

OTHA Commissioner's Meeting Agenda Notes Wednesday February 26, 2025 8:30-9:45 at Extreme Ice Center

Invitee list: (Bold names in attendance) **Tom Condon (Treasurer)**, **Jeff Bentley (C1 league Commissioner)**, **Jim Hildebrand(C2 league Commissioner)**, **Bob Loesner (C3 league Commissioner)**, Chad Mangum (Friday Lunch League Co-Commissioner), Doug Faulhaber (Friday Lunch League Co-Commissioner), Don Klinger (Association Commissioner), Rick Sanford (Schedule Manager), (Justin Culbertson (ScoreKeeper Manager), Dave Madanski (Jersey Manager) **Billy Curd (Jersey Manager)**, Greg Bishop (Player Safety and Conduct - C2)

Information sharing

- Player Safety and Standards update - Jim Hildebrand shared a document compiled by Greg Bishop for Player safety and conduct that includes the standards and process for managing compliance. C2 Captains provided input. This will be piloted by Jim on Tuesday nights. Jim requested feedback and input from the group. It is available in its current form for use in other leagues. We will continue to evolve and adapt the document. If we get to a version that each league agrees on, we can post it on the website as the association guidelines.
- Sports Engine Functionality
 - Sports Engine provides helpful content for the most popular user functions. These pages have been modified for our Captains and players. They can be found on our website under the About Us section
 - We reviewed the following how to's
 - Communicating to members by message and in chat
 - Registration Monitoring
 - Tag Menu at the bottom of the calendar screen - all tags will show unless a person changes it for themselves
- New Player Introductions
 - Ensure you are connecting personally with new players to introduce yourself and their captain
 - Discuss the OTHA philosophy with them and ensure they understand what it means and how it translates into how they play
- Puck bags embroidered with OTHA - Justin says XI coaches have been using our pucks, our inventory seems to be declining as a result - after the meeting, Tom and I applied OTHA stickers to our lockers to let people know these are not unowned storage places..
- Game Format additions to the Registration page of the website - we reviewed this new content and made some minor adjustments - thanks for your input to improve this content

Discussion

- Minimum Age Limit - We decided to leave the minimum age limit at 18 and work closely with any new players of any age to help them understand and implement the OTHA philosophy and playing style.
- Ideas for an event - Socialize the idea of an event with members to get input and member desire for participation
- New jersey process feedback and adjustments - to be managed by Dave and Billy
 - Give extra socks to Dave Madanski
 - Our vendor can arrange for logo apparel if we are interested (hats, hoodie, t-Shirt, etc.)
 - Our vendor made us aware that there are other jersey manufacturers that are available at the same cost at higher quality and the same quality for lower cost for our future considerations
- What do you want to be different? What feedback do you have?
- Managing the cost of hockey in OTHA, what can we do to slow the growth of the cost - we did not cover this topic
- Don to follow up with Chad on Friday Lunch League Topics
 - Friday Lunch League - \$260 for 25 skaters for 16 weeks, end of season lunch - get everyone to go to end of season party and add the cost to everyone's league fee
 - Consider an explicit written standard for Friday lunch league now that referees are no longer at the games rules/standards -manage ourselves
- Upcoming game time changes for the remainder of the season
 - Tues 3/11 til the end:
 - Main Rink 9:50pm
 - Train Rink 10pm
 - Wed 3/12 til the end:
 - Main Rink 9:50pm
 - Train Rink 10pm
 - Thursday 3/13 game day (stacked on Main Rink)
 - 8:30pm start / followed by 9:50pm start
 - Thur 3/20 til the end
 - Main Rink 9:50pm
 - Train Rink 10pm

Decisions

- Registration changes - single registration - test it on Friday Lunch League 3/6-3/21
League registration opens 4/1
 - A single registration with options for each league would reduce the workload to create registrations for each season and we can have a dynamic process to offer custom experiences for new vs returning players, gather information about ordering jerseys and add questions to gather information about member preferences.

- We are not going to change the registration process for this season. While a single registration will ultimately result in less effort, more efficient data gathering and fee collections, we are not ready to do this during the tight turnaround times between this season and next. We'll work to develop the details of any new processes and hold off on any changes for now.
- Do you want to play the night of our Commissioner's meetings? Each board member travels to the rink for our meetings, if there are available slots in the games that night, league commissioners may invite board members to play on the night of our meetings.
- Waitlist content on the website - the current content is outdated and does not reflect our current process.
 - We agreed to evaluate the current content. Don will draft some new content that represents how we offer spots to registrants
- Molly Hynes (Sports Engine) visit March 13th and 14th - offered to meet with us, I will meet with her. Let me know if you are interested Tom, Jim (maybe), Bob(maybe), Jeff - no - how do we get emergency contact information out of the system - I can get this information out of the system and will bring it for the March meeting
- Commissioner meeting attendees - anyone welcome, no changes
- Sympathy arrangements/donations - do you want to do this - flowers/donations to cause, what is the \$\$ limit, what are the events that we respond to? Post the announcements on the web site, donation to charity of choice
 - There are general agreement that we want to provide recognition of these events, we'll continue the conversation to work out the guidelines and process
- Member skills network on the website - we would like to offer the opportunity for our members to have a business directory available to all of our members. Several suggestions of how to do this were offered. Example information could be business, contact information, website - Billy, Don, Jim will begin to develop this idea further and seek a couple members to assist

Next Month - March

- Should players be restricted to a single league? Bentley
- Term Limit for Association Commissioner? Yukon
- OTHA Email addresses for each League/Commissioner?
- Emergency Procedures (Medical Injury or condition)

Key Upcoming Dates:

February 21 -Friday - OTHA Monthly lunch every third Friday

February 26 - Wednesday - Commissioners Meeting

March 21 - Friday - OTHA Monthly lunch every third Friday

March 23 - Sunday - Close Friday Lunch League Registration

March 25 - Tuesday - Commissioners Meeting

April 1 - Tuesday - Summer League Registration Opens