

**Oahe Hockey Association
June 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
Faith Lutheran Church - Pierre, SD
Monday, June 17, 2019**

Board President, Lee Axdahl, called the June Monthly Board meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Lee Axdahl, Ryan Swartz, Stephanie Lyons, Rick Miller, Tawnya Pfeifer, Jim Wedin, Lisa Gordon, and Lisa Lee.

Lisa Lee Made a Motion to approve the May monthly board meeting minutes. Second by Jim Wedin. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Wedin Made a Motion to approve the January monthly board meeting minutes. Second by Ryan Swartz. Motion passed unanimously.

I. OHA MEMBER PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – PRESIDENT LEE AXDAHL

President Axdahl led the discussion. Topics discussed amongst the board and OHA members present centered around the girls program. Coaching, establishing a U14/U16 team, and petitioning the SDAHA board for a JV team this season were items talked about.

II. TREASURER’S REPORT – LISA GORDON

Treasurer Lisa Gordon gave a Budget report. She stated that the budget is very conservative and tight. She is creating a line item for PAYSА itself in the budget and noted that although expenses for PAYSА have remained the same, revenues have been down.

Lisa is proposing (as part of her Budget Report) that a program of “drop in cards” for skating at PAYSА be started this Fiscal Year (July 2019 – June 2020). The cost would be \$125 per skater or \$100 per skater if there is more than 1 skater in a family. The hope would be to sell at least 30 of these “drop in cards”.

Tawnya Pfeifer Made a Motion to approve the Budget report as proposed by Lisa Gordon. Second by Ryan Swartz. Motion passed unanimously.

III. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT – LEE AXDAHL

Each association's official seating capacity is due to SDAHA (certified) by July 1st.

SDAHA is pushing all associations to commit to the service of "Live Barn" (Sioux Falls and Aberdeen use already). There would be no cost to OHA for this on-line service and the state would pay for the installation of it. After installation the state would then require a long-term contract with this exclusive on-line provider ("Live Barn").

Who ends up paying to use this service is the individual "watchers/users" of the cameras installed by "Live Barn" (and this would be in any rink where their cameras are present).

Lee will engage with "Live Barn" before July 1st to show the state we are starting the process to set up this service. The EXPO board will be contacted to approve this as well.

As was discussed in the April monthly board meeting:

"Live Barn" (cameras mounted in the rink) – Discussed this service available through a subscription with the possibility of a 30% kickback to the association. Cameras would stream video and could be used for games, practices, or as a disciplinary aide when needed. Board agreed it would be an important tool to have and will discuss more at upcoming meeting.

REGISTRAR – RICK MILLER

Working on delinquencies. 11 people will be invoiced who have not paid yet, totaling \$2,255.

DIRECTOR OF PLAYERS – TAWNYA PFEIFER

The current summer rec session numbers (June) look good. The numbers for the upcoming July session aren't as good. Will keep promoting the program for July.

The latest report on the State Squirt League is that there will be 22-24 teams and Games will be played Round Robin with 2 games per day. The schedule should consist of half the games being played at home and half the games being played away. There will also be 3 jamborees - one at the Beginning of the Season, one at Mid-Season, and one at the End of the Season.

A big push this year at all levels (including the Squirt League) will be the need for new officials to enter the state's officiating program. The numbers for officials statewide are low.

She talked with Mike Hunter from Huron and got more details on the state's Girls U14 program:

- 7 other SD associations have a Girls U14 team
- We would need 8 players plus a Goalie
- OHA currently could field these player needs as we have the following:
 - 4 – 10 year olds > 2nd year Squirts
 - 9 – 11 year olds > 1st year PeeWees
 - 2 – 12 year olds > 2nd year PeeWees
 - 15 Total Players
- Tawnya took a straw poll of the players and parents:
 - Players/3-yes; 3-probably yes; 1-no; 5-no response yet
 - 1 Parent said they may coach
 - Parents/3-yes; 3-probably yes; 1-no; 5-no response yet

Board discussion took place that this program needs to be pushed and encouraged. Any Girls U14 player can be double rostered on the Girls Varsity or Girls JV Team, but can only be double rostered on Girls' teams (not PeeWees for example). The Girls U14 team could practice with Girls JV/Varsity.

Jim Wedin Made a Motion to approve an Oahe U14 Girls Team that would practice with the Oahe Girls JV/Varsity Team. Second by Lisa Lee. Motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF COACHING – JIM WEDIN

We need Girls' Team and Bantam level coaches. We are okay at all other levels.

Has a letter ready that he will be sending out to all coaches giving details of an early July meeting with himself and Coach Steele where they will be answering questions and addressing concerns; as well as giving direction going forward.

DIRECTOR OF LEAGUE PLAY – CRAIG DAVIS (ABSENT): NO REPORT GIVEN

DIRECTOR OF RINK OPERATIONS – JON HERMAN (ABSENT): NO REPORT GIVEN

DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING – DENISE LANGLEY (ABSENT): NO REPORT GIVEN

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING – LENNIS AXDAHL (ABSENT): EMAIL REPORT BELOW

Report from Director of Marketing:

- Nathan Sanderson has purchased a \$500 wall sign sponsorship for OHA in 2019-2020. M&R signs will construct and hang at the open space on the Expo wall just north (left) of the crow's nest.
- Lennis will work with Lisa to determine outstanding sign sponsorship commitments.
- No firm commitment from The Fieldhouse at this time; but has expressed interest since his family is heavily involved in the program.
- Sanford will come on board with a sponsorship, to be determined, in August.

Lennis

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS – LISA LEE

Nothing to report. Did make mention on an Old Business item of Goalie Gear that a quote is being waited on from Goal Crease.

VICE-PRESIDENT – RYAN SWARTZ

Nothing to Report.

CONCESSIONS – VACANT: NO REPORT GIVEN

IV. PAYSA – CONRAD MALSAM

Nothing to Report.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

Status of Equipment Purchases:

Lisa Lee gave update earlier – waiting on a quote from Goalie Crease.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business to Report.

VII. **ADJOURN**

President Axdahl asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Rick Miller Made the Motion to Adjourn the June Monthly Board Meeting. Second by Jim Wedin. Motion passed unanimously. The June Monthly Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. CST.

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