

**Oahe Hockey Association  
February 2016 Board Meeting Minutes  
EXPO Center Board Room – Fort Pierre, SD  
Monday, February 15, 2016**

Board Vice-President, Lee Axdahl, called the February Board meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Craig Davis, Lee Axdahl, Mike Mueller, Serena Swenson, Stephanie Lyons, Jon Herman, Katie Starr, and Rick Miller.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY BOARD MEETING**

**Board Vice-President Axdahl entertained a Motion to approve the January Board Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Craig Davis. Second by Serena Swenson. Motion passed unanimously.**

**II. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS**

**TREASURER – TIFFANY SANCHEZ - ABSENT**

Craig Davis has talked with Tiffany and she said all things with the budget are great.

**REGISTRAR – RICK MILLER**

Nothing to Report.

**PLAYERS – KATIE STARR**

The Oahe Capitals Mini-Mite Jamboree is Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am – 2:30pm CST. It will take place on the big ice only. Volunteers are needed. Mike Mueller will put the word out to OHA membership.

Tawnya Pfeiffer, Jamboree Director, reported that 4 out of town teams are signed up to come currently – Rushmore 1, Rushmore 2, Brookings, and Huron.

Tawnya also reported that the Mites have been invited to the Rushmore Mite Jamboree on March 4<sup>th</sup>, and would like the Board's permission to attend. The Mites travel teams would be the teams attending this and they currently have money left over out of their \$600 budget to pay the Rushmore Mite Jamboree fees. **The Board agreed to this and No Board Formal Action was Needed or Taken on this item.**

Katie Starr asked the Board if a Tournament Director could be sought for next season. This topic will be addressed at the March Board Meeting.

#### **COACHING – PAUL BACHAND**

Absent – No Report

#### **LEAGUE PLAY – CRAIG DAVIS**

Gave a reminder that if any game cancellations are needed he must be notified ASAP as the season is winding down.

State Disciplinary Board – the appeal of the OHA, JV player's current suspension to reverse or alter it has been ruled upon. The player is back at practice; however, will not be allowed to play in any remaining regular season games, or state tournament games.

#### **RINK OPERATIONS – JON HERMAN**

Water fountains – the EXPO is replacing and paying for the new fountains and OHA is paying for the cost of the 2 water bottle fillers.

The locker rooms of the OHA Boys' JV and Varsity teams have been left very dirty lately. Craig Davis will address this. The Board also discussed talking to both teams' Captains and Alternate Captains, stressing the teams' accountability in keeping the locker rooms clean and picked up. Otherwise, the teams will be forced to dress in the warming room for future games. **No Board Action was Needed or Taken.**

Rink tear down will begin the week of March 14<sup>th</sup>. Jon's initial plan is to shut down the compressors on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and officially start tear down on

Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The Board agreed to his plan and Mike Mueller will send the message out to OHA membership. **No Board Action was Needed or Taken.**

#### **FUNDRAISING – SERENA SWENSON**

Nothing to Report.

#### **MARKETING – BOB GRAY**

Absent – No Report

#### **COMMUNICATIONS – MIKE MUELLER**

He has been busy promoting activities on the OHA website, including the various levels' upcoming state tournaments, as well as the Mini-Mite Jamboree.

Vice-President Lee Axdahl informed the Board that he has not received much interest yet for open board positions next year. Mike Mueller and Lee will continue to get the word out. The only interest that has been received is for the Concessions Managers. Jessie Stewart and Suzy Starr have expressed the interest.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **BY-LAWS AMENDMENT**

The Board discussed the consideration of adopting a change to the OHA by-laws to honor Tyler Wilcox. This was done at the January Board Meeting. The proposed change would add a new Article that reads:

**“Each year, #5 will be placed near the Oahe Hockey Association logo at the center of game ice to memorialize Tyler Wilcox’s commitment to teamwork and determination to “always do your best” in the face of personal adversity. The number 5 is retired from use on all Oahe Hockey Association game jerseys at league play levels.”**

Communications Director Mike Mueller circulated this proposal to membership via the OHA website inviting comment; as well as inviting public comment to tonight's Board meeting. No public comment was given, however he did receive 1 e-mail of support from Laura Schoen Carbonneau and 1 Facebook message of support from Ryan Mechaley.

**Mike Mueller Made the Motion to pass this New Article into the OHA By-Laws. Second by Rick Miller. Motion passed unanimously.**

The Board discussed, and was in strong support of, recommending to all league level coaches for next season, that the "5 Tap" be done after all OHA home league level games. **No Board Action was Needed or Taken at this Time.**

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **STATE TOURNAMENT LIVESTREAM**

A lot of OHA parents have expressed interest in OHA Live streaming future games and tournaments from the EXPO center. OHA currently does not have the capability to do so and it is too expensive to run cable into the rink.

The Board discussed looking into future possibilities of installing a broadcast line in the rink; as well as looking into possibly installing cameras in the rafters for home games that would save onto a hard drive and override itself with new home games all the time. Jon Herman said he will continue to have conversations with cable companies on the future possibilities of Live Streaming.

##### **EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION**

OHA Member, Tawnya Pfeiffer, brought to the Board the issue of equipment rental and how equipment inventory is refreshed through the years and seasons. OHA President and Equipment Manager, Nathan Sanderson, was absent from the meeting and thus was unable to answer Ms. Pfeiffer's questions. Vice-President Axdahl will discuss these issues with Nathan and our new Equipment Director (Leslie Farnen), and they will get back to Ms. Pfeiffer with the information.

No further board discussion took place.

The OHA March Board Meeting will take place on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. CST. It will be held in the OHA Board Room at the EXPO Center.

**Vice-President Axdahl entertained a Motion to Adjourn. Katie Starr made the Motion. Second by Craig Davis. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. CST.**