

Oahe Hockey Association
MONTH Board Meeting Minutes
EXPO Center – Fort Pierre, SD
Monday, February 16, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board meeting called to order for the month of February 16, 2026, at 6:30 pm (CST) by Board President, Bret Afdahl.

Board Members Present:

Bret Afdahl – Board President	Joanie Blair – Director of Communications
Rick Miller – Board Past President	John Ullmann – Director of League Play
Doug Abraham – Board Vice President	Jon Kotilnek – Director of Coaching
Kellie Beck – Board Treasurer	Rachel Graves – Director of Fundraising
Jessi Fromm – Board Secretary	
Tom Kirschenmann – Registrar	Landon Badger – Director of Hockey
Gerad Johnson – Board Facilities Manager	Kaishia Anderson – Concessions Manager
Christi Hand – Director of Players	Nick Marso – Capitalize on the Future
Larissa Freeman – Director of Marketing	Clarie Peschong – Merchandise

Additional Guests:

Gary and Connie Grittner, Clint Freeman, Shane Kramme, Becky Kitts, and Vicki Vanden Bos

II. Board Minutes

John Ullmann made a motion to approve the January Board Minutes.
Seconded by Tom Kirschenmann. Motion passed unanimously.

III. TREASURERS REPORT

Rachel Graves made a Motion to approve the January Treasurer’s Report.
Second by John Ullmann. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Donation by Gary and Connie Grittner

- Mr. and Mrs. Grittner presented the Board with a check for \$10,000 to help with the bathroom renovations. This is the second donation they made for the bathroom renovation.
- Total in donation amount is \$20,000.
- The Expo Board will oversee the Bathroom Renovation project and will be contributing \$20,000.00.
- The Oahe Board will give the money they received in donations to the Expo board to help with the bathroom renovation project.
- The bathroom remodel project will begin on March 2, 2026, and expected completion date is March 19, 2026.

V. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS

Tom Kirschenmann – Registrar

- There are around 238 youth registered for hockey this year.

- High numbers in Learning to Skate.

Rachel Graves – Director of Fundraising

- All Raffle tickets have been turned in and winners have been announced.
- Will give Kellie the winners information, so she can give the winners their winnings.

John Ullmann – Director of League Play

- Discussed Ice rentals.
- Handed out an example of the Ice Rental Agreement for the Board to review.
- Discussed the makeup games for Boy's Varsity and Bantams that will be held in Mitchell.
- Working with GiGi Marvin on potentially having a camp in Pierre for all skaters in September or October.
- Bret asked if he would talk to Goalrobbers about a camp.

Jessi Fromm – Secretary

- No report at this time.

Kellie Beck – Board Treasurer

- There might be more Godfrey Roberts Fund available this year.

Larissa Freeman – Director of Marketing

- No report at this time.

Joanie Blair – Director of Communications

- No report at this time.

Bret Afdahl – Board President

- Commemorative Pucks have been ordered.
- USA Hockey is hosting a try hockey for free on March 7, 2026.
 - This time doesn't work for the association; however, we will try and get supplies to have and do a try hockey for free in September or October.
- Discuss the number of games during Pink the Rink.
- Rink teardown will be March 23rd-29th.

VI. Landon Badger – Director of Hockey

- Continuing to work with the kids on being the best they can on and off the ice and representing the association in a positive way.
- Discussed different ideas and options for the Spring Hockey Series.

VII. Capitalize on the Future

- Finalizing the plans for Ice Barn.
- Maybe ready to go out for Bid within the next couple of months.
- Currently working with a donor on a \$500,000.00 donation will have more information for the Board in the following month.

Squirt Try-Out Policy

- Move to discussion after the season.

OHA Hall Of Fame Policy

- Rick will work with Joanie on getting everything for the Hall of Fame on the website.
- Rick will email the policy out for the Board review and adopt the policy.

Registration Date 2026-2027 Season

- Discussion on Early Bird Registration.
- Tom will put together some options and ideas to move registrations deadlines up for League Levels.
- Kellie will work on the Budget to see what amount is needed for registration fees for next season.

Chase the Ace

- Clint presented some ideas on what the Chase the Ace Committee would like to see the \$125,000 donation be used for.
- The board discussed the different options and will continue looking at the recommendations for the use of the funds.

Rick Miller made a motion to set up a Money Market Account at First National Bank for the Chase to Ace funds. Tom Kirschenmann Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Doug Abraham made a motion to approve Bret Afdahl and Kellie Beck to be signers on all bank accounts for OHA, and Bret Afdahl, Kellie Beck, and Nick Marso to be signers on the COTF Account and the COTF money market account. Jon Kotlinek Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Pink the Rink

- Claire gave an overview of the event.
- There was an estimated income of \$5,200 that was brought in.
- Working on getting all the expenses to determine the net proceeds of the event.
- Discussed the Dibs allocations for the event and will give the information to Christi Hand.

On February 11, 2026, Claire asked the Board through email about donating funds to Mr. Stulka.

John Ulmann moved to approve that OHA donate \$3,000.00 for the 2026 Pink the Rink proceeds to Greg Stulka. Racheal Graves Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. New Business

Spectator policy

- Moved to Next Month's Meeting.

**Rick Miller made a Motion to Adjourn the January Board Meeting at 8:18pm
Second, by John Ullmann. Motion passed unanimously.**

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR March 16 ,2026

Submitted by: Jessi Fromm