

OYHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 7, 2012
Four Seasons Arena

Members Present: Sid Baumgartner, Beth Bogen, Johnny DeHaan, Mike Jacobson, Michelle Jandt, Shelly Johnson, Eric Lehrer, Becky Munns, Shannon Pederson, Colleen Rehman, Sheila Sawyer, Luke Thurnau, Todd Valento, Bob Vereide, and Mike Wolfe

Members Absent: Kirsten Conry, Brad Meier, Mike Schoeneman

Minutes Recorded By: Becky Munns

Approve Meeting Minutes: July

Correction to July minutes: Mike Wolfe should be listed as a board member, not Guest.

Motion to approve the July Meeting Minutes by Bob Vereide.

Seconded by Shelly Johnson.

Approved.

GUESTS:

Mark Arjes and Mark Henricks with Youth 1st

OYHA is really one small part of the entire community effort. Youth 1st started with the larger governments/boards in Owatonna – city, county, and school district. Those organizations have signed a resolution agreeing to general guidelines when dealing with all youth activities. This is about creating unity for our community. They are creating a Youth 1st Media Show that will hopefully be produced at the high school by students, it will feature the high school coaches – basketball, wrestling, and hockey. Another new item this year, the high school hockey program will include all hockey teams that play in Owatonna – high school, youth, and Blades (including team pictures). The sponsorship wasn't really a part of the overall goals of Youth 1st. Youth 1st does see the sponsorship as an additional service at this time and handles this in the same way with all organizations. For instance - the Bullpen club pays \$5,000 for Youth 1st goals and then 20% of sponsorship dollars. See attached document from Youth 1st. The Blue Line Club (OHS Boys Hockey) is planning to work with Youth 1st in the coming year. Youth 1st considers OYHA, High School Hockey, and the Blades as one sport community – the fee for the entire community is \$5,000. The Blue Line Club has contributed \$1,500 toward the \$5,000 hockey fee. OYHA would need to pick up the remaining \$3,500 if we want to continue our partnership.

OFFICER'S REPORT: The officers met to develop a list of questions for Youth 1st. The Executive Board met with Youth 1st prior to the meeting on August 7, 2012.

TREASURERS REPORT: We have cashed the parent commitment checks from the families that did not complete their hours.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Shelly Johnson

Seconded by Beth Bogen

Approved

GAMBLING REPORT:

We are up \$1,000 from last July. Our expenses are down. Plaza receipts are still increasing, but slowly. Our options are limited.

Motion to approve August gambling reports by Johnny DeHaan

*Seconded by Sid Baumgartner
Approved*

*Motion to pre-approve September gambling reports by Luke Thurnau
Seconded by Michelle Jandt
Approved*

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Merchandise Committee:

The committee got together on Friday night to determine prices for leftover merchandise. They will be selling this merchandise at registration. They are working on new ideas for fall. We are beginning to set up apparel in the on-line store. Merchandise Committee is going to be working with Court Sports for the tourney shirts. The warm-ups will be through Straight River.

Fundraising/Sponsorship Committee:

Youth 1st – our portion of the \$5,000 fee would be \$3,500 due to the Blue Line Club adding \$1,500. Discussion regarding the presentation.

*Motion to approve the allocation of \$3,500 to continue working with Youth 1st by Johnny DeHaan
Seconded by Sheila Sawyer
Approved*

Ice Committee:

Fall Clinic – still needing to finalize scheduling.

Equipment Committee:

Jerseys for Squirts/10U have been ordered. Johnny is still looking to finalize the sock order. Old Jerseys – will wait until we physically have the new jerseys. The plan is to offer the old Squirt Jerseys for sale to parents for a limited time and then possibly roughly 15-20 jerseys made into bags.

Education & Development Committee:

Fall Camp will start Sunday, September 9 and continue through October 20th. The Saturday times will be run by our coaches and Mike Wolfe. Kids will skate with Karn Skating School for three sessions on Sundays. Karn was willing to change their schedule to an earlier time on Sundays for the first six weeks of fall camp. The number of sessions that each skater gets with Karn will depend on how many skaters sign up for fall camp.

Tryout Dates:

Bantams: October 7, 8 and 10

PeeWee and Squirts: October 21, 22, and 24

A question was brought to the attention of the board in regards to Wednesday Practices and religion classes. Mike Wolfe will add this to the Coaches Manual – no child should be punished due to missing practices for family or religion, as long as they have informed the coach that they will be missing practice. Some discussion ensued about other organizations that don't allow practices or games on Wednesdays.

Disposal of Dryland Equipment - The Blades are taking the free weights and a few Nautilus pieces. We will add the remaining Nautilus pieces on the website. Steve has given us storage for the plyometric (Russian ramps).

All coaching applications are in and background checks are complete. Most (95%) of the applicants don't have a strong preference of head coach/assistant at any given level. There is only one level that has two

applicants vying for the same position – there will be interviews conducted at that level. The board will need to approve the list of head coaches during the September meeting.

Registration/Insurance Committee:

Registration Nights: August 28 & August 29. The Registration Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, August 22nd at 6pm to review plans for registration night, count tickets into bunches, and assign board members to specific registration duties. Some of the additional tables needed for Registration - the Blue Line Club and Girls Hockey will have a table.

The fundraiser dates are set:

Pork Supper: Thursday, October 25

Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, December 2

Tournament Committee:

The tournament committee met and discussed a few items that will help us improve our home tourneys. There was confusion last year about resurfacing. We have decided that we will resurface the ice every two periods. We would like to determine a way to identify tournament directors a little more clearly. We will have a white board at the tourney table for posting quick information (tourney directors, phone number to EMT)

Communication/Publicity:

The Blue Line club would like to sell products through our website. Johnny feels that it would be easy to create a link to the form for the item that Blue Line Club is selling. Do we want to allow people to pay for things on-line? The question came up regarding payment processing and third party agreements. At this point, we will not look to accept on-line payments.

Kick Off Banquet Committee:

The banquet will be Monday, October 29 at 6pm in the East Rink and upstairs. Our banquet had to be moved due to District 9 scheduling meeting at our regular Sunday banquet time. We will be getting rosters signed during this meeting.

Concessions Committee:

The Trapper Show was extremely busy. We deposited \$12,000 and expenses were around \$5,000. This was a great show, the people were polite even though they had to wait in long lines, had warm pop, etc. They were an awesome bunch. There are few shifts remaining during the fair. The Women's Expo is September 9th and the Linder Farm Network is September 11-12. These will be posted. The Blades first home game is October 26th. There are 21-22 home games.

Park & Recreation Committee:

We were recently notified that we received a grant for 10 sets of player equipment – bag and everything. These will be added to the rental equipment program. We are working with the Wild regarding the deposit check for the possibility for our Mites to skate during an intermission of a Wild Game. We need to submit the deposit for the tickets in order to be considered.

Fair Parking – Luke is working on the signs for the three different gates. All hours for parking are filled. We have the first few nights. Parking will be \$4.00. Luke is going to ensure that our workers have appropriate change. The split is 40%, 40%, and 20% between OBA, OYHA, and the Soccer Association. The contract is signed and insurance completed.

New Business:

The City/County Utility Agreement – the county and/or city will be asking for the breakdown of resident/non-resident participant numbers from OYHA. Becky will review the registration data from 2011 to determine the breakdown. If the Utility Agreement is allowed to expire on December 31, 2012 - the

Utility Fee that is currently paid by the city could then be assessed to all the users of the Four Seasons. OYHA is the primary user of the building and definitely have a vested interest in the continuation of the agreement. Eric Lehrer will be the liaison for the OYHA Board to spearhead efforts to influence both the city and county boards.

Announcements:

The District 9 Meeting and Tournament Meeting on September 24 in Faribault.

Motion to adjourn by Shelly Johnson

Seconded by Sid Baumgartner

Approved

Next Meeting:

OYHA Board: The next meeting is September 19th at 6pm in the Four Seasons Meeting Room.

Upcoming Calendar Items:

- **OYHA Registration Night – August 28 & 29**
- **Pork Commercial Supper – Thursday, October 25**
- **Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, December 2**