

**Oahe Hockey Association
March 2015 Board Meeting Minutes
OHA Board Room
Monday, March 16, 2015**

Board President, Craig Davis, called the March Board Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Stephanie Lyons, Tiffany Sanchez, Katie Starr, Lee Axdahl, Mike Mueller, Gordon Woods, Jim Wedin, Serena Swenson, Nathan Sanderson, Bob Gray, and Tony Leif. No board members were absent.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

Board President Davis entertained a Motion to approve the February Board Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Lee Axdahl. Second by Katie Starr. Motion passed unanimously.

B. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS:

1. TREASURER – TIFFANY SANCHEZ

Feb 28 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$40,187.57

Restricted Funds: \$22,518.73

Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Feb 28: \$ 17,668.84

February Income

(Concessions, Pink the Rink donations; Expo cost share money received--4000 for flooring and 825.87 for diaper changing stations; calendar revenue; gate; merchandise; late mite travel registration; GR and TW donations; retired jersey purchase; rink income rental; signage payments and skate rental income)

February Expenses

(Board Expenses of \$24.05; Coach reimbursement; concessions; calendar winners; gate; Pink the Rink contributions given; insurance; merchandise exp;

phone & internet; referees; rent; Tyler Wilcox Tournament expenses; rink expenses and cleaning supplies; signage expense (\$9000 to Expo); Trash; Squirt and Mite Tournament registration reimbursements +; utilities; and Zamboni parts)

Report of March 1-16:

* Modification to January numbers: fundraiser expense for calendar winner paid in January increased from \$300 to \$2100--increase of \$1800.....allowing calendar expenses to be covered for season.

*The EXPO Board has been paid up for their share of OHA signage

*We are up \$10,000 this season from last – including carryover from last year this year we have made \$10,420.69

*We are caught up with most of the coaches' and refs' expenses.

*Most of the Girls' State JV Tournament expenses are in.

*Our gate admission paid for our refs this year – Gate admission made \$21,000 and Refs expense was \$20,000.

*Our attendance in February was very good and helped our Gate. We need to keep the Pep Band, Dancers, and Skaters again for next year home varsity games. Also keep the Mites as they enjoyed playing in front of the crowd.

*We made \$5,600 on season passes.

*Only a couple of more bills to pay yet this season.

*Next month would like the board to discuss coaches' stipends.

One matter for board to discuss and vote on – Grace Nedved's cell phone was destroyed in Mitchell during the last Girls' Varsity game there. The phone was left in the locker room after the Girls' coach collected players' cell phones prior to the game. Mitchell kids were believed to have entered the locker room and destroyed it. **Tiffany asked for a motion to reimburse Grace Nedved \$266 to replace her cell phone. Mike Mueller made the Motion. Second by Tony Leif. Motion passed unanimously.**

Board President Davis entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Bob Gray made the Motion. Second by Nathan Sanderson. Motion passed unanimously.

2. REGISTRAR – LEE AXDAHL

Nothing to report.

The board did briefly discuss the future consideration of moving the coming season's registration dates up. Nothing was decided or voted on. More discussion will take place at future board meetings.

3. PLAYERS – KATIE STARR

Working on finding coordinators for next year. As of now she has not found anyone yet for the Mite and Bantam levels.

4. COACHING – JIM WEDIN

Now working on finding coaches for next year. Please have anyone that is interested in coaching, contact him.

The board discussed that next year during scheduling time, it be considered to have little tournament travel during the holidays. This may cut down on our coaching expenses for next year. This discussion will take place with the coaches at all levels during next season's scheduling time.

5. LEAGUE PLAY – CRAIG DAVIS

League Play Stats were shared as follows:

The average league finish was 5th place this season – our leagues having an overall record of 55 Wins, 77 Losses, and 1 Tie. The breakdown of each league placing was:

PeeWee A	6 th
Pee Wee C	2 nd
Bantam A	3 rd
Bantam B	6 th
Girls Varsity	7 th
Girls JV	9 th
Boys Varsity	3 rd
Boys JV	6 th

The Spring SDAHA meeting is Saturday, April 18th. Craig and Tony will be attending.

OHA's player numbers, at the lower levels, are strong right now.

State Varsity Tournament – Brookings ran a good tournament and there was good attendance by the Capitals fans.

6. **RINK OPERATIONS – GORDON WOODS**

Rink teardown is ahead of schedule. The small ice is gone and the boards are coming down tonight. The Pierre High School baseball players will use the rest of OHA's lease time for indoor practice. The baseball players are helping to tear down the rink as well.

7. **FUNDRAISING – SERENA SWENSON**

A girls' recruitment day ("Chicks and Sticks") will be held at PAYSA on Saturday, April 11th. Figure skating and OHA is putting it on. Another "Chicks and Sticks" day will be held on Saturday, April 25th. Word is out on the Facebook page and the girls' hockey players are helping to recruit as well. Info has been given to the schools. Equipment will be available for attendees to use. Hopefully girls, who attend "Chicks and Sticks" and become hooked, will follow-up by signing up for summer hockey rec opportunities.

The Shrine Circus is asking OHA to help sell cotton candy again this year. They would donate \$500 to OHA for selling both days of the circus, June 3 and 4. The board discussed allowing players to earn volunteer hours for next year by working a minimum of 2 hours selling the cotton candy.

8. **MARKETING – BOB GRAY**

OHA had 58 sponsors this year. Only 3 sponsors have outstanding payments yet; but it looks like they will be paying the OHA in the coming weeks.

9. **COMMUNICATIONS – MIKE MUELLER**

Will begin promoting the summer hockey activities.

OLD BUSINESS

A. POLICY CHANGE FOR GIRLS/MITES/SQUIRTS

The board went through final, proposed deletions and additions to 4 existing policies: (1) Play Up Request; (2) Tryout/Team Splits for PeeWees and Bantams; (3) Mite Team Split; (4) Squirt Team Split.

The board also went through final plans to adopt one new policy – a new Gender-Based Play Policy for Bantam, JV and Varsity levels. This is intended to discourage girls from playing on boys' teams at the checking league levels. However, this policy would also establish a process for a girl to request to play on a boys' team (at the checking league level) by completing the Play Up policy process and possible independent skill evaluation.

These policy changes and policy adoption will be considered at the April board meeting. Mike Mueller will send pdf copies of the proposed (4) existing policy changes, as well as the (1) new policy proposal, to the OHA membership for review. This will allow membership to be educated on what is being considered by the board on April 28th. Mike will also include information as to where written comment can be submitted in advance of the meeting. Membership will also be encouraged to attend the April board meeting; as well as being invited to offer comments or ask questions in person at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. BMI MUSIC LICENSING

Craig drafted a letter to BMI's Business Affairs Attorney, Pamela Williams, which addressed her Music License request of February 19, 2015. In the letter he states that SDAHA is not aware of licensing fees that are required of youth non-profit hockey associations across the state. He also states in the letter that our budget does not support a payment now, or in the future, of a music licensing fee. In the letter, Craig has asked Ms. Williams to reconsider requiring a licensing demand, or provide a list of BMI licensed music and OHA can ensure it is never heard at our rink. Craig will report back to the board once he gets a response from Ms. Williams.

B. SUMMER REC/OHA SUMMER PROGRAMS

The summer programs offered by OHA and the City of Pierre Summer Rec were discussed. OHA offered programs must be paid through the OHA and those offered through the City of Pierre Summer Rec must be paid through the online Summer Rec Registration system.

<u>OHA</u>	<u>City of Pierre Summer Rec</u>
Pick up Hockey	Power Skating for Hockey
Hockey Concepts	Stick Handling
	Shooting Skills/Goalie Training
	Special Skills

Schedule of Program Times:

Session 1: June 1 – June 29

Schedule 2: July 1 – July 29

Monday and Wednesday

10:00-10:50	Pick Up Hockey	12 and older	\$60
11:00-12:00	Hockey Concepts	12 and older	\$80
10:00-12:00	Both OHA Programs		\$125
1:00-1:45	Power Skating	5-12 yrs of age	\$50
2:00-2:45	Stick Handling	5-12 yrs of age	\$50
3:00-3:45	Shooting Skills-		
	Goalie Training	5-12 yrs of age	\$50
4:00-4:45	Special Skills	5-12 yrs of age	\$50
1:00-4:45	All 4 City Rec Prgms		\$175

City Rec on-line registrations open up on Monday, April 27th. Registration for OHA programs must be done by sending an e-mail to Jim Wedin by Friday, May 22. A registration form and payment must be turned in at the first OHA program attended. Jim's e-mail address is James.Wedin@centurylink.com.

C. BOARD POSITIONS FOR 2015-2016

The board discussed that Board Elections will take place at the June Annual Meeting. At the April Board Meeting we need to look at the positions that are up this year. For sure we know that Serena Swenson's

position of Director of Fundraising-External is up for re-election. We also know that Jim Wedin's position of Director of Coaching is also up for re-election as his position was only for 1 year. Again, more discussion of this item of business will take place at the April board meeting.

No Board Action was Needed or Taken at this Time.

Another topic the board discussed was that the game schedule/JV-Varsity posters which were given as thank you's to the sponsor, were very important. They were a great tool in which to acknowledge the sponsors and thank them publicly for their support. Next year a poster will be done with the senior players on it. On this same poster will also be the JV-Varsity game schedule for the entire season.

No Board Action was Needed or Taken at this Time.

The board also discussed the possibility of lessening the work of the full raffle calendar next year by instead selling a cash raffle ticket that goes along with the pocket Bankwest calendar/schedule of the OHA league games. A plan for next year will be put together for this and presented at the April board meeting.

No Board Action was Needed or Taken at this Time.

Reminder of the Black Hills Hockey Academy at PAYSA, August 3-6, 2015. This will be for Mini-Mites, Mites, Squirts, and possibly PeeWees. Also a reminder to check out the new PAYSA website and Facebook page.

The April Board Meeting will take place at the Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce Community Room on Tuesday, April 28th, in Pierre. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. CST.

President Davis entertained a Motion to Adjourn. Tony Leif made the Motion. Second by Nathan Sanderson. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m. CST.