

OAHE HOCKEY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, January 4, 2011

7:00 P.M.

Present: Paul Bachand, President; Tony Leif, Vice President; Angel Wedin, Treasurer; Jim Wedin, Coaching Director; Pam Metzinger, Fundraising Director; Gordon Woods, Rink Manager; Amy McTighe, Registrar; Deedra Gesinger, Girls; Kris Buchholtz, PeeWee; Sheri Anderson, Concession Director; Mikal Hanson, Boys Varsity/JV; Tracy Fuerst, Bantams; Kathi Mueller, Squirts; Dean Taylor, At Large; Lisa Gordon, Mite/MiniMite.

Absent: Marcie Long, Secretary; Ron Wagner, Scheduler; Dawn Magee, Risk Manager; Jeff Mammenga, Public Relations; Lynda Wagner, Hockey Booster; Nicole Prince, Mite/MiniMite; Matt Mohr, Seniors/Huff-n-Puff.

The meeting was called to order by Paul Bachand. In the absence of Marcie Long, Sheri Anderson took minutes.

Gordon Woods moved to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2010 meeting. Deedra Gesinger seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Angel Wedin passed out copies of the December banking summary. Angel reported:

- 1. OHA owes \$7,000 for Girls, Mite/MiniMite, and Squirt jerseys. OHA has not been billed for them, but a grant from RAM will pay for them as well as the two steamers.**
- 2. The Expo Board paid 100% of the light replacement and OHA donated the labor. After the incentive, OHA is responsible for 25% of the remaining balance. This balance is \$2,831.25.**
- 3. OHA received a \$202.48 donation from the Oahe Optimist Club. The donation is not earmarked.**
- 4. OHA received a \$1,000 donation from the West River Fund to pay for PeeWee jerseys next year.**
- 5. The billings for signage were sent mid-December. This should bring in approximately \$22,000. \$9,000 to \$10,000 of that amount will go to the Expo Board.**

6. OHA is seeing a slight savings in utilities due to the new lighting. Angel will track this.

Gordon Woods moved to approve the treasurer's report. Kathi Mueller seconded. Motion carried.

Coaching Report: Jim Wedin reported that things are going well. Mikal Hanson noted that that the Boys Varsity beat Brookings in Brookings on January 2 for the second time in the OHA history.

Registrar: Amy McTighe reported that one player has been added to the PeeWee C team.

Amy also reported that volunteers can log their hours on the website and view the hours and points for each family. This part of the website is updated once every two weeks.

Amy also expressed concerns about the service we are receiving from our website provider. Due to these concerns the Board will begin investigating other providers.

Fundraising Report: Pam Metzinger reported that the raffle tickets have been mailed to all players. The stubs must be returned to Pam by January 19. The drawing will be January 21.

Pam also reported that the Homeowners Association will donate \$350 to OHA if the OHA will distribute Homeowners' flyers on April 9, 2011 during Zamboni Days.

Kathi Mueller moved that the OHA schedule Zamboni Day for April 9, 2011, distribute the flyers as a part of that day, and accept the \$350 donation. Gordon Woods seconded. Motion carried.

Scheduler's Report: All of the games cancelled during the New Year's weekend blizzard have been rescheduled at this point except for two Boys Varsity (Sioux Falls and Brookings) and one Boys JV (Sioux Falls) game. They will be rescheduled.

Girls Report: Deedra Gesinger reported on the Girls' efforts to generate interest in and incentives to join Girls hockey. To that end, the Girls propose to have a Let's Play Hockey night on February 18, give away tickets allowing admission to one Girls' hockey game beginning the weekend on January 8, and give away t-shirts donated by the National Guard to girls attending girls hockey games. Girls who wear the t-shirts would be allowed free admission to any girl's hockey game except state tournament games. Their parents and family who accompany them to the girl's game would also receive free admission except for state tournament. Kathi Mueller moved to

allow the hockey night, free tickets, and t-shirt procedure outlined above. Gordon Woods seconded. The motion carried.

The Girls have also started planning the state tournament which will be held in the Expo Center on March 4, 5, and 6. OHA will receive 100% of the gate this year.

Rink Manager: Gordon Woods reported that there have been recent problems with the ice on the south end of the big rink due to problems with the Zamboni blade and the compressors. The Zamboni and compressor problems were resolved due to the work of Steve Ellingson, John Zimmerman, and Keith Briggs. The ice on the south end of the rink will be built up this week. Gordon reported that Brooke Varty and Mark Reiss are doing a good job with ice maintenance.

Work on the crow's nest will begin next week.

There are lights that need replacing in the warming room and hallway. Gordy will check with Pat Sutley to see if the cost can be split with the Expo Board.

Concession Report: Sheri Anderson discussed concerns with the lack of snow removal during New Years weekend. All the doors facing the parking lot were blocked shut by high drifts. She is working on finding out who is responsible for the snow removal.

Sheri reported that the storage room under the stairs is inadequate for the equipment and supplies OHA has. Gordon will work to set up a second storage room closer to the Zamboni room.

President's Report: Paul Bachand noted that the Varsity and Bantam coaches have recommended purchasing a rivet machine to repair skates. Paul will have Rob Kittay research the issue and get back to the Board with a proposed machine and price. There may be an email vote on this issue.

Miscellaneous: Lisa Gordon reported that there will be no family open skate on Sunday, January 23 due to the Mite/MiniMite tournament. There will be regular open skate beginning at 6:00, however.

A question was raised concerning whether teams with new jerseys have two colors of socks or one. This issue was not resolved.

A question was raised if kids can drive themselves to games. The OHA has no rules about this. However, drivers of legal age have no restriction.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00.

Mikal Hanson moved to adjourn. Kathi Mueller seconded. Motion carried.