

**Oahe Hockey Association**  
**Annual Meeting and June 2014 Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Oahe Rink Warming Room**  
**Monday, June 9, 2014**

Board President, Tony Leif, called the annual meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Nathan Sanderson, Laura Schoen-Carbonneau, Serena Swenson, Stephanie Lyons, Mike Mueller, Kevin Atkins, Tiffany Sanchez, Craig Davis, Paul Bachand. Board Member, Gordie Woods, was absent.

Annual Board Elections took place. The slate of candidates is:

<u>President</u>	Craig Davis	2 yr term
<u>Secretary</u>	Stephanie Lyons	2 yr term
<u>Director of Players</u>	Katie Starr	2 yr term
<u>Registrar</u>	Lee Axdahl	2 yr term
<u>Director of Marketing</u>	Bob Gray	2 yr term
<u>Director of Rink Operations</u>	Gordie Woods	2 yr term
<u>Director of League Play</u>	Open-Craig Davis	2 yr term
<u>Director of Coaching</u>	Jim Wedin	1 yr term

Explanation of the slate was given –

- Craig Davis would also serve as Nominating Committee Chair.
- The addition of Director of Marketing reflected the change in by-laws that was approved.
- Director of Rink Operations will include having an apprentice learning from Gordie.
- Stephanie Lyons filled in as Board Secretary previously, now she is on for a 2 yr term.
- Craig Davis will work on filling the Director of League Play position – Kevin Atkins graciously agreed to help assist Craig in the interim with Director of League Play duties until the position is filled; however Kevin's assistance will not be considered a board position as Craig will still be actively looking for the candidate.

President Leif asked for any additional nominations to the slate. There were none. President Leif asked for a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. **Laura Schoen-Carbonneau made the motion. Second by Nathan Sanderson. Motion passed unanimously.**

President Leif asked for any other Annual Meeting business. There was none. President Leif thanked the board for their service and then turned the meeting over to newly elected President Davis.

President Davis asked for a motion to close the Annual Meeting. **Mike Mueller made the motion. Second by Kevin Atkins. Motion passed unanimously and the Annual Meeting closed at 6:48 p.m. CST.**

President Davis called the June Board Meeting to order at 6:49 p.m. CST.

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY BOARD MEETING** – President Davis asked for a Motion to approve the May Board Minutes. **Tiffany Sanchez made the motion. Second by Serena Swenson. Motion passed unanimously.**

President Davis asked the Board if they'd be willing to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of July, August, and September at the First National Bank Board Room. The meetings would start at 6:30 p.m. CST. The Board agreed.

**B. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS:**

**1. TREASURER – TIFFANY SANCHEZ**

May 31 checking balance: \$ 28,128.80

Restricted Funds: \$23,889.11

Total Funds Available as of Apr 30: \$ 4,239.69

Tiffany handed out her monthly and year end reports to the Board.

Donations this past year have been right on track. Gate revenue was good, but could have been higher had we hosted more home games.

\$400 was taken in from the Shriners for OHA player help in making cotton candy for the recent circus. Dakotamart receipts turned in gave us a donation of \$200.

Final coach expenses have been paid out (what was approved at the May Board Meeting). Craig Davis got Direct TV turned off during the summer months to

save on expenses and Jim Wedin was getting the phone line taken care of into the warming room.

Our only expense for May was the 2013 Tax Preparation fees of \$5,265.

Tiffany will work on getting the 2014-2015 Budget finalized.

Tiffany brought to the Board a personal request to reimburse Ron Wagner for his glasses that were broken during the Varsity State Tournament in March. This occurred while Ron was coaching from the bench. Ron also sustained some cuts to his nose as well. **President Davis agreed and entertained a motion from the board to reimburse Ron Wagner \$500 for the replacement of his glasses. Tiffany Sanchez made the Motion. Second by Bob Gray. Motion passed unanimously.**

**President Davis entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Tony Leif made the Motion. Second by Nathan Sanderson. Motion passed unanimously.**

**2. REGISTRAR – KEVIN ATKINS/LEE AXDAHL**

Kevin reported that the job of Registrar will be working with more web-based applications per a USA Hockey change. Kevin will plan on having discussions with Factor 360 on how we (OHA) can improve our communications with them for the upcoming season. Kevin will do this before Lee takes over as Registrar.

**3. PLAYERS – LAURA SCHOEN CARBONNEAU/KATIE STARR**

Laura reported that the coordinators are set for the upcoming season.

Laura will also be helping to transition Katie into the position. Laura plans on working with Katie in the near future on some volunteer issues we had last season.

**4. COACHING – JIM WEDIN**

**5. LEAGUE PLAY – CRAIG DAVIS**

Craig Davis reported on both Coaching and League Play. (Jim is absent)

Jim is working on finding a Girls Varsity Coach. Both Jim and Craig are hoping that some of our former Capitals players who are back in town now may step in to help somehow.

The Coaching Director philosophy is to find the most qualified coach out there, whether they are a parent of a player or not. Preference is to find a non-parent, league coach. As always, the OHA Board has final approval of coaches selected. The board was reminded that all coaches must be USA Hockey certified.

The board discussed that Cody Bishop is back in town and has been instrumental in helping with the summer rec program, as well as helping to coach goalies and goalie coaches at PAYSA. Word is that he will come back in the fall to help OHA with some practices, especially our goalies, throughout the season.

**6. RINK OPERATIONS – GORDIE WOODS**

No Report Given. Gordie is absent.

**7. FUNDRAISING – SERENA SWENSON**

Serena echoed Tiffany's report of \$400 being donated to OHA for OHA players selling cotton candy at the recent Shrine Circus.

During the month of June, Korner Grocery is doing their American Filet Fundraiser for OHA. Mike Mueller did a great job promoting this, and still is.

Work is starting on the calendars. The board discussed having on the raffle stubs this year "raffle slip sold by". This would help in tracking purposes to make sure all players are selling their assigned calendars.

8. **MARKETING – CRAIG DAVIS/BOB GRAY**

Bob has nothing yet to report, but said he is looking forward to working with the Board on external fundraising for OHA.

9. **COMMUNICATIONS – MIKE MUELLER**

The Board commended Mike on a great first year of heading up Communications for OHA. Mike said that there has been very good engagement through Facebook and Twitter. Mike also reported that the sports writers in town are very interested in it as well. They are looking for OHA stories to report on off our Facebook and Twitter accounts constantly.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A. **PARTNERSHIP WITH PAYSA – CRAIG DAVIS**

Craig said the use of PAYSA for summer hockey opportunities is going well and with no expense to OHA.

21 kids outside of the City's summer rec program (summer rec uses it 2 days a week) are utilizing PAYSA, plus it's providing jobs for 5 young men who are helping to teach the various programs offered.

A lot of our OHA Coaches have helped teach various sessions as well and have provided great coaching – namely Coach Kittay, Coach Wagner, and Coach Bren.

OHA Varsity players Lane Hohn and Peter Sanchez have done a great job this summer as well in helping to teach and run the sessions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. PRE-SEASON HOCKEY CAMP – PAUL BACHAND**

Paul discussed with the board having Robbie Glanz do a pre-season hockey camp this year.

Numbers have dwindled a little with Planet Hockey offering camps and the start of summer hockey programs at PAYSA – however the board agreed they are very interested in having Robbie come to do this camp.

The camp needs to be marketed and maybe an early bird registration offered for it. October or November was the months that were mentioned to have this camp. If the camp ends up being earlier in the fall (depending on when our ice is up) the board will adjust any PAYSA 3-on-3 or 4-on-4 times accordingly, so as to generate more interest in the Robbie Glanz camp.

Paul will go back to Robbie Glanz about coming to the EXPO center to do a camp this fall. He will come back to the OHA Board in July with more details

**No Board Action was needed or taken at this time.**

### **B. FY 2015 BUDGET – TIFFANY SANCHEZ**

Board discussion took place on the various costs/expenses we will see for the upcoming season. Some mentioned were tournament costs, coaches costs (meals, hotels, gas), and the increased ref costs we will see with more refs for league games being mandated.

OHA is definitely one of the lowest cost hockey associations in the state.

At the July meeting, the Board will do a complete Budget Review. The Board's goal is to formulate a Budget in July and adopt it formally at the August meeting.

Tiffany will also be submitting another RAM grant application soon. The monies from the RAM grant are for OHA's Capital Improvement Projects, and the monies are generously granted by DeDe Fasken's family.

**C. MARKETING COMMITTEE – CRAIG DAVIS**

Craig said that he would set up a meeting time for himself, Tiffany Sanchez, Bob Gray, and Serena Swenson to meet. Others are welcome to attend as well if they so wish. Lots of new marketing opportunities are being thought of and will be discussed and implemented with board approval going forward. It's an exciting time.

As Nominating Committee Chair, Craig Davis also brought to the Board a candidate for OHA's Risk Manager. Craig recommended Suzy Starr as our OHA, In-House Representative. Suzy is an attorney. She has two sons in OHA hockey.

**Tony Leif made the Motion to appoint Suzy Starr as the OHA Risk Manager. Second by Tiffany Sanchez. Motion passed unanimously.**

The July Board Meeting will take place at the First National Bank Board Room on Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, in Pierre. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. CST.

**President Davis entertained a Motion to Adjourn. Nathan Sanderson made the Motion. Second by Mike Mueller. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. CST.**