

OTHA Commissioner's Meeting Agenda Notes Tuesday March 25, 2025 8:30-9:45 at Extreme Ice Center

Invitee list: (Bold names in attendance) **Tom Condon (Treasurer)**, Jeff Bentley (C1 league Commissioner), **Jim Hildebrand(C2 league Commissioner)**, **Bob Loesner (C3 league Commissioner)**, **Chad Mangum (Friday Lunch League Co-Commissioner)**, Doug Faulhaber (Friday Lunch League Co-Commissioner), **Rick Sanford (Schedule Manager)**, (Justin Culbertson (ScoreKeeper Manager), Dave Madanski (Jersey Manager) Billy Curd (Jersey Manager), **Greg Bishop (Player Safety and Conduct - C2)**, **Don Klinger (Association Commissioner)**

Additional Attendee: **Ron Prisby (Player, former league commissioner)**

Information sharing

- Puck bags embroidered with OTHA update - no update
- Friday Lunch league end of season party update - We would like to have a season end party for Friday lunch league, this should be figured into future seasons
- Member business directory update - Don, Jim, Billy - \$25/50 annual fee - broad support to offer a member business directory. Consider a pilot in the third or fourth quarter with full rollout for 2026.
- Player Emergency Contact information - Provided emergency contact information to commissioners. An open question remains if we can provide this information on the app for Captain and Commissioners to access.
- Board insurance update - The Board insurance policy will be renewed in May.
- Locker combinations and process and combo accessibility - Locker combinations were added to each league roster spreadsheet. Lockers contain pucks and some equipment that can be used if anyone forgets something. Please return all contents back to the locker so other members can use it when needed.
- Summer Season Registrations are ready. Here are additional details
 - Half season option removed for Friday Lunch League
 - Would you like to get an email for each registration in your league - Bob ok, Jim - no - updated for C3, Bob will get emails when a registration is complete. No change for C1 and C2, these emails go to the Treasurer.
 - Would you like questions about your registration to be directed to you, currently, they go to Commissioner@otha.org? - keep it to the assoc commissioner.
 - How comfortable are you with getting your own registered players from SE? Each Commissioner was comfortable monitoring their registrations on Sports Engine
 - Sale Items are created and attached - Pricing is set (w/o Treasurer input) as follows and can be changed:
 - Skater \$425, goes to \$450 on April 16
 - Goalie \$250, goes to \$275 on April 16

- Lunch skater \$260, goes to \$275 on April 16
 - Lunch Goalie \$150, goes to \$165 on April 16
 - In all communications, registrations will be open until April 15th, however they are set to close on Friday April 18th. Communications updated to indicate open until April 18th with price increase on April 16th
 - We need a board discount code - Tom has created and distributed discount codes for board members.
- OTHA logo merchandise is available through our jersey vendor. We are not pursuing OTHA Logo merchandise at this time.
 - Perry of 35 sports apparel regarding jerseys, socks, and apparel.

They can offer anything we can think of with our OTHA logo embossed on the item. They can supply t-shirts, polos, hoodies, beanies, ball caps, quarter zips, full zip jackets, you name it.

There is no minimum order quantity for jerseys and socks, and discounts don't kick in until we reach the 70 quantity. Jerseys cost \$42 each and socks are \$20 per pair. I have 13 White Lg and 9 Blue Lg pairs of socks in my inventory, so we should need to order any for summer.

No discounts on shipping, since the products come from Canada.

Dave

Discussion

- New Season Checklist - review activities and responsibilities for Summer registration - we reviewed the new season checklist responsibilities and target dates
- Player Safety and Standards - feedback on the document shared last meeting - give me final versions for the website
 - Friday lunch league version
- Referee concerns - what are your concerns with referees, any specific referees, any trends - preferences on how we handle these? - no concerns in C2 or C3. Concerns that were brought forward from C1 were addressed. As information, our referees are provided by Charlotte Hockey Officiating Program (CHOP). Many of the referees assigned to our games are also past/present OTHA members.
- Would you like an OTHA.org Email address for each League/Commissioner? No for C2,
- The remaining topics were not covered in the meeting due to time constraints:
 - Ideas for an event - Results of member discussions
 - Managing the cost of hockey in OTHA, what can we do to slow the growth of the cost
 - Should players be restricted to a single league? Bentley
 - Term Limit for Association Commissioner? Yukon - should be a three year term

- Emergency Procedures (Medical Injury or condition)
- Sympathy arrangements/donations

Decisions

- Waitlist content on the website - the current content is outdated and does not reflect our current process. Content on the website has been updated to reflect our objectives, how we fill our roster spots and how we handle players that did not get a spot.
 - What happens after registration?
 - Every season, we re-draft our teams from the people who register. Our overriding objectives are to provide roster spots to players from the previous season and to create competitively balanced teams. We will fill our teams with the people that we believe will best help us achieve these objectives. If we are unable to fill our teams with players from the prior season, we may use these guidelines to give priority to these players to fill the remaining roster spots:
 - Players returning from having one or more OTHA seasons off
 - Players changing OTHA leagues
 - Players that filled in during a prior OTHA season
 - Players that are new to OTHA
 - For players that did not get a spot on a team during our drafts
 - We may expand rosters and offer a single season position
 - We may offer a position to fill in during the season when teams are short
 - We may offer an opportunity to fill in for a player that cannot complete the season
 - We may offer a spot in another OTHA league

We will refund the registration fee for players who do not get a roster spot on one of our teams for the season.

Old Content:

Registration & Wait List Priority

If you are interested in rejoining OTHA, or joining for the first time, you are encouraged to sign-up as soon as possible during the registration period. Our leagues tend to fill up quickly.

Priority for next season's league entry for players deemed acceptable to OTHA's standards and philosophy, and who register during the registration period are as follows:

1. Current players (returning from the previous season)

2. Current players who are changing leagues (per Commissioner discretion)
3. Returning players who missed the previous season due to injury, illness, or similar situation
4. Returning players who missed the previous season(s)
5. New players who have paid the season registration fee

New Players must be evaluated before being accepted. OTHA will host tryout games, pickups, etc. before every season and all New Players must participate or otherwise clearly make their hockey skills known and that their attitude will fit in OTHA's philosophy. If you are a new player, you will be contacted.

- Molly Hynes (Sports Engine) visit March 13th and 14th - cancelled - maybe she'll be here in April or May
- How many skaters do you want for the summer season? Thirteen is typical, who wants 14? C2 and C3 will expand to 14 skaters for the summer.
- Update the calendar on the website for the rest of the year? - yes, update it

Next Month - Thursday April 24, 2025 8:30 - change the time due to earlier game times? Yes, move the meeting to 8pm

Future Topics

- Single Registration
- Sport Engine Replacement Research - Rick
- OTHA Apparel store - Rick
- Managing our own OTHA Referees - Rick
- Sports Engine Pricing - Tom
- Board Insurance
- Live Barn access - Bob

Key Upcoming Dates:

March 21 - Friday - OTHA Monthly lunch every third Friday

March 25 - Tuesday - Commissioners Meeting

April 1 - Tuesday - Summer League Registration Opens

April 15 - Tuesday - Playoff week

April 16 - Wednesday - Fees increase by \$25

April 18 - Friday - Summer League Registration Closes and OTHA Monthly lunch every third Friday

April 22 - Tuesday - Championship week and End of Season Parties

April 24 - Thursday - Commissioners Meeting

April 29 - Tuesday - Summer Season begins

May 16 - Friday - OTHA Monthly lunch every third Friday

May 28 - Wednesday - Commissioners Meeting