

Oahe Hockey Board Minutes
Expo Center
October, 5th, 2011 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Paul Bachand – President; Tony Leif – Vice President; Angel Wedin – Treasurer; Amy McTighe – Registrar; Kathy Norwick – Fundraising; Ron Wagner – League Play; Gordon Woods – Rink.

ABSENT: Jeff Mammenga – Publicity; Barbara Shoup Anderson – Secretary

Also present: Kris Buchholtz, Deedra Gesinger, Rob Kittay, Ryan Mechaley, Kristina Mechaley, Mike Raleigh, Angie Bren, Levi Briggs, Matt Mohr, Wendy Smith, and Jodi Fendrich. (Still not sure if that is everyone.)

Paul Bachand called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

In the absence of Barbara Shoup Anderson the September minutes will be approved next month and Kathy Norwick is taking the October minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was distributed along with a side by side comparison of the 2010-2011 budget, the 2010-2011 actual report, and the 2011-2012 proposed budget. Angel pointed out that half of the \$1,431.00 from the Movie still needs to go to the Flood Relief and that the Expo board may pay half of the paint expense for the locker rooms.

A motion was made by Gordon Woods, and seconded by Ron Wagner, to approve the Treasurer's report and the 2011-2012 budget. Motion carries.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Players:

- Registration for all levels is officially closed. There are currently 54 skaters registered for hockey camp. It was also reported that there are 13 Learn to Skaters (10 new skaters), 20 Mini-Mites (7 new skaters), 15 Mites (6 new skaters), 25 Squirts (3 new skaters); 20 Pee Wees; 15 Girls (1 new skater and 2 from other levels); 15 Bantams; 27 JV/Varsity. That gives us a total of 150 skaters with 27 new skaters.
- The scholarship letter will be put on the website and was given to someone who requested it.
- A brief discussion was had that the Learn to Skate program does not have to pay the USA Hockey Fee (due to age) but that we did charge them the \$35.00 OHA fee. This is something that we need to consider for next year since we aren't charging new mini mite and mite skaters.
- Additionally, Factor 360 charges us \$5.00 per registration and when we aren't charging skaters that it is actually costing us the \$5.00. We will need to look into this for next year as well.
- Coordinators will need to be in charge of collecting the registration fees for the Mini-Mites and Mites before January 1st. Beginning December 1st, coordinators will talk

with families to solidify their commitment to the program and have them pay in order to begin the process of rosters by mid December at the latest. Amy McTighe will roster all of skaters in December.

- Amy McTighe will be having a coordinators meeting in October.
- Although we have some skates for rental, discussion was had on helping the new skaters get the equipment that is not part of the rental program. We may need to look into purchasing supplies and having them available for purchase. It was also suggested to have a Pizza Night and invite people to come and get sized and skate around.

Rink:

Things are on track and by Thursday they should be zammung. The locker rooms have been scrubbed and painted. Work is continuing on the bleachers. Midcontinent will put in fiber optics for the State Tournament. Set up in the beginning had plenty of help but dwindled as the process went on. Ordered acrylic sheets to replace some of the ones that are broke in the corners. (Cost is \$85.00/sheet) Broken sheets are either trimmed to fit in other places or thrown.

League Play:

- Coaching – still waiting on some for their background check. Clinic dates are posted for the coaches that need to update their levels. All coaching positions are filled with Chris Eich committing to coach at the Bantam level.
- Games – informed SDAHA to drop our second Bantam team. Scheduling is all but done and now working on game times. Our home tournaments have been scheduled. The Squirt tournament will be January 20-22. The Mite/Mini Mite tournament will be February 3-5. The registration fees will be \$250/team for the Squirts, \$200/team for Mites, and \$100/team for the Mini Mites. Saturday, November 5th we will be hosting Team USA SD U16 team. Game times are 11:00 am and 5:00 pm.
- Practice – there was discussion on practice times as some things had to change from last year due to coach availability. Most league levels will start practicing after hockey camp concludes.
- Open Skate – will start Sunday, November 20th. Kathy Norwick will work on assigning the levels to operate open skate when the master schedule is finalized.

Publicity: No Report

Fundraising:

Continued work on the calendar. Final information will hopefully be ready by the November meeting.

Paul Bachand will help with the wording of the bleacher drive.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation: Angie Bren asked for a donation of season passes to the Lisa Dorschner fundraiser event. Angel Wedin made a motion to donate 4 season passes, and Gordon Woods seconded. Motion carried.

Jersey Purchase: \$7,000 (This amount is figured with the \$5,000 coming from this year's budget and \$2,000 previously secured through the RAM grant and already in the account set aside for jerseys) is available for purchase of new jerseys. This hopefully will take care of full replacement for the Pee Wee and Bantam level along with any other replacements.

Update from the Fall South Dakota Hockey Association Meeting:

- Rob Kittay and Tony Leif attended. This was the first meeting with only sending one delegate per association.
- There was discussion on referees and how many to have per game. In the end, no changes were made.
- Discussion was held on cities holding both the boys and girls varsity state tournaments. Rapid City proposed to hold the boys and girls tournaments at the same time. State association delegates were not very supportive of this approach.
- This year there are 10 varsity teams. After league play, the teams that finish in 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th, will have play in games. These games will be held the Thursday before the state tournament in the host city (Pierre). Winner will continue to play and the losers are done.
- We currently pay SD Hockey \$5.00 per player as a fee. In future years, this fee will be collected when players register with USA Hockey and this will be the last year that OHA will pay these fees directly to SDAHA.
- Discussed the new checking rule at the Pee Wee level. There will be no checking. This, however, doesn't mean no contact. There is a good video on the USA Hockey website that the Pee Wee players are encouraged to watch. The reason for the change is due to having 50,000 Pee Wee players and 2,500 suffered concussions.
- There is a state disciplinary committee. Tony Leif chairs the OHA disciplinary committee and will also be our association representative.

PAYSA Ice Show:

PAYSA has requested the use of our rink for a December 10th ice show along with their spring show, March 16th. This didn't conflict with any of our scheduled dates so we will do this in exchange for some of their ice time for practices. They will get to keep the revenue from the gate and we will keep the revenue from the concession stand. They will be allowed to have the rink from noon to 10:00 pm on the above dates. Details will be worked out with Paul Bachand and the PAYSA board of directors.

OLD BUSINESS:

State Tournament: With the development of the play in games we will be hosting those games on the Thursday before the actual tournament.

Squirt/Mite Travel Policy: As discussed in the September meeting, Paul Bachand proposed a Game/Tournament/Travel Policy with number of games left out and to be discussed at this meeting. (See attachment) Angel Wedin made a motion to input 25 games per team with no more than four out of town weekend tournaments per team at the squirt level, 20 games per team with no more than three out of town weekend

tournaments per team for the mite level, and 15 games per team with no more than two out of town weekend tournaments per team for the mini-mite level, and Amy McTighe seconded. This was then opened to board discussion with many pros and cons given on both sides. Motion was passed (4-3).

A motion was made by Ron Wagner, seconded by Angel Wedin, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will take place Tuesday, November 8th at 6:00 pm at the Expo Building in Fort Pierre, SD.