

OYHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 2013
Four Seasons Arena

Members Present: Sid Baumgartner, Beth Bogen, Kirsten Conry, Johnny DeHaan, Mike Jacobson, Shelly Johnson, Eric Lehrer, Becky Moons, Shannon Pederson, Colleen Rehman, Mike Schoeneman, Mike Vetsch, Todd Valento

Members Absent: Tom Harrison, Bob Vereide, and Mike Wolfe

Minutes Recorded By: Rebecca Munns

Approve Meeting Minutes: June 2013

Motion to approve the June Meeting Minutes by Eric Lehrer.
Seconded by Colleen Rehman.
Approved.

GUESTS:

Mark Arjes:

- Grant Writing – Youth First has not applied for any grants on behalf of OYHA. With the planning of the dryland facility - they will begin to work on the grant writing at this time.
- Sponsorship - discussion of team sponsors and delivery of picture books. Currently finalizing the ice logos for the 2013-2014 season.
- Youth 1st Photo Booth at the SCFF as a fundraiser. Professional photographer, fun props, high energy music, pictures available on Facebook, high resolution pictures will also be available. Will ask for a donation to do the picture. What is the OYHA commitment: sign contribution, support, and promotion. The bulk of the money would be channeled to the Dryland Facility. Photographer - Event Exposure. Typical booth for the fair is \$500 - we are trading the cost of the booth for the SCFF sponsorship sign in the arena. We believe that this event would be an expense of \$1,000 at a max.

Tim Hunst:

- Girls tournaments. Ed & Development met with a focus on the girls' program numbers and home tournaments. A large portion of the discussion was centered on the girls program for input on the upcoming season and what levels each team should be scheduled to play. Tim felt that at the end of the meeting there was agreement to have a tournament for 14U, 12U, 10U - A, and 10U-B. Tim feels there is resistance to the female sports programs. He feels that tournaments drive our participation. He questioned why we would have three Peewee tournaments, when we know that we will only have two Peewee teams. We have had a Bantam C tournament and no Bantam team. Doesn't the tournament raise money for OYHA. It was pointed out that the Ed & Development Committee brought this to the June Board meeting where the board actually voted down the 10U-B tournament based on multiple reasons: felt that there wouldn't be time to add another tourney to the Girls Weekend, we lost a lot of money on the Girls Tourney weekend last year and can not repeat that, fast approaching deadline for the Let's Play Hockey advertisement. The Tournament Committee is going to be meeting soon and will investigate the possibility of running a 4 team round robin tournament during the Girls Tourney weekend. Tim will be invited to help make the 10UB tournament a possibility.

OFFICER'S REPORT: none

TREASURERS REPORT:

Based on the numbers, we currently have a deficit of \$9,000.

*Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Johnny DeHaan
Seconded by Shelly Johnson
Approved*

GAMBLING REPORT:

We were down in June 2013 from June 2012 mostly due to the closure of Big Ten. We are now going to be at Reno's. Reno's is once again open for business and once the state approves our application, we will be there with charitable gambling. We should be in by August 1st. The \$19,000 in gambling expenditures was money that actually went toward ice time - this was up \$6,000 from last year. Our compliance audit went very well and we are no longer on the audit alert list.

*Motion to approve June gambling reports by Johnny Dehaan
Seconded by Sid Baumgartner
Approved*

*Motion to pre-approve August expenses by Beth Bogen
Seconded by Johnny DeHaan
Approved*

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Merchandise:

- The committee is looking to do more of the merchandise sales on-line.

Equipment Committee:

- Mark Wiese has goalie pads for sale and has offered them to OYHA. He is looking for \$300. The equipment committee will be discussing this with a consideration on setting precedence.

Education & Development Committee:

Coaching Applications:

- We have received coaching applications for all levels except the 14U. We have plenty of applications for Bantam A and 10U's. One application for Peewee A. We would like to have interviews in August.

Dryland Facility:

- This proposal has now went before the Park & Rec committee to discuss the costs. Keyless Locks were proposed. Needs lighting for cages and emergency lights. Per Josh - we believe that the county has already approved the dryland facility and the final approvals are truly more of a formality. There is a drawing already established for the layout of the dryland facilities. Josh has been working with Gopher Sport and Greg Olson of Powerblock.

Girls Numbers:

- Johnny has talked to Faribault about the possibility of Owatonna accepting girls at the 14U level. Faribault has a large number of 12's, but not enough for two teams. If co-op: players would pay their own association and work their concession hours according to their association agreement. The teams would play and practice half time in both cities. We don't believe there are any additional costs to the association for co-op. Faribault will probably have 18 players - nine of them are probably A level players. This would need to be approved by the District 9 and would be a one year agreement. The co-op would be only at the 12U level. Both towns have currently scheduled a 12U-B tournament. Much discussion.

Motion to approve the a co-op with Faribault at the 12U level provided that Fairibault also

approves the co-op by Johnny DeHaan

No second.

We need representatives to attend the Faribault meeting when they discuss the possibility of a co-op program.

Registration/Insurance Committee:

- No updates have been made pending the final budget numbers

Tournament Committee:

- Will be meeting with the next week to ensure that we are having the correct tourneys and to ensure that our advertisements appear correct. They will also be discussing options other than Gold Cross.

Concessions Committee:

Freezer:

- We potentially need a new upright freezer because the Four Seasons wants to add more tables and chairs to the storage room that houses our chest freezer. There was a suggestion to ask about the closet at the far end of the mezzanine – carts can be used to move items to/from the freezer in that location..

Cash Registers:

- Shelly would like to stick with the same style of cash register, but there will be some minor changes. For budget purposes, we should just start with the replacement of just one register.

Pancake Breakfast:

- Is scheduled for December 1st. Some things have changed at the Eagles: we will still get 40% of the tickets sold, but the ticket price has been set for all associations to be \$5.00.

Ref Water for High School Games:

- Last year, the high school refs were given a ticket for water or Gatorade. The tickets would be given to Amy to accurately invoice either The Blue Line Club or the Girls Hockey program.

Pork Commercial

- Colleen will work on the Pork Fundraiser and Shelly will purchase the meat and buns. This dinner is typically on the Thursday prior to Halloween.

Park & Recreation Committee:

- The summer program had 16 skaters, which is typical for summer. The committee will be gathering to determine what the second part of the Park & Rec season will look like with the team structure.

New Business:

SCFF Picture Booth

A motion was made for OYHA to participate in the Steele County Free Fair - Youth 1st

Photo Booth by Becky Munns.

Seconded by Shannon Pederson

Approved

Budget:

- After a great deal of work, the 2013-14 budget is currently sitting at a deficit of \$3500 that includes a \$50-60 increase per skater.
- To help balance the budget some of the thoughts include: Reduction of Bantam and 14U away tournaments to a total of two away tournaments to match the other levels of play. This idea was met with resistance. There is the possibility to charge families of the Bantams/14s for the extra tournament.

*A Motion was made to approve the budget for 2013-14 with a \$3,500 deficit by Johnny DeHaan
Seconded by Colleen Rehman
Approved.*

Other Ideas:

- Potential opportunity with grant from Bremer Foundation
- Grandparents Donation
- Iceman's Club - letter to alumni to ask for donations. Dave Swenson has volunteered to chair this.

Update on AA Level of Play for top Bantam and Pee wee teams:

- We have been tentively approved by Minnesota Hockey and approved by District 9 to play our Bantam A and Pee wee A at a AA Level in District 8

Equipment Rental:

- our income in the rental program has been cut in half. We need to create a better record keeping system, potentially computerized.

Announcements:

Still need a D9 Rep - board meetings throughout the year in Rochester.

Adjournment:

*Motion to adjourn the meeting by Shelly Johnson
Seconded by Mike Schoeneman
Approved*

Next Meeting:

OYHA Board: The next meeting is August 21, 2013 at 6pm in the Four Seasons Meeting Room.