate Rental Income \$2,165.35

Dec 1 – Dec 31 expenses \$40,305.81: Coach \$667.02; Concession \$4,913.93; Equipment (Goalie) \$1,133.98; Fundraiser (Raffle) \$4,250; Gate Printing \$837.40; Merchandise \$5,061.85; Referees \$4,231; Registration \$1,304.30; Rent \$1,600; Restricted Fund \$-905; Rink Expense \$3,081.28; Skate Sharpening \$474.88; Sponsorship \$1,116.95; Start Up Money \$300; Tournament Registration \$2,015.73; Trash \$188.30; Utilities \$10,034.19

Overall Total for Dec 1 – Dec 31: \$20,781.19.

Jan 18 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$87,026.42

Restricted Funds: \$25,754.17

Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Jan 18: \$ 61,272.25

Jan 1 – Jan 18 income \$12,094.23: Concession Revenue \$4,225.25; Fundraiser Revenue \$100; Gate \$2,344; Merchandise Revenue \$2,482; Registration 2015-16 \$775; Restitution/break-in \$149.60; Restricted Donations \$750; Rink Income – Rental \$100; Season Passes \$120; Senior Ice Bowl Payment \$-120; Skate Rental Income \$838; Tournament Income \$330.38

Jan 1 – Jan 18 expenses \$26,461.10: Board Expenses \$277.10; Coach \$1,470.51; Concession Expense \$3,690.07; Fundraiser Expense \$236.66; Grant Expenses \$2,750; Insurance \$1,781.60; Merchandise Expense \$2,265.52; Phone DSL TV \$264.39; Postage \$1.20; Referees \$2,498; Rent \$9,100; Restricted Fund \$242.57; Rink Expense \$566.63; Skate Rental \$13.78; Skate Sharpening \$474.88; Sponsorship \$66.87; Tournament Registration \$-1,373.28; Trash \$203.52; Utilities \$1,451.50; Zamboni \$479.58

Overall Total for Jan 1 – Jan 18: \$-14,366.87

PAYSA is all paid up for Rent this season. Just paid this for January, February, and March.

The Tyler Wilcox Tournament got a \$1,000 Chamber BID grant to use for prize expenses, etc. for the tournament. The Chamber gave \$750 of this grant upfront to OHA. The remaining \$250 is still coming.

The Tyler Wilcox Tournament's final numbers are yet to come from the Tournament Committee.

Board Vice-President Axdahl entertained a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Craig Davis. Second by Mike Mueller. Motion passed unanimously.

REGISTRAR – RICK MILLER

Absent – No Report

PLAYERS – KATIE STARR

Absent – No Report

COACHING – PAUL BACHAND

Absent – No Report

LEAGUE PLAY – CRAIG DAVIS

The figure skaters' show is scheduled for Saturday, March 5th. Not sure if we have Open Skate on the calendar for Friday, March 4th or not. If we do, we may need to look at changing that.

Will have Katie send out a reminder to the coordinators again of the state's game cancellation policy (e.g. inclement weather). If this policy is not followed or done correctly, it can be very problematic from a season or game schedule perspective.

State Disciplinary Board – an appeal is coming soon on an OHA, JV player's current suspension to reverse or alter it. As this stands now, the player is to sit out 8 games, not attend practice, and possibly be out for the JV State Tournament.

State Disciplinary Board – a disciplinary/player call will be coming soon for an OHA, Varsity player who has 3 game misconducts so far this season. The state rule now says that when a SDAHA player has 3 game misconducts during a season, a disciplinary/player call is to take place.

RINK OPERATIONS – JON HERMAN

Front door repairs – Dennis at the EXPO office is working with Oahe Glass.

Water fountains – the EXPO will replace and pay for the new fountains and OHA will pay either 50%, or all, of the cost of the 2 water bottle fillers.

Over the Tyler Wilcox Tournament weekend, the lights were going off in the concession stand. Also, the heat in the EXPO building seemed to not be working properly either. The EXPO was contacted for repair.

An e-mail will be sent out to the coordinators to remind the Zamboni drivers to run $\frac{1}{4}$ water open over the ice, so slush is not running out.

FUNDRAISING – SERENA SWENSON

All the raffle money has been turned in, with the exception of \$100. All OHA merchandise certificates were handed out, with an April expiration date put on them all. The total of OHA merchandise certificates given was \$800, and thus far \$325 of them has been spent.

MARKETING – BOB GRAY

Absent – No Report

COMMUNICATIONS – MIKE MUELLER

Over the Tyler Wilcox Tournament weekend, an Aberdeen woman lost a diamond necklace and Darin Berquist lost a SD card from his camera. If anyone finds these, please let Mike know.

The Tyler Wilcox Tournament's opening ceremonies video put on Facebook has had lots of tags and thousands of views. Kudos to the Tyler Wilcox Tournament Committee on a fantastic job.

Everything Mike has done has been seen on social media. Thanks, Mike!

The board discussed looking into starting a "Big Brother" program within OHA from the Varsity level down to the Mini-Mite level. This will be considered in future years. **No Board Action was Needed or Taken at this time.**

III. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business to Report.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

BY-LAWS AMENDMENT

The Board discussed the consideration of adopting a change to the OHA by-laws to honor Tyler Wilcox. This would be done at the February Board Meeting. The proposed change would add a new Article that reads:

“Each year, #5 will be placed near the Oahe Hockey Association logo at the center of game ice to memorialize Tyler Wilcox’s commitment to teamwork and determination to “always do your best” in the face of personal adversity. The number 5 is retired from use on all Oahe Hockey Association game jerseys at league play levels.”

Communications Director Mike Mueller will circulate this proposal to membership via the OHA website to invite comment, as well as inviting public comment to the February Board meeting.

Lee Axdahl made the Motion to amend the OHA by-laws by adding the New Article proposed, upon hearing any comment given and upon formal board vote of such at the February Board Meeting. Second by Mike Mueller. Motion passed unanimously.

CONCESSION ISSUES

DeDe Fasken sent word to the board that there have been quite a few volunteers showing up late for their concession shifts. Katie Starr will be sending out a reminder to the coordinators in hopes of alleviating this tardiness going forward.

CONCESSION MANAGERS

DeDe Fasken and Lisa Gordon have sent word to the board that they are both desiring to be done with their Concession Manager duties after this season is through. Board discussion followed regarding various positions that may need to be filled, looking ahead after this season is done.

Mike Mueller will send out a mass e-mail to membership soliciting invitations to those members looking to become more active in OHA. Any members interested will be asked to contact Lee Axdahl.

A new Equipment Manager has stepped forward. Leslie Farmen, moving from Aberdeen, will be OHA's new Equipment Director.

Craig Davis and Katie Starr will take the lead in contacting the Athletic Directors of both the Pierre and Fort Pierre Public Schools, to see if hockey can be endorsed as a sport for athletic "lettering". They will find out what the requirements are for sports to be considered as "lettering" sports and can OHA meet these requirements. The levels looked into for this, will be the JV and Varsity levels of the boys and girls teams only.

Reminder that the Sponsor plaques will be given out during the Boys Varsity game on Saturday night, February 13th. Mike will make sure the word gets out in the media.

The OHA February Board Meeting will take place on Monday, February 15th at 6:30 p.m. CST. It will be held in the OHA Board Room at the EXPO Center.

Vice-President Axdahl entertained a Motion to Adjourn. Mike Mueller made the Motion. Second by Nathan Sanderson. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. CST.