

OREGON HOCKEY MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2023

7:00 pm- Mulligans



Board Members/Attendees:

Attended	Excused	Unexcused	Name	Position
	X		Justin Brooks	President
X			Jason Wieser	Vice-President
	X		Becky Rothering	Secretary
	X		Andrew Lederer	Treasurer
X			Dan Draeger	Registrar
	X		Derek Blakeslee	Fundraising Director
X			Matt Gerlach	LTP
X			Sean Kypreos	6U
X			Jim Conklin	8U
	X		Nick White	Squirt
X			Nick Shtaida	Peewee
X			Jason Wieser	Bantam
		X	Troy Sherven	High School
			***	Tournament Director
X			Tracy Taszarek	Volunteer Dibs
		X	Rick Fleming	Hockey Director
			Jim Conklin	Girls Liason
		X	Megan Peterson	Safety/Concussion Coordinator
X			Emily Schneider	Culture Liason
		X	Ben Cowen	Rink Committee

Meeting called to order: Jason called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from 10/22/23; Motion to approve by Tracy. Second by Nick S..
Board approval of minutes.**

New Business:

- Goalie training (Matt) - Has been going great. Nick commented that as a board, it seems very worth it to continue to pay for this. Lots of goalies attending. Would like to get a couple more goalie sessions in before playdowns. This (along with the general skills session) will need a “leader,” someone to organize, build plans, etc. In an ideal world, our hockey director would lead this.
- Hockey Director Guidance (Matt) - we need to have a better outline for Rick. We need to review what other organizations are doing with this position and create a guide for our expectations. Organizations that have really good full-time directors are paying them \$70k a year - we need to scale to what we can do. We would like to have “Knock the rust off” as part of the hockey director programs. **We need to have an outline to bring to a meeting no later than March with Rick.**
- In house program like South Side Saints (Matt) - the rink is definitely NOT doing this next year.
- Youth Games at UW, Caps, HS (Justin) - Justin sent an email, Jim is working on this for Badgers (Red and White 8U teams) and caps (for Blue and White that couldn't play at Badgers). Do we want to do a HS game Dec. 12th? Yes - get this out and advertised to LTP, 6U and 8U.
- Neck Guards (Justin) - USA hockey has sent out emails, strongly recommending. Keeping an eye on this, as it is expected that they will be required next year. As a recommendation - welding gaiters may be an alternative?
- 8U teams and tournaments (Jim) - Blue team needs a tournament! Looking at Stoughton, Waukesha (they have an opening for a blue team listed on their website)
- Movement from 6U-8U (Jim) - The 8U White and Blue teams are large (12), and parents have noticed/commented that their players on getting less playing time. Can we add a team and make our teams 8 players?
- Tournament placement B teams (Sean) - PWB team would like to cancel their Onalaska tournament at the end of January due to skill level concerns. Tracy will reach out the contact in Onalaska. General concerns were raised regarding our B teams in tournaments (when we only have 2 teams at an age level). They are typically not
- Scheduling for B teams (Jason) - coaches to work with team managers to reschedule some games.
- Pictures (Sean) - Can we ask Jen Dailey?

Action Items from Sept/Oct:

- Derek made recommendations noted below. Does this need to be finalized? **Can we get our raffle tickets before the PW tournament?!**
 - Derek recommends a \$400 buy out from fundraising
 - Recommendations for fundraisers- Wreaths (by end Oct), cookie dough (Dec/holiday), **raffle (spring)**, V-day flowers, Golf Outing (summer).
- Andrew will look into getting Quickbooks for managing accounting.
 - Andrew should get clarifying info on \$15/\$30 options by tomorrow.

Reports:

President- emailed items

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Vice President -

- NP

Treasurer –

- NP

Secretary-

- NP

Tournament Director -

- Already reviewed during new business!

Volunteer/Dibs-

- Look at making everyone pay up front (via CC or check) and then we issue refunds when people complete the hours

Registrar-

- Dan has been working to remind coaches of their requirements so they get completed by Dec. 31!

Fundraising –

- NP

ALDs

- **Learn to Play (Matt)-** SO MANY LTPs!! Matt has 60+ kids!!! We don't have enough equipment - Scott Hagen bought more equipment today to fill some gaps (probably another \$500-700). Still needs some bags and socks. Need to have the equipment manager there the first few weeks to help with that side of things.
- **6U (Sean)-** need more kids. If there are any LTPs that can come up...Matt will send them. Pucks are disappearing - we need to lock them up in our black bin. Bantam coaches will do this!!
- **8U (Jim) -** already reported
- **Squirt (Nick W) -** NP
- **Peewee (Nick S) -** NP
- **Bantam (Jason)-** NP
- **High School (Troy)-** NP
- **Safety/Concussion/Safesport (Megan)-**NP
- **Culture Liaison (Emily)-** WAHA is reviewing cases of hateful speech, which have been given match penalties. If this happened here, it would be a Code of Conduct violation.
- **Hockey Director (Rick) -** NP
- **Rink Committee- NP**

Agenda Items for December:

- Discussion to be added to future OYH meetings for planning for next season:
 - Holding Tryouts earlier - other organizations have already held tryouts. Ice scheduling and tournament scheduling are happening earlier than they have been in the past. Do we need to hold tryouts earlier so that we can begin the scheduling earlier? (Ex. Verona has 3 of 4 tryouts are required for a chance for A Team). We will keep discussion going so that this can be discussed in a more detailed manner.
 - OYH should have a Knock the Rust off lead by OYH coaches instead of current program which is run by Tradesmen skaters.

Agenda items for February:

Get a list of parents and identify parents that would be key for committees, etc. and ask them directly to join.

Next Meeting:

- December 17th at 7pm at Mulligans.

Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn by Jim, Second by Matt. Approved by Board.
 - Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m