

# OYHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**February 19, 2014**  
**Four Seasons Arena**

Members Present: Tom Harrison, Bob Vereide, Kirsten Conry-Aul, Shelly Johnson, Beth Bogen, Johnny DeHaan, Todd Valento Eric Lehrer, Mike Vetsch, Becky Munns, Shannon Pedersen, Mike Schoeneman, Colleen Rehman,

Members Absent: Sid Baumgartner, Kara Oien

Minutes Recorded By: Rebecca Munns

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## **January Meeting Minutes:**

*Motion to approve the January Meeting Minutes with the following change by Johnny DeHaan.  
“There are two teams that are currently short ice hours: 12U and Pee wee B”*

*Seconded by Kirsten Conry.*

*Approved.*

Electronic Vote from January 31, 2014

*Motion to approve the Squirt A-Blue and Squirt B teams to participate in the end of season tournaments by Sid Baumgartner*

*Seconded by Shelly Johnson*

*Approved*

**GUESTS:** none

**OFFICER’S REPORT:** none

## **TREASURERS REPORT:**

There are some negative numbers. We are waiting for tourney money back from Squirt C and Bantam B.

We have not added Sparetime fundraising dollars to our reports yet. It will be added as a separate line item.

A question was raised regarding sponsors – have all of those with arena signage actually paid? Do all of the sponsors who have paid, have signs?

*Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report by Mike Vetsch*

*Seconded by Kirsten Conry*

*Approved*

## **GAMBLING REPORT:**

We made money at Sportsman’s Grill this month, but we haven’t started paying rent at this point.

*Motion to approve January gambling reports by Beth Bogen*

*Seconded by Kirsten Conry*

*Approved*

*Motion to pre-approve March gambling reports by Bob Vereide*

*Seconded by Johnny DeHaan*

*Approved*

## **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **Executive Committee:**

Mike Johnson Memorial Washer Board Tournament is March 15<sup>th</sup>. We will need board members to work at this event. Last year this group donated between \$2-3,000 to OYHA and that money was earmarked for the new dryland facility.

### **Education & Development Committee:**

Meeting on Wednesday

Dryland Facility: Ed & Development recommends that we limit the use of the facility to Owatonna Hockey.

Summer Camps: Josh and Tim have been working on the details and will have more information soon.

Player numbers

Player Evaluations – player evaluations were sent out to the coaches a week ago and we have received about ½ of these back already.

Coaches: Tim Colstrup has sent a message to the coaches asking their intent to return next year

Try-out Dates: Ed & Development recommend that tryouts begin earlier and that fall camp is actually incorporated into the season. There are still many details to work out.

Squirt Team Numbers: Josh and Tim brought up the idea of playing an in-house league with our squirts. How would it impact the budget? Would you roster just one team? How much would be charged?

Girls Program: There will be two meetings next week regarding the future of the Girls Program next week with all of the parents in the Girls program.

Coach Question: can a coach give their coaches pay back to the association and designate a specific line item for that donation. Julie is checking on the best accounting process for accepting this type of donation. We can definitely accept the donation, but need to determine if the paycheck needs to actually be cut and then signed back to the association.

Late Season Practices: if there are teams that have determined their season is over, they should contact Dave Swenson to let him know. If not, Dave will continue to schedule ice.

### **Equipment**

We would like to inventory equipment, specifically helmets, goalie gear, and jerseys.

We need to improve the rental process and have electronic tracking that corresponds with the inventory of the specific items.

Jerseys: we will probably order at least one additional team of the new jerseys.

High School Storage: Tim has asked for space to store some of the Girls equipment in the basement. It was our understanding that the girls were not using the storage space in the basement

and prior to building the dryland center were told that the girls had plenty of room in their locker room. At this point, we do not have room in the Gear Boss for any additional equipment. The boys program may have some space available in their gear boss.

### **Merchandise**

Dana and missy will be getting together to inventory the merchandise that is remaining.

### **Tournament Committee:**

District 9 Pee wee B Tournament went well and there were a lot of compliments.

Regional Bantam B Tournament – all of the shifts are filled. We are having difficulty getting the Squirt B assigned shifts filled – there are 10 shifts left for this team. They will be at their post-season tourney in Winona.

### **Concessions Committee/Special Events:**

Johnny will check to see if there is any merchandise that can be given during the Year End Banquet.

Thanks to anyone that helped on Thursday in the concession stand during the Girls Sectional game. It was a very busy evening.

Senior Expo – Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. There has been a request for the concession stand to be open during this event.

### **Park & Recreation Committee:**

There are currently 4 Girls and 5-7 Boys that will probably pass and move on to OYHA next season.

There have been some requests for testing in the summer.

We have 40 – Level 2's

We have about 30 – Level 1 Advanced kids

Rinkbuddies has been fantastic!

### **New Business:**

Tournament Directors: During the District Pee wee B tournament, there was a game in which the fans got a little out of control. It seemed to have been handled well, but we do need to remind our box workers that they are technically off-ice officials and can help by alerting the referees and tournament directors of escalating behavior. The tourney directors do need to have easily recognizable jackets. We feel that this should be a budget item in the next fiscal year.

Dryland: we have received numerous requests to use the dryland facility for both hockey and non-hockey purposes. Ed & Development had decided that at this point we only want to allow Owatonna Hockey to use. They did discuss the potential of allowing other organizations/businesses to pay to use the area, but determined that it would be hard to draw the line for appropriate use and all of the liability and responsibility questions.

*Motion to limit the usage of the dryland facility to Owatonna Hockey (Blades, OHS, OYHA, and Park & Rec) until further notice by Shelly Johnson*

*Seconded by Colleen Rehman*

*One Opposed*

*Approved*

Brian Distel is trying to put together a AAA Hockey Program for Bantams. He has asked if he could borrow pinnies and pucks for the tryout.

*Motion to approve the use of pucks and pinnies by Todd Valento*

*Seconded by Eric Lehrer*

*Approved*

Board Members: We all need to begin recruiting prospective board members. We have at least four board members leaving the board. We also need to elect a new President at the March meeting.s

Evaluation of Coaches, Board, and Rink Staff: The question was raised in regards to an evaluation of the coaches, board and rink staff. Johnny found an evaluation that was given to parents by another association. Most agreed that this information could be valuable moving forward.

**Adjournment:**

*Motion made to adjourn by Bob Vereide*

*Seconded by Shelly Johnson*

*Approved*

**Announcements:**

Washer Board Tournament – March 15th

**Next Meeting:**

OYHA Board: The next meeting is March 19, 2014 at 6pm in the Four Seasons Meeting Room.