

**Oahe Hockey Association  
August 2015 Board Meeting Minutes  
First National Bank Board Room – Pierre, SD  
Monday, August 17, 2015**

Board President, Nathan Sanderson, called the August Board meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Lee Axdahl, Rick Miller, Jon Herman, Mike Mueller, Stephanie Lyons, Tiffany Sanchez, and Craig Davis. Absent Board Members: Katie Starr, Paul Bachand, Serena Swenson, and Bob Gray.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY BOARD MEETING**

Tiffany came to the board with a few revisions/amendments to the budget that she caught since the July Board Meeting. (1) Under “Income”, “Registration” should be increased to \$28,500 from \$27,800 (accounting for the \$15 per player increase versus \$10 per player that it was originally calculated at); (2) Under “Expenses”, “Fundraiser Exp. Calendar” should be lowered to \$4,000 from the original amount of \$5,000; (3) the “Reserve” should be increased to \$3,632 from \$2,932. This is due to the additional \$700 increase in Registration.

**Board President Sanderson entertained a Motion to approve the revised budget amendments as presented by Tiffany. Motion made by Mike Mueller. Second by Craig Davis. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Board President Sanderson entertained a Motion to approve the July Board Meeting minutes, taking the budget revisions/amendments just approved, into account. Motion made by Craig Davis. Second by Lee Axdahl. Motion passed unanimously.**

**II. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS**

**TREASURER – TIFFANY SANCHEZ**

Tiffany gave her August Treasurer's Report:

Jul 31 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$48,678.33

Restricted Funds: \$42,557.34

Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Jul 31: \$ 6,120.99

**Tiffany's respectfully submitted Report of Aug 1-17:**

Aug 17 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$53,460.95

Restricted Funds: \$42,687.34

Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Aug 17: \$ 10,773.61

July 1 – Aug 17 income \$29,770.00: RAM Grant (2015-2016) \$20,000; RAM – Godfrey Roberts \$5,000; Registration 2015-16 \$4,185.00; Restricted Donations/Godfrey Roberts Support Fund Contributions \$130.00; Summer Hockey Registrations \$455.00

July 1 – Aug 17 expense \$47.83: Coach subscription \$60.00; Concession Expense/Drink (\$302.32); Concession Expense/Food (\$896.10); Phone and Internet \$174.24; PO Box Rental \$68.00; Registration/Online Fees (FNB) \$3.48; RAM Concession Expense/Restricted Fund Expenses \$340.53; Summer Hockey Expense \$600.00

Overall Total for July 1 – Aug 17: \$29,722.17

Registrations are starting to come in. The Pierre Mall sponsorship money from last season came in. We are starting out good.

**Board President Sanderson entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mike Mueller made the Motion. Second by Rick Miller. Motion passed unanimously.**

**REGISTRAR – RICK MILLER**

Gave update on August 8<sup>th</sup> registration day. 80 skaters signed up that day at Faith Lutheran Church. Registration went up until 5pm. 17 skaters have since registered on-line. As of now, a third of this season's expected skaters have

registered. His unofficial numbers as of today – \$7,985 from the August 8<sup>th</sup> registration day and then with taking the on-line registrations into account as well, a total of \$11,820 in registration money has been received.

September 4<sup>th</sup> is the Drop Dead Date for Hockey Registrations.

Hoping to sign some more skaters up as well after the November 7<sup>th</sup> “Try Hockey for Free” day.

#### **PLAYERS – KATIE STARR**

Absent. Nathan did report that the national “Try Hockey for Free” day is Scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup>. More details will be given at the September Board Meeting.

#### **COACHING – PAUL BACHAND**

Absent. Nathan did report that Paul is close to finalizing the coaching roster and will have this by the September Board Meeting.

#### **LEAGUE PLAY – CRAIG DAVIS**

State JV and Varsity schedules are now on hold. Sioux Falls will have one Varsity team and Sioux Center is asking to petition down to JV.

Craig is working to get more Friday night games for OHA with the state scheduler.

Pee Wees will have only 1 tournament. It will also need to be determined if OHA will have an A and B team, or an A and C team.

Craig has sent in all levels’ tournaments to the state.

PAYSA update – rinktek is working now and hoping to have the ice up by 9/1 so OHA can still have the full schedule planned for 3 – on – 3. If the ice is up later than 9/1 it may shorten the time frame for 3 – on – 3 by a week or so. Craig spoke to Kiwanis to solicit donations for PAYSA. PAYSA did receive another anonymous donation of \$5,000 since their fundraiser in July.

PAYSA is going to pursue an on-going fundraiser of their own by selling permanent player hockey signs. The PAYSA website is operated under Blue Sombrero and these are where orders will be placed. Cholik signs will manufacture them.

The board discussed that if the Capitals logo is used, OHA should be getting a cut of the proceeds. Craig informed the board that he will formalize a deal with PAYSA regarding this by the September Board Meeting.

The Black Hills Hockey Academy camp was great and well received. The kids loved it. The Rush coaches were awesome. PAYSA made money. Overall it was really good. 27 registrants participated and they were of Bantam age and younger. Hoping to have this again next summer.

If any practice schedule changes at PAYSA look like they will be made, Craig will have them and will inform the board at the September meeting.

This year the Huff-n-Puff league will need to coordinate a Zamboni schedule for themselves. They will also need to be USA Hockey registered. There will be more policing of this league this year.

#### **RINK OPERATIONS – JON HERMAN**

He will check with Gordie on the tentative date to start putting the ice down. It will more than likely be the middle of October. Hoping that Brosz Engineering will be our new, 4<sup>th</sup> ice sponsor.

#### **FUNDRAISING – SERENA SWENSON**

Serena was not at the meeting, however a reminder that Zamboni Days will take place in early October.

#### **MARKETING – BOB GRAY**

Absent. No report.

Tiffany Sanchez shared some of the plans for the 7 Varsity Home Games OHA has (as determined by a marketing committee that met).

- The 1<sup>st</sup> home game will be “OHA Night”: all level players are encouraged to wear their jerseys, hopefully sit together in the stands, and we will market all the different levels during the game.
- A Senior poster will be done again this year listing the varsity home game dates and the events planned for each. The definitive event for each home varsity game will be announced at a later time.
- Some of home game night activities will include: Sponsor night, raffle winner night, Mite – Mini Mite night (with scrimmages during period breaks like last season), Senior night, Pep Band night, Dance Team night, and a “Pink the Rink” night. Kris Bucholtz, Marcie Long, and Steph Lyons will co-chair the “Pink the Rink” night and Gordie Woods has graciously offered to purchase pink jerseys for auction purposes during the event.
- Hoping to give away game passes on the radio. Will have special passes made for these giveaways that look different from the season passes.
- Hoping to do sofa seat raffles as well for each game.
- On November 18<sup>th</sup> players will be allowed to sell student passes for each home game to fellow students at the High School (a table will be set up).
- Bob Gray will work on getting a T-shirt launcher that will allow sponsors to give away t-shirts to highlight themselves at different home games.

The board agreed that sponsors would be given one season pass again this year, as well as sign sponsors being given one, game pass.

The board also discussed having a Red Light/Siren Sponsor this season. It would have to be run from the scorer’s table. May Adam expressed interest last year. Nathan and/or Bob will contact them to ask if they would be willing to be this sponsor.

## **COMMUNICATIONS – MIKE MUELLER**

All he's done the past few weeks has been seen on our webpage and social media.

The board discussed and agreed that with all the photos Darin Bergquist has taken in the past for OHA free of charge, and for his presence at games we are sure to see during this upcoming season, OHA will give him a season pass.

**No Board Action Was Needed or Taken.**

Mention was made that Rush Marketing was donating Rush jerseys to OHA for the Mite players.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **USA HOCKEY BACKGROUND CHECKS**

Reminder that all OHA board members must be registered with USA Hockey; where background checks will be done by USA Hockey via this registration process on-line. This is good for 1 year and must be done yearly.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **OHA HANDBOOK**

President Sanderson will begin to put together within the next few weeks an official "OHA Handbook"; it would be modeled after the handbook that the Brookings Hockey Association has, which also contains a history section of the association itself. The more research he does, the more he sees that many SD hockey associations also have a "Handbook". He is open to any input and assistance.

**No board action was needed or taken at this time.**

President Sanderson opened up discussion concerning the matter of locker room monitors, and how to handle the issue of properly monitoring our locker rooms. In the past, OHA relied on coordinator communications with parents concerning this issue. The board still feels very strongly in terms of keeping this line

of communication open between coordinators, parents, and coaches regarding locker room monitoring, no cell phone use in the locker rooms, and absolutely no bullying in the locker rooms. This is a very strong expectation of all. The board feels very strongly that respect must be in the locker rooms at all times and that control does not belong to the kids, but to the coaches of locker room expectations and adhering to these expectations. The board agrees and expects that this is uniform and consistent in the locker rooms at all levels of hockey.

President Sanderson will ask Director of Coaching, Paul Bachand, to communicate these board expectations for the upcoming season at the upcoming coaches' meeting (tentatively scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>). The board hopes that during this discussion, much two way communication will occur.

No other business was presented or discussed.

**The OHA September Board Meeting will take place on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. CST. It will be held in the Pierre Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room, Pierre.**

**President Sanderson entertained a Motion to Adjourn. Lee Axdahl made the Motion. Second by Rick Miller. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m. CST.**