



OTHA MARCH 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: March 13, 2024

Location: Xice Second Floor Classroom/Conference Room

Time: 730 pm

Board Attendees:

Doug Faulhaber– OTHA 2024 Commissioner

Tom Condon- OTHA 2024 Treasurer

Kelly Kroll- OTHA 2023 Secretary

Don Klinger- OTHA League Commissioner

Jay Montcalm- OTHA League Commissioner

Jeff Bentley- OTHA League Commissioner

Jim Hildebrand- OTHA Incoming Tuesday Commissioner

Absent–Jimmy Thompson

Old Business

- None

New Business: Financial Reviews, Summer Season Planning, Reserves Planning

- Doug and Tom reviewed the results from recent discussions with the officials and the rink to reduce costs. The primary takeaway was that contracting directly with the officials and foregoing regular-season shootout activities would result in a discount to the leagues. The motion passed that the OTHA would, going forward, directly contract with the Officials Association on a pre-paid basis and no longer have regular season shootouts in case of ties in effort to reduce overall Member League Fees. The anticipated League fees for the Summer 2024 season will be \$450 range.
- Doug and Tom lead a discussion about the origins of the bulk of the Association's high reserve balance. After much research, hampered by limited access to physical records and financial statements, it was determined that Players who signed up for the Winter 2020 Season, which was cut short by the COVID lockdowns, never received a refund for that lost ½ of a season. We are locating accurate roster records for that season and all players will be directly refunded for that lost ½ season.
- Secondary discussions were had about how to manage the remaining Association Reserves which still exceed the necessary levels. It was determined that those excess reserves will be allocated across three categories: 1) a Hardship Fund to support players' League Fees when extenuating temporary circumstances befall a fellow Member, 2) an Entertainment Fund to be used to subsidize Association-sponsored social events to grow Member fellowship, and 3) an Equipment Fund to support needed supplies for hockey operations.



- A closing high-level discussion has opened around the topic of how we manage OTHA Membership, who can become a Member, and how that is managed. General thoughts at this point are that future Members should be invited, should be evaluated by an existing Member through a probationary period, should have their hockey/behavioral skills evaluated via pickups and consolation skates, and should be subject to easy dis-invitation should a mismatch in values/attitudes/behavior be found from the preferred OTHA mindset. Other areas discussed include minimum age limitations, new member fees & jersey acquisition, Further formalization of this topic will continue outside of formal Board meetings.

NEXT STEPS

- Doug to announce new Summer 2024 League Fees and Registration in the next 10 days or so.
- Doug/Tom to finalize COVID refund records and a process to return funds to Members ASAP
- Board Leadership to determine final allocations of reserves and to begin applying those excess reserves to expenditures, current or planned, as determined.
- Board team to formalize OTHA Membership criteria and process for implementation prior to start of Summer 2024 hockey seasons

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9 pm

Compiled by:
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APPROVED: ____ March 26, 2024 ____ date