

OREGON HOCKEY MEETING MINUTES

January 26th, 2020

7:00 pm

Mulligans

Board Members/Attendees:

Attended	Name	Position
yes	Melissa Kingsley	President
yes	Patrick Cowan	Vice President
yes	Matt Kingsley	Treasurer
no	Bob McFarlane	Secretary
yes	Nicki Cowan	Registrar
yes	Vicki Wolter	Fundraising
no	Kris Sweeney	LTP ALD
yes	TJ Whyte	6U ALD
yes	Sean Kypreos	8U ALD
no	Nick Shtaida	Squirt ALD
yes	Tom Grice	Pee Wee ALD
yes	Mark Couillard	Bantam ALD
yes	Alan Wedel	High School ALD
yes	Kelly Sullivan	Tournament Director
yes	Tricia Schroeder	Volunteer Dibs Coordinator
yes	Larry Clemens	Hockey Director

Called to order at 7:01 by President

Reports:

Treasurer – began discussion by responding to inquiries from board members about unpaid dues. Treasurer felt the ‘plan in place’ criteria has been met by some families that have not yet been able to pay based on past experience. Treasurer gave example of families that have paid late in past years after receiving tax refunds. Treasurer did not anticipate any issues receiving payment and did not feel a need to prevent any player from participating in play-downs or other games. After discussion there was agreement that ‘plan in place’ criteria was met and we would not prevent anyone from playing.

President – President noted her portion would be moved to the end of the meeting.

Hockey Director – HD noted his portion would be moved to the end of the meeting.

Fundraising – Fundraising Director reached out to local businesses for sponsorships and submitted additional funds for wreath fundraiser and meat raffle.

Vice President/Ice Scheduler – next year’s home tournament scheduling is complete.

Tournament Director – the mite tourney scheduled for Feb 8 is full. We received numerous donations for raffle baskets. We discussed bake sale options and noted that dibs hours would be loaded for the event. Tournament Director commented on treatment of teams by hotel staff in Sparta; in successive

weeks, two teams were treated differently due to another association team causing problems and Oregon team receiving poor treatment as a result.

Volunteer/DIBS – Director noted her spreadsheet and gave summary noting that about half of the hours available went unfulfilled and there have been 12 hours of no shows, mostly at concession stand.

Discussion on offering volunteer hours for non-parents taking clock, scoresheet, and penalty box duties during playdowns (this would allow parents to focus on watching their kids' games). General agreement that this was a good idea to create more vol. hours and benefit parents. A motion was made by Treasurer (not seconded) to put these volunteer hours on Dibs. A motion was made by 6U Director to offer 2 volunteer hours for each of these shifts; the motion was seconded by Bantam Director and received numerous 'ayes' and no 'nays' – **motion passed**. These hours will be offered through the Team Managers.

Question raised on allowing a refund for a family that bought out volunteer hours but now wants to drive Zamboni and receive a dues reduction. General agreement that a refund should not be allowed for a change this late in the season.

Registrar – nothing to report

Webmaster – question posed about contacting SportsEngine; Webmaster has rotating contacts but Registrar has a regular contact. There was also discussion on website performance management.

ALDs -

- **Learn to Play** – not present
- **6U** – Varsity players acted as guest coaches for 6U games, this was appreciated and considered successful. There will be an opportunity to skate at a Capitols game in 2 weeks.
- **8U** – nothing to report
- **10U (Squirt)** – not present
- **12U (Peewee)** – Peewee teams all recently participated in tournaments.
- **14U (Bantam)** - Bantams are getting ready for play-downs.
- **High School** – The purpose of current raffle is first, to pay back the youth program for HS expenses they have paid, and second, to reduce player dues owed to OHS. Dues owed to OHS are currently estimated \$850 to \$950 and cover the amount OHS pays for ice time. Additional raffle ideas were discussed. Hockey Director noted that Varsity games would be rescheduled due to weather and this may affect youth practice times.

Old Business: none

New Business:

- **End-of-season surveys**
- **Player evals**
- **Coach to player evals**

Summary of above: Several subjects were discussed that could be evaluated (player improvements, coaching, fun, etc.) as well as how to receive and present the information. Significant debate on pros and cons of anonymous surveys. General agreement to make survey – Tournament Director will lead a group to review the issue and **develop a survey**. The discussion included the possibility of additional ice time at year end for on-ice evaluations; Hockey Director wasn't sure this was necessary as he and coaches can discuss how players developed over the season.

Other new business: leftover cookies will be sold to the rink. General discussion of the playing up policy. Agreement that we would like to see how other programs do this – examples were given, including an association that no longer allows this. This may be inevitable if it becomes a USA Hockey directive which may be a part of their ‘model program’ (12U Director provided info on this USA Hockey program after the meeting). There is believed to be a WAHA directive allowing players born in January to ‘play up’ a level – the exact date is unknown. President said she would research and find and see how it relates to our proposed policy.

Motion made by 6U Director to move to a closed session. The motion was seconded by many and approved at 7:57 pm.

Next Meeting – February 16 at 7pm.

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn made by Tournament Director, multiple seconds and ayes. Adjourn at 8:53pm.