

Oahe Hockey Association
July 2014 Board Meeting Minutes
First National Bank Board Room
Monday, July 21, 2014

Board President, Craig Davis, called the July Board Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Nathan Sanderson, Stephanie Lyons, Mike Mueller, Lee Axdahl, Tiffany Sanchez, Bob Gray, Gordon Woods, Katie Starr, and Jim Wedin. Board Member, Serena Swenson, was absent.

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE BOARD MEETING** – President Davis asked for a Motion to approve the June Board Minutes. **Nathan Sanderson made the motion. Second by Bob Gray. Motion passed unanimously.**

B. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS:

1. TREASURER – TIFFANY SANCHEZ

June 30 checking balance: \$ 28,920.92

Restricted Funds: \$26,042.64

Total Funds Available as of Jun 30: \$ 2,878.28

Tiffany handed out her monthly report as of 6/30/14, her year-end report as of 6/30/14, and her First Draft of the 2014 -2015 Budget - to the Board.

It was agreed that the Budget is a Work in Progress. It will be reviewed, discussed, and finalized at the August Board Meeting; and then approved at the September Board Meeting.

June income included a donation from the Shrine Circus for \$450, as well as \$200 from Dakotamart receipts; some equipment lease income and summer hockey income (\$1,925 – for month of June only) as well. June expenses were reimbursement to Tony Leif for the state SDAHA meeting, final coaching reimbursements, final insurance payment for the 2013-14 year, phone, and

summer hockey expense (\$932 – for month of June only). June finished positive at \$692.12.

OHA is on budget. Our carryover numbers going into the 2014-15 season show an available balance of \$2,878.28, with a restricted balance of \$26,042.64 (total checking balance is \$28,920.92). The Godfrey Roberts Scholarship Fund (completely separate from the checking account) has a balance of \$2,967.

President Davis entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Bob Gray made the Motion. Second by Mike Mueller. Motion passed unanimously.

2. REGISTRAR – LEE AXDAHL

Lee explained the USA Hockey portal changes to the Board and submitted the following written report to them:

1. USA Hockey Registration software is changing for the first time in 17 years.
 - Instead of software that needs to be installed and configured, it will be cloud-based so it can be accessed from any device anywhere.
 - If the registrar administers more than one program, you will see all programs.
 - Have tested the user name and password and we're ready to begin claiming the participants and making rosters.

2. All player registration is done completely online.
 - The USA Hockey waiver of liability is done on-line, copies of waivers are NOT required for those registering online.
 - The USA Hockey fees are collected online during registration (\$40 for 7+)
 - The SDAHA Affiliate fee is also collected on-line (\$5 for 7-18)
 - Player signatures are no longer required

3. All coaches are submitted through this on-line registry as well.
 - ANY adult who is on the ice or bench with youth players must be registered through the program as a COACH!
 - Need to designate a head coach for all teams

4. Volunteer hours appear to be a trackable option through this software and I'll be checking that out.
5. Beginning with the new season, all coaches are required to complete the SafeSport Training Program every two years. For this season coaches must have their SafeSport Training completed by December 31, 2014.
 - The SafeSport link is on the home page of the USAH Registry
6. Participant Accident Claim Forms and Member Brochures are on-line.

The registration timeframe for on-line registration will have a target date of September 1 – October 15, 2014 for the 2014-15 Season.

3. PLAYERS – KATIE STARR

Katie is planning on having a coordinators meeting on September 29, 2014.

Nationwide "Try Hockey for Free Day" is November 8, 2014.

The board discussed having OHA hold its own "Try Hockey Day" before the nationwide day and before registration opens up to hopefully generate more interest. This would take place at PAYSA. Saturday, August 23rd from 11am-1pm was the date and time discussed. No final board decision was made as more discussion and coordination was needed first.

Nathan Sanderson also mentioned he would be holding the OHA's Hockey Equipment Return Night on Tuesday, August 5th from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Expo Center. This would be for those who would no longer be needing or using their OHA hockey equipment.

4. COACHING – JIM WEDIN

Jim reported he has been making good progress in getting coaches lined up. Each level will have the same coaches as last year, with the exception of the Girls Team, who lost their head coach due to him moving away. Jim is actively searching for a new Girls Head Coach.

5. LEAGUE PLAY – CRAIG DAVIS

Craig reported that he has the first round of schedules completed for the Varsity, JV, and Bantam A & B levels. Dave Nelson is working on the PeeWees schedule.

The Varsity & JV will each have 1 tournament together in the same location, as well as each having 1 tournament in different locations. The same goes for the Bantams A & B levels. These dates have been chosen already and will be announced once the season gets closer.

Craig feels OHA numbers are strong and look good to roster our teams for the upcoming 2014-15 season. The state as a whole is down on numbers, however.

6. RINK OPERATIONS – GORDIE WOODS

Gordie is waiting on glass supports from Canada that he purchased with grant money OHA has available. He will also be replacing a threshold piece on the Zamboni door.

Gordie is working on a new way to spray the ice white this season which will take only about 3 people versus the usual 17 people it has taken in the past. He will also be cleaning the dehumidifier soon, as well as ordering our paint for the ice.

OHA will be getting all new pucks this year. They are made in Canada and will not contain metal in them that our old pucks have that were made in Slovakia. Lots of glass was broken with the old pucks (metal). The new Canadian pucks cost about \$300, compared to the \$300 it costs to replace one piece of glass when broken or damaged by the old/metal pucks. It's anticipated of going through a lot less glass looking ahead with the new pucks.

The board discussed giving the old pucks away possibly at the nationwide "Try Hockey for Free Day" in November; or during an OHA "Try Hockey Day" if this day for such an event was definitively decided upon later.

Gordie is also looking to order more glass with grant money OHA has available. The thought is that once the new glass is installed in the big rink, the big rink's old glass could then be moved to the little rink and put in at the goal ends.

7. **FUNDRAISING – SERENA SWENSON**

Serena was absent, however Tiffany reported for Serena that this year's Zamboni Day would be a Saturday in October (date still to be determined). Whether or not to have this day also serve as an OHA kickoff day is still being considered by Serena as well. Serena may have more ideas about this at the August Board Meeting.

8. **MARKETING – BOB GRAY**

Bob reported that he has prospective donors in place at \$5,000 and \$2,500 levels. He will have these names to the board in August.

Bob has also visited with other hockey associations in South Dakota and is thinking of starting "Sponsorship Levels" within OHA (as other SD Hockey Associations have in place currently). The different levels would entail different sponsorship dollar amounts. The 4 levels would be: Stanley Cup, Hat Trick, Capitals Club, and Coaches Club. Bob is also thinking of having various concierge opportunities for those wishing to sponsor something specific (i.e. a particular varsity game, etc.).

Currently, Bob is focusing on the larger sponsors now, and will focus on the smaller sponsors later. The Board agreed that Bob has a great start and a great plan in place.

9. **COMMUNICATIONS – MIKE MUELLER**

Mike had nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

A. REOPEN LOGO DISCUSSIONS

The Board addressed New Business before Old Business at the meeting to accommodate Nancy Gordon and Steve Ellingson who had brought a possible modification of the Capitals logo to the board. A copy of their logo modification was handed out to the Board, well as a copy of the logo that was approved by the Board at their May Board Meeting.

President Davis asked the Board if they wanted to re-open discussion on the logo again for more modifications as presented by Ms. Gordon and Mr. Ellingson.

Board President Davis and Vice-President Sanderson recommended to the Board that they stay with the logo that was approved by them all in May.

The Board unanimously agreed to stay with what they had approved in May.

No Board Action was needed or taken at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

A. PAYSA UPDATE – CRAIG DAVIS

Craig reported that he would like to lock PAYSA in for the season and utilize it as an extra practice facility. PAYSA would be available for OHA practices during the times of 5-9 p.m. on Mondays – Thursdays. It would be \$35/hour to use, and would be set up on a lease/rent to own basis at this hourly rate. This price is very affordable when compared to a statewide comparison or when looking at neighboring states such as Minnesota. The Squirt and Bantam levels would trade off nights during the week.

Craig will e-mail a letter to the OHA membership outlining the details.

The Board will discuss this more at the August Board Meeting.

No Board Action was needed or taken at this time.

B. PRE-SEASON HOCKEY CAMP – PAUL BACHAND

Paul had further discussions with Robbie Glanz since the July Board meeting about doing a Pre-Season Hockey Camp at the Expo Center. The dates that Robbie came back with were October 8 -10 (Wednesday – Friday) and October 20 – 22 (Monday – Wednesday).

The Board discussed these dates and preferred the October 20 – 22 timeframe. The Board will also keep the cost of the camp the same as last year, being \$70 for the younger levels and \$90 for the older levels.

Paul will go back to Robbie Glanz with these dates and report back to the Board in August.

No Board Action was needed or taken at this time.

C. MARKETING COMMITTEE UPDATE – BOB GRAY

Bob reported that he visited with Scott Carbonneau regarding doing something similar in the Expo Center that they do on Main Street during the summer time, kind of like a Pre-Season hockey kickoff party/Street Dance. Jerome Beverage could be approached for possible refreshments and a band secured for entertainment. OHA could use this as a fundraising event whereby both communities of Fort Pierre/Pierre were invited to attend.

The Board discussed this idea with a tentative date of Saturday, September 27th being chosen. More details will be discussed at the August Board Meeting.

No Board Action was needed or taken at this time.

The August Board Meeting will take place at the First National Bank Board Room on Monday, August 18th, in Pierre. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. CST.

President Davis entertained a Motion to Adjourn. Nathan Sanderson made the Motion. Second by Mike Mueller. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. CST.