

**Oahe Hockey Association
November 2015 Board Meeting Minutes
EXPO Center Board Room – Fort Pierre, SD
Monday, November 16, 2015**

Board President, Nathan Sanderson, called the November Board meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Katie Starr, Nathan Sanderson, Mike Mueller, Tiffany Sanchez, Stephanie Lyons, Rick Miller, Jon Herman, Bob Gray, Paul Bachand, and Craig Davis.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

Board Secretary, Stephanie Lyons, said she would amend the Registrar section of the October Board Meeting Minutes she presented to read that even though the “Learn to Skate” registrations have to check the volunteer box, it is only to help complete the on-line registration process and will not mandate volunteerism.

Board President Sanderson entertained a Motion to approve the amended October Board Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Paul Bachand. Second by Bob Gray. Motion passed unanimously.

II. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS

TREASURER – TIFFANY SANCHEZ

Oct 31 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$79,012.85

Restricted Funds: \$26,991.79

Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Oct 31: \$ 52,021.06

Oct 1 – Oct 31 income \$43,041.43: Donation \$12.43; We Care Dakotamart Donation \$100; Equipment Lease Program Income \$1,850; Fundraiser Revenue – Calendar Sponsor \$200; Merchandise Revenue \$814; Registration 2015-16 (\$335.00); Signage \$14,500; Sponsorships \$23,500; Tyler Wilcox Registration \$2,400

Oct 1 – Oct 31 expenses \$32,230.73: Coach \$190; Equipment – Goalie \$466.40; Merchandise \$826.57; Phone DSL TV \$179.60; Postage \$29.40; Registration on-line fees \$374.52; Rent \$10,700; Restricted Fund \$10,686.87; Returned Check \$5.00; Rink Expense \$4,751.10; Signage Expense \$280.90; Tournament Host \$55; Tournament Registration \$3,450; Trash \$235.37

Overall Total for Oct 1 – Oct 31: \$10,810.70

Nov 16 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$85,451.70

Restricted Funds: \$28,050.48

Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Nov 16: \$ 57,401.22

Nov 1 – Nov 16 income \$20,251.69: Concession Revenue \$1,062.25; Fundraiser Revenue \$11,848.60; Merchandise Revenue \$47; Registration 2015-16 \$822.65; Restricted Donations \$1,516.19; Season Passes \$1,975; Signage \$1,000; Sponsorships \$1,500; Start Up \$ Returned \$480.00

Nov 1 – Nov 16 expenses \$13,812.84: Advertising \$109.20; Coach \$389.29; Concession Expense \$1,861.72; Fundraiser Expense \$368.25; Jersey Purchase \$1,549.19; Merchandise Expense \$257.58; Registration on-line fees \$12.80; Restricted Fund \$457.50; Rink Expense \$1,612.68; Season Pass Expense \$176.40; Sponsorship \$29.22; Start Up Dollars \$1,522.00; Tournament Registration \$550.00; Trash \$188.30; Utilities \$4,728.71

Overall Total for Nov 1 – Nov 16: \$6,438.85

Todd's Electric made a \$1,000 donation to OHA but wanted no sign. They agreed for their donation to go into OHA's restricted funds, and this donation from Todd's Electric paid for the senior schedule posters.

The (\$335) in the October income for "Registration 2015-16" reflects a refund for non-returning JV/Varsity players. There was a total of 7. The greater "Rink Expense" amount in October was due to mouse eradication. We will be looking to the EXPO Board for a cost share on this expense.

Board President Sanderson entertained a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Paul Bachand. Second by Rick Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

REGISTRAR – RICK MILLER

252 registered skaters as of November 16th. Rostered team lists will be sent out to all coaches this week. The number of registered skaters breaks down as follows:

Varsity	32
Girls	22
Bantam	21
Pee Wee	25
Squirts	29
Mites - Travel	21
Mini-Mites - Travel	10
Learn to Skate	58
Mini-Mites	25
Mites	9
TOTAL	252

PLAYERS – KATIE STARR

32 participants at this year's "Try Hockey For Free Day" held on November 7th. This was 20 less participants than last year. 5 of this year's 32 participants have registered for hockey or learn to skate as of today.

The Mite Fun Day will be on Saturday, February 20th.

Will look at having a merchandise seller (volunteer position) at home games around the Christmas holiday; including at the in-house Mite games on Friday nights.

There is only one Mini-Mite tournament scheduled for the Mini-Mite travel league. Board discussed looking at OHA hosting a one-day Mini-Mite tournament due to OHA not hosting a state tournament this season. Katie will work on details and bring follow-up to the December Board Meeting.

COACHING – PAUL BACHAND

Will work on e-mailing out a list of coaches, along with their contact information.

On the girls' hockey teams, any complaints should go through Paul now, not the coaches.

A reminder will be sent out to all coaches that their USA Hockey certifications need to be completed by December 31st. Also, all coach reimbursement requests should be sent to Tiffany Sanchez directly.

LEAGUE PLAY – CRAIG DAVIS

All league tryouts are done, all teams have been split accordingly, and all rosters are completed. All league schedules are done and posted on the OHA website.

Sioux Falls dropped one of their JV teams, so Sioux Falls will now have 3 Varsity teams and 1 JV team in their respective leagues.

Bankwest paid for and donated the league schedules pocket calendar. The cost was \$767. Mite and Mini-Mite travel schedules have been set.

All the Open Skate dates have been scheduled. This year the Open Skate and Family Skate will be held together at the same time. Family Skate will be held on the small rink and all skaters must be accompanied by an adult. Open Skate will be held on the big rink. 3 Ice Monitors will be needed for each Open Skate/Family Skate session. One ice monitor will be at each rink and the third ice monitor will float between the two rinks. The other volunteer positions at the Open Skate/Family Skate sessions will be 3 concession stand volunteers, 1 skate rental volunteer, and 1 door monitor. The skate rental and door monitor volunteers will help each other as needed.

During the holidays, if volunteers are interested in working, we will look at having Open Skate/Family Skate on Saturday, December 26th and Friday, January 1st. Katie will send out an e-mail soliciting volunteers who are interested. If volunteers cannot be found, Open Skate/Family Skate will NOT be held on these dates.

RINK OPERATIONS – JON HERMAN

Levi Briggs has worked on ice maintenance with David Anderson and Brian Eaton. They will, together, take over on the ice maintenance duties.

Jon was contacted by the Gold Program at Stanley County about bringing students over to skate on Friday, November 20th from Noon-3pm. They also asked to be able to use our extra helmets (without the cages) as well. Tiffany said they usually do a donation to OHA in return. The board was fine with these requests.

Gordie Woods has indicated that he will donate the fuel for the Zamboni for this entire hockey season; he will make sure that the gas is here and that the Zamboni is always filled with gas. Thank you, Gordie!

We do have glass on hand and Gordie has ordered more, including plexi-glass as well.

FUNDRAISING – SERENA SWENSON (absent/sent e-mail detail to the Board)

Zamboni Day was a success. We had a great turnout from both skaters and their parents. I haven't heard of any complaints. After paying Coke for product and tax, we profited \$5,931.10. This is about \$150 more than last year. Here is a breakdown:

Gave away 1075 cases (63 presale)
Collected: \$10,120.00 Pop
 \$ 878.60 Donations
 \$ 630.00 Presales
Total \$11,628.60
 -5,697.50 Owe Coke
 \$ 5931.10 Profit

Raffle Fundraiser is underway. We were approved by the Secretary of State of SD. Sales have been much higher than I anticipated. I have five families on their 2nd book of 20!!! All but 6 families have received their raffle tickets. I am working on getting them their tickets.

MARKETING – BOB GRAY

We have 7 or 8 sponsors that have yet to pay.

Since the OHA began, we have 17 sponsors that have been supporters of OHA for 15 or more years and have given \$7,000 or more to OHA. In the next 2 years, OHA has more batches of sponsors that will be approaching long-term sponsorship. At the December meeting, Bob would like to discuss with the board some ideas he has of how to recognize these long-term sponsors.

Future home games will have the following activities:

Dec 5	Mites scrimmage between periods
Dec 19	Raffle Drawings – OHA Night/Alumni Night
Jan 10	Mini-Mites scrimmage between periods
Feb 13	Sponsorship Night – Dance Line Performs
Feb 14	We Love Our Sponsors
Feb 20	Senior Night – Dance Line Performs
Feb 26	Mini-Mites scrimmage between periods – Pep Band Plays
Feb 27	Senior Slide

The Board also discussed having “live” performers sing the national anthem rather than having recorded national anthem music, such as Capital hockey players. Tiffany will get a master schedule out soon.

Pete Longman will do a volunteer update post on the website, soon.

On December 2nd, Oahe Capitals players who are T.F. Riggs students, will sell season passes to the student body. Posters will also be given with each season pass sold.

COMMUNICATIONS – MIKE MUELLER

Mike has put current game schedules on the OHA website. If questions on game schedules ever arise; the schedules on the website should be the reference point as Mike will always have them up to date and correct (should any changes take place).

Promotion tickets given away on the radio, to be used for Boys and Girls JV and Varsity games, are black and white day passes. The expiration date line on the pass is to be ignored and when the pass is presented at the gate for admission, the day pass just needs to be collected by the gate volunteer. Katie will send this day pass info out to the coordinators in an e-mail.

VICE PRESIDENT – LEE AXDAHL (ABSENT – NO REPORT GIVEN)

III. OLD BUSINESS

PLAY UP REQUESTS – BOARD ACTION

Paul and Craig received from the Squirt level 2 play up requests, 1 play down request, and are waiting to receive another play up request they were told about. Since the Squirt policy says board approval is not needed to move within the Squirt level structure, **No Board Action Was Needed or Taken** on these. Paul's and Craig's recommendations on each will be followed.

Next, an official Play Up Request from the Mite level to the Squirt level was presented to the Board. Craig does not recommend approving this request based on skill level. Since the request is denied by the Sub-Committee (made up of the Coach, Director of Play, Director of Coaching), **No Board Action Was Needed or Taken** on this.

Another Play Up Request was presented and discussed. This was from the Mini-Mite level to the Mite (in-house) level. Coach Behm recommends this request be approved. **Craig Davis made a motion to approve Coach Behm's recommendation. Second by Paul Bachand.** Mention was made that the appropriate paperwork required on a Play Up Request has not been entirely completed on this one however. Coach Behm and Afdahl still need to sign the form. **Nathan Sanderson made a motion to amend the current motion on the table to read instead that the "Play Up Request from the Mini-Mite level to the Mite (in-house) level is approved upon the successful completion of the Play Up Request form". Second by Mike Mueller. The Amendment to the Original Motion was approved unanimously.**

EXPO BUILDING

The Coach's locker room "lock" needs repair. Nathan instructed Jon to do what he needs to do to repair it. Jon will install a new lock and slide.

The front door lock also needs repair or replacement. The Board discussed and agreed that any long-term fixes such as the front door lock repair/replacement, as

well as any plumbing issues that come up, should be fixed by OHA and then submitted to the EXPO Board for payment.

No Board Action Was Needed or Taken on any item just discussed regarding the EXPO Building.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

OPEN SKATE

This item has already been discussed during Katie Starr's report. No other discussion took place.

GENDER-BASED PLAY POLICY

It was brought to Nathan's attention that the OHA's Gender-Based Play Policy is inconsistent with USA Hockey guidelines. Dan French, SDAHA President, is not in favor of OHA's Gender-Based Policy either.

The Board had much discussion on what pieces of OHA's current policy are considered to be problematic.

Craig Davis made a motion to keep the first paragraph of our current policy, and rescind the rest. The first paragraph reads:

"This policy is adopted to promote sustaining and ongoing development of the Lady Capitals girls program and because of safety concerns at league checking levels. The OHA encourages girls to play on the girls team once they reach the Bantam level if a girls program is available."

Second by Bob Gray.

More board discussion followed and the board agreed they wanted to let the OHA membership know first of what was being asked by USA Hockey and SDAHA in terms of OHA's current policy before they took action. They will do so at the December Board Meeting. **Craig Davis withdrew his motion. No Board Action was taken on this item.**

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

President Sanderson entertained a Motion to Adjourn. Paul Bachand made the Motion. Second by Rick Miller. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m. CST.