

**Oahe Hockey Association
December 2014 Board Meeting Minutes
OHA Board Room
Monday, December 15, 2014**

Board President, Craig Davis, called the December Board Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Stephanie Lyons, Tiffany Sanchez, Nathan Sanderson, Tony Leif, Katie Starr, Lee Axdahl, Mike Mueller, Gordon Woods, and Serena Swenson. Board Members, Bob Gray and Jim Wedin, were absent.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

OHA Board President Davis asked for a Motion to approve the November Board Meeting Minutes. **Lee Axdahl made the motion. Second by Mike Mueller. Motion passed unanimously.**

B. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS:

1. TREASURER – TIFFANY SANCHEZ

Nov 30 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$ 40,491.89

Restricted Funds: \$8,353.68

Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Nov 30: \$ 32,138.21

November income - \$44,752.36

(Concession Revenue; Zamboni Day; Equipment Lease Program Income; Fundraiser Revenue; Gate; Merchandise Revenue; Registrations; Godfrey Roberts Support Fund Contributions; Season Passes; Senior Ice Bowl Payment; Signage; Skate Rental Income; Sponsorships; Tyler Wilcox Tournament Income; Delinquent Volunteer Hours-Post Season payment)

November Expenses - \$26,734.47

(Board; Coach; Concession; Donation Expense; Equipment; Grant Expenses; Merchandise Expense; Phone & DSL; RAM 2014-15; Referees; Registration Online Fees; Rent; Restricted Fund Expenses; Rink expenses; Satellite TV; Sponsorship; Tournament Registration fees; Trash; Utilities)

Report of December 1-15:

The Girls JV/Varsity Banners are done. The balance still owed is \$174.74. The Girls JV/Varsity Teams will take up a donation to pay this balance.

The Mite practice jerseys were purchased. Jersey budget funds were used - made up of Tyler Wilcox & Mite Fun day restricted funds in amount of \$3,016.76 and \$1,511.36 respectively.

The bill for the OHA calendars has been paid.

The Referee expenses still take up a large part of our budget this year. (Especially with this year's referee payment amounts being increased at each level.)

Board President Davis entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Tony Leif made the Motion. Second by Gordon Woods. Motion passed unanimously.

2. REGISTRAR – LEE AXDAHL

All OHA skater registrations at the Squirt level and above are in good standing.

3. PLAYERS – KATIE STARR

Katie has been approached by St. Joseph School to allow their after school program participants to come and skate at the EXPO center on the afternoon of January 29th from 1-2pm. They would be willing to pay a fee. The board agreed as long as a fee was paid.

The need of more authoritative ice monitors for Open Skate was discussed. The need of a more stringent check in procedure for Open Skate was also discussed.
No Board Action was Needed or Taken on either item.

Katie also briefed the board on reminders she will send to the coordinators regarding group cleaning responsibilities, their coordinator responsibilities for games (binders with consents) and finding Zamboni drivers.

Another “Try Hockey for Free” event is scheduled for Saturday, February 21, 2015. More discussion to follow at the next board meeting.

4. COACHING – JIM WEDIN

Jim was absent (serving his Squirt coaching duties at PAYSA). Craig Davis reported for Jim that coaching certifications are still being worked on and should be completed by the December 31st deadline.

Learn To Skate has 38 skaters enrolled and is in need of more volunteer instructors. Currently there is only 1 instructor. 3 additional instructors have stepped up to help if allowed. The board agreed to allow these 3, willing individuals to help instruct the Learn to Skate group.

No Board Action was Needed or Taken.

(This was a New Business Agenda Item “A” – thus, this serves as the Agenda Item’s Board Discussion.)

5. LEAGUE PLAY – CRAIG DAVIS

Craig discussed with the Board the need for better crowd control at the Varsity games. It was agreed the referees need to gain better control of the crowd from the start and that OHA members needed to help “secure” our No Tolerance home rink by continuing to be good sports and to help promote “clean” crowd, spectator behavior. It was agreed to ask the coordinators to send out a reminder of such.

No Board Action was Needed or Taken.

(This was a New Business Agenda Item “B” – thus, this serves as the Agenda Item’s Board Discussion.)

6. **RINK OPERATIONS – GORDIE WOODS**

March 14th is the annual Figure Skater’s Showcase Performance.

March 16th is the beginning of Rink Teardown.

Reminder that kids are not allowed to be playing between the large and small rinks during games, nor are they to be in the board room or press box area unattended.

Game announcers may be asked to announce that unattended children will not be allowed in the crow’s nest if that becomes an issue as well.

7. **FUNDRAISING – SERENA SWENSON**

Additional calendars (without the raffle option) are available for purchase at \$10 each. Money from calendar sales will be due back by January 15th.

8. **MARKETING – BOB GRAY**

Bob was absent from the meeting but reported via an e-mail to the board.

He is still collecting on some sign renewals and reports that the game program should be done; He thanks Lisa Gordon and Pryntcomm for their help on the program.

9. **COMMUNICATIONS – MIKE MUELLER**

Nothing to report this month.

OLD BUSINESS

A. **PLAY-UP APPLICATION (MINI-MITE LEVEL)**

This is for a skater to move up from Learn to Skate to the Mini-Mite level. All coaches involved at the Learn to Skate and Mini-Mite level have signed off on the request/petition form. The skater's family has agreed to sell the calendars and do the volunteer hours required at the Mini-Mite level.

Board agrees on behalf of Jim Wedin to make the motion to accept this play-up application. Second by Nathan Sanderson. Motion passed unanimously.

B. SDAHA PINK NIGHT AT THE RINK UPDATE – KRIS BUCHOLTZ

Kris had nothing to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

A. LEARN TO SKATE – KEY/COACHES/INSTRUCTORS

This item was discussed and addressed earlier in the board meeting.

No Board Action was taken or needed.

B. CROWD CONTROL AT VARSITY GAMES – NOTE TO COORDINATORS

This item was discussed and addressed earlier in the board meeting.

No Board Action was taken or needed.

The January Board Meeting will take place at the EXPO Center Board Room on Monday, January 19th, in Fort Pierre. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. CST.

President Davis entertained a Motion to Adjourn. Tiffany Sanchez made the Motion. Second by Gordon Woods. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. CST.