

Oahe Hockey Association
September 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
EXPO Center – Fort Pierre, SD
Monday, September 21, 2020

Board President, Nathan Sanderson, called the September Monthly Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Nathan Sanderson, Ryan Swartz, Stephanie Lyons, Tawnya Pfeifer, Jon Herman, Jim Wedin, Lynsey Anderson, Jeannie Kafka, Bob Gray, Kellie Beck, and Lisa Lee.

Ryan Swartz Made a Motion to Approve the August Board Meeting minutes. Second by Jim Wedin. Motion passed unanimously.

I. TREASURER’S REPORT – KELLIE BECK

Kellie sent a brief e-mail report to the board, summarizing that we are sitting in good shape. The Zamboni bill has been paid to the company in Wisconsin – it was the same as the estimate we got from them = \$11,000. As of today, we are all squared up with them.

The PAYSZA Zamboni has parts that Conrad just received. He will install them and Kellie will get this bill paid as well.

Girls jerseys and the Boys JV/Varsity jerseys will be ordered soon.

The Senior Showcase will be in Brookings this year. The cost is \$90 per family. OHA did not budget for this cost, so senior families will have to cover this on their own.

Discussion on Tournament Fees. These are going up across all SDAHA associations. Do we need to do more to cover these costs as an association, or rely on families to help pay? Tawnya will get a sense for the deadlines and costs on these in the coming year and come back to the Board in June-July 2021 for possible registrations at that time. The Board will discuss this more in the future and we go forward.

Sponsor letters will be going out. Jeannie will do this.

Kaisha Anderson has agreed to be our new Concession Manager since our August Board Meeting. This was e-mailed out amongst the board members and voted on by board members via e-mail as well before tonight's board meeting. The board passed this unanimously.

USA Hockey will not refund their fees if the season is cancelled due to Covid. If SDAHA cancels the season due to Covid, OHA will consider issuing refunds of a portion of registration fees based on factors at hand; including how much of the season has been played, expenses incurred, how much of the season is remaining, among other factors.

Ryan Swartz Made a Motion to Approve the September Treasurer's Report. Second by Jim Wedin. Motion passed unanimously.

II. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS

PLAYER DIRECTOR – TAWNIA PFEIFER

Learn to Skate (LTS) is only level without a coordinator at this time. May leave it to coaches for now. The LTS two sessions run from November 2 – December 12, 2020 and January 4 – February 12, 2021. She will get fliers out to the elementary schools next week for LTS and Try Hockey 4 Free. OHA will hold Try Hockey 4 Free on Saturday, November 7th.

Has done Locker Room assignments for this season.

Cleaning Schedule – Mites will be worked into the EXPO cleaning rotation all season and Squirts will do PAYSА cleaning all season.

Kristi Berndt will coordinate the Boys JV State Tournament – OHA will host it.

DIRECTOR OF LEAGUE PLAY – BOB GRAY

Practice schedules go out this week for approval. Hoping to have the league schedule finalized and approved by mid-October.

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| <u>PAYSA schedule:</u> | PeeWees/Bantams drop-in | Mon | 5:45 – 7:15 |
| | Boys JV/Varsity drop-in | Mon-Thurs | 7:30 |
| | Girls Varsity drop-in | Tues-Thurs | 5:45 – 7:15 |

Robbie Glanz wants to come again in late October. Board discussed that they feel good how it went with him last year and would like to see no practices being held while he is here.

REGISTRAR – RICK MILLER (ABSENT)

Nathan Sanderson reported for him. Today we have 167 registered skaters and we will go past today's registration deadline.

We currently have 21 Bantam skaters registered, so we should have enough for 2 Bantam level teams this season.

Officiating clinic should be October 24 at 9am for Level 1 and Noon for Level 2. Not sure yet if will be in person or on-line. Details will come out as they are known.

Nathan used this time to discuss 4 Formal Play Up Requests and 2 Informal Play Up Requests – all 6 being Mites and Younger (Play ups between Mini-Mites and Mites and Play ups Between Mites and Squirts). Board discussed we need to stick to our current policy of evaluation first.

Ryan Swartz Made a Motion to defer these Play Up Requests for the Squirt level and below so the coaches can evaluate on-ice first. Second by Kellie Beck. Motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF COACHING – JIM WEDIN

Went over coaching roster. Still needing Bantam B coach and welcomes input to help find. Overall, he feels we are sitting in good shape for our coaching roster.

Reminder that Board members need to do Safe Sport for this upcoming season, as well as any skaters who have birthdays 2003 or before.

DIRECTOR OF RINK OPERATION – JON HERMAN

On Monday September 28th plans to turn on compressors. Will get info to Tawnya to put on DIBS for volunteers.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS – LISA LEE

Busy getting Richie Z's September 26th fundraiser info out. Will advertise longer registration time allowed.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Girls Jerseys – Boys JV/Varsity Jerseys

As mentioned in Treasurer's Report, these will be ordered soon.

PAYSA

Conrad said the Zamboni parts have arrived and he will work on installing/replacing them. The new locker room should be done in a week or 2. Nathan announces thank you to Bill Englehart and Andy Fuhrman for helping to get the EXPO Locker Rooms done.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

SDAHA FALL MEETING

Nathan reported - No new proposals were made; Covid-19 policies were discussed; SDAHA will post on their website soon all of the individual association's Covid-19 policies.

SDAHA website also has a 1 Page SDAHA, Covid-19 Plan. Nothing is mandated; each local association to develop their own protocols; league will attempt to reschedule if games are cancelled due to Covid-19; there will be no forfeits if games can't be rescheduled; may be revised seeding where Power Point is modified or go with a win % system.

SDAHA is relying on an Honor System this season with Covid-19. Every association wants to play this year! Won't be doing contact tracing – this is all up to the families within SDAHA/OHA. Families should contact association Risk Manager.

Nathan will be adding to OHA's Covid Policy that the Board encourages the coaches to limit close contact for under 15 minutes, in order to minimize exposure.

RINK SET-UP: Lisa Lee will get an OHA membership e-mail out this week about the set-up schedule going forward.

V. **ADJOURN**

President Sanderson asked for a Motion to Adjourn the September Monthly Board Meeting. Ryan Swartz Made the Motion. Second by Jim Wedin. Motion passed unanimously. The September Monthly Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. CST.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Lyons – OHA Board Secretary**