

OYHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 17, 2012
Four Seasons Arena

Members Present: Sid Baumgartner, Beth Bogen, Kirsten Conry, Johnny DeHaan, Mike Jacobson, Michelle Jandt, Shelly Johnson, Eric Lehrer, Brad Meier, Colleen Rehman, Sheila Sawyer, Mike Schoeneman, Luke Thurnau, Todd Valento, Bob Vereide

Members Absent: Becky Munns, Shannon Pederson

Minutes Recorded By: Beth Bogen

October Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve the September Meeting Minutes by Bob Vereide.
Seconded by Kirsten Conry.
Approved.

GUESTS:

Josh Hovden – Steele County Sports and Wellness. The focus of this group is to try to get another building in town that could include a gym, track, and pool. He suggested that OYHA could be interested as potential spot for a dryland facility. Right now the objective of the group is to raise \$20,000 to fund a feasibility study. They are currently about ¾ of the way to reaching their funding goal for this project. Track has donated \$100. Soccer and baseball have donated \$1000 each. Is OYHA interested in donating to the feasibility study?

Josh mentioned that many of the where, how big, and what questions cannot be answered until the results of the feasibility report are obtained. Part of the study will be stakeholder meetings. Josh mentioned that the more involved in the stakeholder meetings an organization is, the higher their organization's priority will be for having their needs met.

Mark Arjes and Mark Hendricks – Youth 1st. Mark announced Walser Chevrolet will be including hockey into their sponsorship program and raffle this year. He provided a handout including benefits for our program, sponsorship check, and raffle guidelines. Colleen mentioned some concerns that may arise due to our gaming license including price of ticket on the ticket, record keeping, and charitable gaming license compliance. She has checked on some of the details of the program and how they work with an organization with a gaming license. More details need to be obtained and clarified prior to OYHA's discussion on participation.

Mark also reported that sponsorship commitments are almost at \$20,000. On the printing side, there will be a full Owatonna hockey program, which will include girls' and boys' hockey and the Blades. Because of Insty Prints in-kind donation these programs will be available at each of the girls', boys', and Blades' games. He also reported that we should still have \$500 credit from Tri M from last year that was not used and they have renewed this year. Jayce Press has committed to roster cards.

OFFICER'S REPORT: Eric reported that nothing has been finalized due to the election year. However, one situation that has been discussed is that OYHA would potentially be absorbing \$17,000 (approximately \$116 per player) in costs for next year.

Mike gave an overview of the District Information and sent this out prior to the meeting. He is still waiting on location and times for the District 8 scheduling meeting. He mentioned some areas of concern for this year including hazing and that suspensions have been given out, there are some concerns regarding out of

state tournaments, and stiffer penalties for boarding for players and coaches.

TREASURERS REPORT: Brad reported that all changes that were made at the September meeting have been updated in the budget. The one item that may stand out at this time is the registration income, which will begin to show up in October.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Johny DeHaan

Seconded by Bob Vereide

Approved

GAMBLING REPORT: Colleen reported that sales were low in September but was unsure of what influences may have affected these numbers. She did state that so far in October numbers were higher than the whole month of September. She was going to attend a seminar on electronic pull-tabs but was given the wrong date. She reported that the next step for statewide electronic gaming is to begin a trial period beginning November 1st. This will include allowing each of the gaming distributors to put devices in their 5 highest volume facilities. She had not been contacted about this and felt that we were not included in the top five. There were no additional expenses for the month.

Motion to approve October gambling reports by Brad Meier

Seconded by Beth Bogen

Approved

Motion to pre-approve November gambling reports by Brad Meier

Seconded by Johny DeHaan

Approved

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Communication/Publicity: The board is working on better communicating all information to the new OYHA members, especially the squirts. Johny would like all Level 3 and 4 Park and Rec parents to create accounts so they are aware of OYHA information prior to their involvement with it. Kirsten will discuss and show parents how to do this at the Park and Rec meeting on October 21st.

Concessions Committee: Nothing new to report. Upcoming events are the Ice Jam and Blades Games. Bob complimented Shelly on her work done to get the concession stand ready and how smoothly it was operating even when she was away. Shelly recognized Tammy Beman for her assistance with last minute organizational tasks that she completed to get the concession ready.

Shelly is working on tickets for the Gatorade for OHS Scrimmages.

Education & Development Committee: There was some discussion about concerns/possible changes for the fall clinic: too early – conflicts with other fall sports, not enough Bantams and girls during their scheduled time, and attendance at fall clinic was much lower than Karn attendance. Feedback for the Karn skating was positive.

Brad reported that lockers would be installed on Tuesday, October 23rd at 1:00. This was the best time for rink workers and Wenger. He requested if any board members are available to help please show up at this time.

Keys for the dryland facility will be distributed to the coaches through the coaching coordinator. A date

needs to be set to deliver and unload the truck with the equipment.

Johnny gave an overview of the Squirt situation. As of right now the Education Committee has submitted to Districts 1 Squirt A team and 1 Squirt B team. There will be 2 Squirt C teams. After try-outs it will be determined if changes need to be made.

Equipment Committee: Johnny reported that there are 3 more designs available on the on-line store. He will be sending out information for the on-line store soon.

Warm-ups will be available for pick-up. There were some people concerned they could not pick them up sooner. It was originally set-up this way to minimize the work on Straight River.

Jerseys and socks are in. Johnny brought the 2 designs to show.

Coding goalie equipment was mentioned but not discussed.

Finance Committee: Nothing to report

Fundraising/Sponsorship Committee: Brad reported that we are way ahead of last year. We have had several in-kind donations for printing rosters and banners, and that there is still money available from last year and this year from Tri M.

Ice Committee: October ice is scheduled. Once try-outs are complete there may be some changes. Once district meetings are complete, scheduled games will be added to the calendars. It was mentioned that coaches' meetings and parent' meetings should be added to the calendar.

Park & Recreation Committee: Kirsten and Todd will be presenting the ADM model to the Park and Rec parents at the meeting at 4:15 on October 21st. There needs to be increased communication of skill progression with parents. Mike recommended that all Level 3 and 4 skaters be required to wear mouthguards and neck guards. This is required for all OYHA events. Because fall clinic was part of OYHA, these two items were required. Skaters coming in from other program need to follow our guidelines. A question was brought up about goalies wearing neck guards. No decision was made.

Registration/Insurance Committee: Mike reported that right now we are at 150 registrations. Sheila is concerned about the girls numbers at U14, especially if any of the girls make the team and move up to High School. Johnny stated that he thought the U14 number was actually 13 instead of 12. Discussion of possible changes will happen if this number goes lower.

Tournament Committee: Kirsten reported that Bantam B and C and Squirt B tournaments are full. The other Bantam and Squirt tournament numbers are good. She is concerned about the low PeeWee tournament numbers. She has already contacted teams that have registered for the tournament in previous years.

Board members will be expected to sign up for tournaments at our next meeting.

Kick-off/Banquet:

Bob highlighted the agenda for the kick-off. Everyone needs to enter the East/West doors. Rosters will be signed. Background check forms will be at a table at registration. We will encourage as many parents as possible to complete background checks. Any board member, coach, on-ice helper, or lockerroom supervisor must complete a background check. There will be a change in what Mark Arjes addresses at Kick-off due to the OYHA researching more information on the Walser Raffle. Youth 1st will be announced but will not speak at kick-off. Any new OYHA parent will have the option to go through

training with Shelly regarding concession responsibilities. Date and time TBA. Clock and stats training will be taught by Becky and Sid.

New Business:

**levels of play were discussed earlier

**District 8 dates and times will be communicated. Coaches need to make sure that no events are booked on skills nights.

**Steele County Sports and Wellness discussion. OYHA long term goal would be a permanent dryland facility. How would this facility benefit us? What if we don't have access to the pig barn as a dryland facility? Could our teams use this facility for things other than dryland? What if we don't jump on board now, do we lose out? How does the location of this affect how our teams will use it?

A recommendation was made to donate \$500 to the feasibility study being administered through the SCSWI.

*Motion to approve SCSWI \$500 donation by Johny DeHaan
Secoded by Todd Valento
Approved*

Sheila requested the OYHA to sponsor the White Caps again this year. A request was made that the game we sponsor be later in the year so they have more players and the game is more competitive.

*Motion to approve OYHA sponsoring the White Caps game (date and time TBA) by Sheila Sawyer
Secoded by Beth Bogen
Approved*

Announcements:

Board members need to sign-up to work the pork commercial before leaving the meeting.

Brad shared the Patrick Johnson Benefit Fundraiser information. The board will work this event and possibly put together a basket for the silent auction. Bob made a recommendation to utilize money not exceed \$500 for this event.

*Motion to approve up to \$500 donation to be used for items for the Patrick Johnson Benefit by Bob Vereide
Secoded by Kirsten Conry
Approved*

*Motion to adjourn the meeting by Brad Meier
Secoded by Michelle Jandt
Approved*

Next Meeting:

Executive Board Meeting is at in the
OYHA Board: The next meeting is November 21st at 6pm in the Four Seasons Meeting Room.

Upcoming Calendar Items:

- **Kick-off Banquet October 29th**
- **Pancake Breakfast December 2nd**