

Owatonna Youth Hockey Association

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 22, 2024 7 p.m.

Four Seasons, Owatonna, MN 55060

Board of Directors (X= present and E= excused, A=absent, unexcused)

President – Scott Mohs	X	Mikel Akers	X	Kelly Olson	X
1st Vice President – Jason House	X	Tanner Grimmus	X	Andy Winkels	X
2nd Vice President – Devin Laiho	X	Nick Flatgard	X	Alex Peterson	E
Secretary – Steve Rick	X	Chad Hacker	X	Colleen Rehman	X
Treasurer – Mary Kelvie	X	Nick Lewis	E	Eric Standke	E
		Ricky Magana	X		

1. Call to Order- Meeting was called to order by Scott at 7:03pm.
2. Roll Call- Steve
3. Guests- N/A
4. Review and Approve current agenda
 - Motion was made by Nick F, which was seconded by Mikel, to approve the agenda with a couple additions. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Review and Approve December meeting minutes
 - Motion was made by Mikel, which was seconded by Nick F, to approve the December 2023 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Financial Report
 - Motion was made by Kelly, which was seconded by Tanner, to approve the financial report. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Gambling Report
 - December 2023 results
 - Motion was made by Mikel, which was seconded by Jason, to approve the December 2023 results. Motion passed unanimously.
 - February 2024 expense pre-approval
 - Motion was made by Mikel, which was seconded by Jason, to pre-approve the February projected expenses. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Digital Horse Racing Game
 - Motion was made by Ricky, which was seconded by Kelly, to purchase the Horse Racing machine for \$1500. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Old Business

- Owatonna Hockey Day MN 2024
 - Owatonna Hockey Day will include a skills competition which will be held within the Four Seasons from 10am to 1pm. Decision was made to hold it there to capture the people already at the Four Seasons and due to the lack of outdoor ice this season.
 - Ricky volunteered to work with Eric S on the prizes, which could include left over champion stocking hats.
 - SpareTime has been approached to gauge their willingness and interest in being the Hockey Day Headquarters for the event and potential for food and drink specials throughout the day.
- Hockey Ops Update- Chad
 - Chad will follow up with Brennan on goalie skills, specifically what has been offered throughout the season vs. what was outlined on the proposals sent to the association at the beginning of the season.
- Home Tournament Update- Mary
 - O'Town Showdown tournaments are complete for the season. Owatonna is hosting the Squirt B and Squirt C end of the year tournaments February 24-26. We are still in need of tournament director help for this tournament.
- Social Media- Ricky/Alex
 - Prior to the meeting, Alex sent out an email containing social media insights and information on the past month's social media performance.
- Jersey sponsor for next year
 - No updates at this time on potential jersey sponsors for next season.

9. New Business

- Safe and Sick Pay
 - Discussion on the Safe and Sick Pay law which went into effect January 1, 2024. Several questions remain on how to calculate this for individuals on the payroll for the association given their salaried status. Board agreed to seek further guidance from outside sources on impacts of this law on the organization.
- Post season play/ parent ejections
 - Minnesota Hockey has indicated there will be zero tolerance for harassment of officials, coaches, and participants. Starting with post season play this season, any issues will result in the parent being ejected from the arena for the entirety of the tournament.
- Girls numbers for next year
 - Individuals were identified to lead the exploration into the potential girls participant numbers at each level for next season.
- Summer Hockey
 - There will be summer ice available in the Four Seasons May 27 through July 19. Due to resource limitations, the Kodiaks will not be running the OYHA camps this summer

however there will be Kodiak camps offered on nights and weekends which may be open to individuals not playing for the Kodiaks. Other options for OYHA camps are being explored. An email will be coming out in the upcoming weeks to the association members with information on the various summer camp opportunities available in Owatonna.

- PeeWee C Team Reports
 - Scott and Chad have received several parent reports from the PeeWee C team outlining concerns over playing time and treatment of players. Due to the reports received today on player treatment, a report will be made to SafeSport for further investigation.
- D9 Meeting Report
 - Beginning next season, the waiver process will be changing and there will no longer be an option for a school waiver after the U10/Squirt level.
 - Parent and coach behavior continues to be a concern throughout youth sports so D9 and Minnesota Hockey are taking steps to crack down on this. Anyone who is ejected from a game will be ejected for the duration of the tournament and they may be subject to increased penalties, including fines. Beginning next season, new officials will be identified by a green armband. Any harassment of officials with green arm bands will result in harsher penalties. An email to the association with this information will be forthcoming in the near future.
- Tanner Wencil Donation
 - Motion was made by Mikel, which was seconded by Devin, for the association to provide a donation of up to \$1000 to the Tanner Wencil family. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Adjournment:

- Motion was made by Mikel, which was seconded by Tanner, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Next Board meeting – Monday, February 26 – 7 p.m. Four Seasons