

OYHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2016
Four Seasons Arena

Members Present: Mike Jacobson, Eric Stanton, Beth Bogen, Kara Oien, Karen Homan, Tony Holcomb, Melissa Reuter, Rachel Sande, Brian Gfrerer, Mike Vetsch, Edie Gieseke, Oscar Mazariego, Shelly Johnson

Other Committee Members Present: Julie Sturges

Members Absent: Colleen Rehman, Paul Cole, Mike Schoeneman, Chris Torgerson

Guests: Brad Sorum, Dave Swenson, and several other parents in support of an Owatonna Junior Gold team

Minutes Recorded By: Beth Bogen

Call to order at 6:03 pm

February Meeting Minutes:

*Motion to approve the February Meeting Minutes by Kara Oien
Seconded by Melissa Reuter
Approved.*

OFFICER'S REPORT:

No report

GUEST SPEAKER:

Brad Sorum and several other parents requested the possibility of a Junior gold team in Owatonna. There are Junior Gold A and B. There are four divisions just at the B level and several metro teams as an option. This year there were several seniors that were cut, who did not have a place to play. There are multiple levels of Junior Gold. This was developed as to provide a place for skaters who were cut from High School to still have a place to play. They typically practice 1-2 times per week with a 25 game schedule. They do have an end of the year tournament. There is a broad spectrum of talent in all the teams according to Dave Swenson who has been actively involved in Junior Gold teams in the past. The players left over from High School then make the Junior gold team. If our team is short, OYHA could reach out to surrounding communities to acquire other players to fill a team. This is a USA Hockey sanctioned program. Viracon sponsored the team in Owatonna when it existed before.

League fee =\$400

Playdown fee=\$400

Game cancel fee=\$100 (48 hours to reschedule)

Per Brian Gfrerer: Josh Storm is in support of the Junior gold team ONLY if we have the numbers. Getting the numbers from surrounding communities may be difficult.

(Tentative numbers: 15 players – 12 home games, a couple away games, 1-2 practices per week, approximate cost \$14,000 to sponsor a team)

How would we capture the players who did not go out this year or were cut this year?

OYHA will evaluate the player numbers and evaluate this in the future.

TREASURERS REPORT:

February ice has not been paid out yet (\$24,000.) This will be paid out of gambling. March ice has not been paid out yet.

There was a discussion about the large concession deposit made. Concession deposits need to be made on a regular basis. There is some difficulty with this as Shelly is required to have 2 people count each till. Scheduling the two people in place to count tills can be difficult to do. \$41,000 deposits after February 22 and \$15,000 net after expenses through February 29. Profit \$15,000-year to date; \$14,000 last year profit

OYHA still needs to get paid from the City for Park and Rec and gambling money has to be transferred. Ice time is divided into several categories: tournaments, special events, park and rec, regular ice (\$165 until we get to 605 hours – reached January 17th) (\$140 after we reach 605 hours)

February Treasurer's Report was reviewed.

*Motion to approve the February Treasurer's Report by Kara Oien
Seconded by Mike Vetsch
Approved*

GAMBLING REPORT:

Motion Made via email to approve the February gambling report made by Shelly Johnson
Seconded by Beth Bogen
Approved

Motion made via email to pre-approve the April gambling expenses made by Shelly Johnson
Seconded by Beth Bogen
Approved

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Executive Committee:

Executive Committee has come to an agreement with Mike Wolfe to be our new Coaching Coordinator. There may be others who will work as assistants with him. OYHA needs to identify the job responsibilities for this position as well as discuss the contract for this person. It is important for the OYHA board supports the coaching coordinator.

Reviewed the budget. Budget sheet has been sent to committee chairs. Each committee has a working budget. Each committee is responsible for evaluating the budget and making recommendations to the executive committee by the April board meeting. The executive committee will take the committee budgets into consideration as the full budget is developed.

Brian feels we need a strategic planning committee to develop a plan for where we want our association to go. Brian has requested that the proposed budget for this year be sent to everyone.

Education & Development Committee:

Surveys are still coming in. 111 responses have come in. The summary will be sent out. Dryland has been underutilized. 80% of people want independent evaluators. Eliminate fundraisers or decrease the number of fundraisers. Tournament feedback. Communication was an issue.

There will be a survey for coaches developed and sent out to coaches for feedback from the year.

Girls committee

Tentative Coop numbers for the 2016-2017 season: U10-29 Owatonna players-1 Faribault player; U12-20 Owatonna players-3 Faribault players; and U15 12 Owatonna players-15 Faribault players. There is no plan to have a meeting with the girls' parents as a feedback session from the season. There is enough data from the responses from the survey to move forward with the coop next year.

Registration/ Safe Sport/ Insurance

Insurance was reviewed last month.

Tournament

Tournament Brackets cannot be ready one month in advance unless the tournament is full.

Regional tournament expenses (ice time, referees, Gold Cross)

Regional tournament profit (gate, registration)

Concession/ Merchandise

End of the year meeting is April 5th. Kara is concerned about the timing of the annual meeting: financials are not final, Operating Guide and By-Laws have not been reviewed. The recommendation is to move the annual meeting to the fall prior to the start of the season

The financials need to be shared, vote on new board members, concession checks returned, survey monkey results, merchandise blowout sale, equipment return, NO COACH SPEECHES, ballots for board applications

Mike Vetsch and Mike Jacobson are leaving the board. Shelly Johnson will remain on the board.

VFW fundraiser needs to be finalized with Mike. Per our contract which was signed by Brian, all remaining tickets and all money made need to be sent into VFW. Brian will follow up with VFW per the contract.

Park and Rec

What is the plan for park and rec with the retirement of Deb and Jean?

Merchandise

Recommend the sale of merchandise out of the concession stand. What does that look like?
When the information goes into Quickbooks it is separated out into two separate areas:
concession and merchandise

Safe Sport

None

Equipment Committee

Decent response for returning equipment. 2 bags of expired helmets. Helmet replacement will need to be a priority for next year. Equipment rental is for squirt / u10 and under, and any new skaters to OYHA at the higher level. OYHA rental is not for returning 12U/ Peewees or U15/ Bantams.

New Business:

Nomination of Tony Holcomb for the next president made by Brian Gfrerer.
Seconded by Kara Oien
Approved

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn made by Kara Oien at 7:08 pm
Seconded by Melissa Reuter
Approved

Next Meeting:

The next board meeting is April 20, 2016