

OYHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 21, 2013
Four Seasons Arena

Members Present: Sid Baumgartner, Beth Bogen, Johnny DeHaan, Mike Jacobson, Shelly Johnson, Becky Munns, Colleen Rehman, Todd Valento, Bob Vereide, Mike Vetsch

Members Absent: Kirsten Conry, Tom Harrison, Eric Lehrer, Shannon Pederson, Mike Schoeneman, Mike Wolfe

Minutes Recorded By: Rebecca Munns

July Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve the July Meeting Minutes by Todd Valento.

Seconded by Beth Bogen.

Approved.

GUESTS: none

OFFICER'S REPORT: by Dave Swenson

District 9 Meeting

- Squirts and 10U will be tracking stats on the website. There may be a regional tournament created for this level.
- There is a 35 game limit, but if you play one team twice in a day – may be considered one event.
- Minnesota Hockey is working on a structure for cross ice games for Mites/8U
- New this year - No signatures needed on rosters by players or coaches
- Checking from behind is no longer a mandatory 5 minute penalty – will be ref discretion
- There will be tracking of skaters that are regularly being called for checking from behind
- Safe Sport Director is a position that is being created at the district level. At the association level, this falls on the Registration Coordinator or President of the Association.
- Owatonna bid for the Pee wee B District – the dates are February 14-16. The ice is fairly busy during this weekend, but using both sheets of ice, we should be able to make this work.
- We have been offered the Bantam B East Regional – dates February 28 – March 2. The ice time is available during this weekend.
- There are tryouts happening now for a District 9 Fall Bantam skills camp. There will be a Pee wee tryout in the next few weeks.
- Our tournaments are listed on District 9 Website
- District 9 wants us to have our team levels reported by October 13th.

Pee wee and Bantam AA Request

- District 8 has turned down our request to allow our top Pee wee and Bantam teams to play there at the AA level. Unfortunately, the rules have changed as far as seeding for the Regional tournament and district 8 is feeling that this would leave them at a disadvantage. Dave and Mike will be attending the full district 8 meeting next week to plead our case.

TREASURERS REPORT:

- Not a lot to report as it is the beginning of the fiscal year.
Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Bob Vereide
Seconded by Shelly Johnson
Approved

GAMBLING REPORT:

- We are down this month in comparison to last year due to our missing site. With our recent addition of Reno's on August 1st, we are hopeful that the numbers will improve.
- Plaza's numbers were down again this month, but July seemed to be slow for everyone. Plaza has moved the machine further around the corner and it really isn't noticed by anyone other than customers at the bar. Colleen will ask about possibly moving the machine or possibly displaying a banner to let customers know that pulltabs are available.
- Devices – there is a monthly fee for the device at Reno's – roughly \$270 per month. The Reno's permit is a one-time expense. Colleen is going to check with Amy as far as the Combined Receipts Tax, as it wasn't an expense in July 2012.
- We also discussed a banner for the arena that explains charitable gambling and where our pulltabs are located. Colleen will check into the cost of the banner. The banner seen in the New Hope arena reads as follows, "Our charitable gambling operation for ACYHA does a lot to help keep the cost of hockey down for your player. Please show your appreciation by supporting all of our gambling sites. We have Pull Tabs and BINGO available at our sites. Check out the website to learn more about donations made to the association because of the charitable gambling. Total contributions since 2006: \$509,400. Any questions regarding ACYHA Charitable Gambling, please contact. . ."

*Motion to approve July gambling reports by Bob Vereide
Seconded by Beth Bogen
Approved*

*Motion to pre-approve September gambling reports by Johnny Dehaan
Seconded by Shelly Johnson
Approved*

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Executive Committee:

- We do have a few applications for the Bookkeeper position to review. We will need to get together soon to review and interview. We would like Amy involved in this process.

Education & Development Committee:

- Met on July 25th
- Fall Camp – will be run by Eric Fink and will have a skater focus.
- Checking Instruction – Josh Storm will run a checking clinic for players entering Bantams if we can find the ice time. Josh will do a 45 minute off-ice and one hour on-ice clinic prior to tryouts for Bantams.
- Goalie Skills moved to Sunday night. Suggestions from goalie parents noted that team practice and goalie practice in one night is overwhelming. Doug Voss will be running the program.
- Skills will be on Mondays and there will be two times slots every week.
- Tryouts for Bantams, Peewees, and Squirts will have the same timing as last year.
- Girls Program – there was talk at the last meeting regarding the three levels of our girls program. The plan was to allow players from Faribault at the 14's, possibly co-op with Faribault at the 12's to form two teams, and have our own 10's team and possible two. It seems that Faribault was actually looking for a co-op at both the 10's and 12's and for a multiple year agreement. With further information from Faribault and complaints from parents, it was determined that now was not the best time to move forward with this plan. It is now appearing that we may need to move 12's up to play on the 14U team and move 10's up to play on the 12U team. Based on this, it has been determined that there will be a tryout for anyone wanting to play 12's or 14's. The tryout will not be used to cut anyone from a team, simply to determine skill level and to allow equal opportunity to

everyone wanting to tryout.

- Girls Tryout – Monday, October 7th

Coaches:

- 10U: Tony Holcomb? Mike Vetsch? Mike Wolfe? Paula Snitker?
- 12U: Josh Prokepec Marc Auchterkirch?
- 14U:, Marc Auchterkirch, Justin Brown, and Tess Heyer (student coach)
- Bantam A: Andy Nyland, John Gasner, and Brad Vogt
- Bantam B: Dan Sturgis and Tyler Tennet, Soren Colstrup (student coach)
- Pee wee A: Mike Schoeneman and Brad Sorum
- Pee wee B: Dean Braget ?
- Squirt A Scott Oldefendt, Terry Johnson, Todd Valento
- Squirt B & C: there are at least 8 additional Squirt B&C coaches

Player Petition – Squirt to Pee wee

- We received a petition to move a player from Squirt to Pee wee. Owen Baumgartner's birthday is one day after the age cut-off. The petition was filed stating that Owen could use the challenge presented by the Pee wee level. They also noted that he was being limited to playing defense. The Committee felt that Owen does have the skill to move to Pee wee. Owen will be a 5th grade student, but most of the Pee wee group is going into 6th and 7th grades. The unfortunate part is that our numbers at the Pee wee level are enough for two large teams, adding Owen would only make that problem worse, yet not enough for a third team. It was noted that we, as a coaching staff, need to ensure that players at the Squirt level especially play as many positions as possible – less specialization. The recommendation from the committee is to keep Owen at the Squirt level this year.

Motion to deny the request that would allow Owen Baumgartner to play at the Pee wee level by Johnny DeHaan

Seconded by Todd Valento

Approved as suggested by committee – request denied.

Park & Rec Player Petitions:

- We will need to review player petitions at the September meeting.
- Recommendation from Park & Rec Committee, approved by Coaching Coordinator, and approved by OYHA Board.
- Currently we have only a petition for Abby Vetsch.

Park & Rec Registration

- We contacted the girls who participated in Park & Rec last year that should stay in Park & Rec for at least another year due to either age or skill level...or both.

Dryland:

- There is a hold-up with extending the Beaver Damn.
- This has been pushed from right after the fair to now sometime in October.
- The committee will meet with Steve Schrot to develop a timeline

Karn Skating School

- We have received a request to bring Karn Skating to Owatonna again this fall, possibly Mondays.
- This could be a fundraiser for OYHA
- There are several families that are travelling to the metro for this instruction.
- The committee does not feel that this meets the goals of OYHA.

Fundraising/Sponsorship Committee:**Raffle Tickets –**

- there has been some high level conversations, but unfortunately this fundraiser has not developed any further at this point.
- The executive board will be scheduling a meeting to also hopefully include Scott Kubicek and Colleen Rehman.
- This will be mostly a brainstorming session

Equipment Committee:

- We still need to develop a way to track goalie equipment
- Todd will be calling Luke to determine what we have outstanding for equipment and to prep for upcoming Equipment Fitting.

Registration/Insurance Committee:

- Registration Nights are August 27 and August 28
- All returning players are required to register on-line; payments can either be on-line or by check
- All new players will need to register through a manual process

Background Checks:

- Required by board members, coaches, and locker room parents
- Can be completed through the Minnesota Hockey website – please send Becky your confirmation
- Can also be completed in paper

Tournament Committee:

- We have our tournament registration available. We currently have the following numbers for our tournaments:
- Bantam A: 4
- Bantam B: 9
- Bantam C: 5
- Peewee A: 2
- Peewee B: 4
- Peewee C: 1
- Girls – not much interest. No teams entered at either 10UA or 10UB
- How long do we want to offer the 10UA tournament if we have no interested teams, especially with such a busy girls tournament weekend.

District & Regional Host Site Possibilities:

- We applied to host the District 9 Peewee B tournament, which is February 14 – 16th. The registration cost was increased to \$550 to cover the association costs. We feel that this would be an opportunity to increase concession income plus bring in additional dollars through merchandise and registration/gate
- We are working through the many ice conflicts with Steve Schrot

Motion to approve the host the Peewee B district tournament by Bob Vereide

Seconded by Mike Vetsch

Approved

- We were asked to host the East Regional – Bantam B Tournament, which is the February 28 – March 2nd.
- The only conflict for ice time may be Park & Rec.
- There was much conversation about the amount of work to host a regional tournament in relation to the profitability.

- Dave Swenson is going to pass along our feedback about the large amount of time commitment in relation to a very small financial gain. He is checking as to whether any changes have been made to the regional tournaments to make them more appealing to host sites.

Motion to decline hosting the Bantam B regional tournament was made by Bob Vereide

Seconded by Beth Bogen

Motion Denied with 7 aye votes to 2 naye votes

Concessions/Special Events Committee:

- Cash Register has been purchased for \$251 and will be here tomorrow.
- Pork Dinner: Thursday, October 24th from 5-7pm at the Elks. Shelly has Morgan Meats checking for the best pork prices. This is worked by Peewees and 12's. The board is also required to work. We need workers around 4pm. Shelly will bring sign-up sheets to the September meeting.
- Kick-Off Date: Monday, October 28th from 6-8pm
- Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, December from 8-Noon:15. Colleen has tickets ordered.
- ATM Machine – Becky will check into this. Will check with Hometown Credit Union and other arenas with ATM's. Becky will bring this back to the September meeting.
- Donut Guy – we get 10% of his profits. He would like to be able to do the High School and Blades. Josh noted that the High School Activities Director should be consulted. The committee should come to the board with a suggestion on this.
- Concession Stand Punch Card – allow parents to pre-purchase concession stand punch cards. This topic was also moved to committee.

Merchandise

- Warm-ups – Orders will be made directly through Straight River Sports. Orders will need to be made by a certain date to qualify for the group discount.
- On-line store will be used for most Owatonna specific merchandise.
- In stock Owatonna merchandise will include: stocking hats, sweatshirts, and sweatpants.
- Other in-stock merchandise will not be Owatonna specific.

Park & Recreation Committee:

- Beth will put together a list of potential skaters
- Park & Rec Changes:
 - Beginning of the season: first half of the season will be mix/match teams to play games on Sunday.
 - End of season: the second half of the season the kids in 3 & 4 will be assigned to specific teams to play games.
- Testing will occur once in the fall and once in the spring.
- The testing cards will include the criteria for moving into OYHA.

New Business:

2013-14 Budget

- The initial budget was approved at the July meeting, but was left with a deficit of roughly \$2,400. Much time has been spent reviewing the numbers and a new budget was presented that has a ending balance of \$135.
- One notable change to the budget is that we have lowered the jersey/sock expense item because new jerseys have not been ordered for the Bantams. We will be using the old boys high school jerseys for at least one Bantam team.

Motion to approve the amended budget made by Shelly Johnson

Seconded by Colleen Rehman

Approved

- Dave Swenson did note that in the past, the ice budget was much higher. Historically the ice budget was around \$120,000.
- Team Pictures – Shelly will contact the photographers for bids.
- Articles of Incorporation – Mike Jacobson will contact Dave Einhaus to determine if he has a copy.

Announcements:

- District Tournament Directors Meeting: September 23rd in Faribault

Adjournment:

*Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bob Vereide
Seconded by Shelly Johnson
Approved*

Next Meeting:

- OYHA Board Meeting is September 18th at 6:00pm in the East Meeting Room – Four Seasons

Upcoming Calendar Items:

- **Hockey Registration Night 1: Tuesday, August 27 from 6-8pm**
- **Hockey Registration Night 2: Wednesday, August 28 from 6-8pm**
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