

OHC Monthly Board Meeting  
April 18, 2023 @ Legends, Askarben  
Next meeting: May 16, 2023 @ Legends, Askarben  
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Members:

President- Matt Moragues	Vice President- Erin Sliva
Secretary- Chera Tremblay	Treasurer- Spencer Volzke
IP/Mite Director- Katy Smith	House Director- Jeremy Guttierrez
House High School- Anthony DeSciscio	Travel Director- Sarah Morgan
OJL Director- Michael Hughes	Girls Director- Bryan Knaus

- I. Call to order at 7:02 PM
- II. Roll Call:
  - A. Present: President, Matt Moragues, Vice President- Erin Sliva, Secretary- Chera Tremblay, Treasurer- Spencer Volzke, IP/Mite Director- Katy Smith, Travel Director- Sarah Morgan, OJL Director- Michael Hughes, IP/Mite Director- Katy Smith, Treasurer- Spencer Volzke, Girls Director- Bryan Knaus (online), House Director- Jeremy Guttierrez, House High School- Anthony DeSciscio
  - B. Excused/Not Present: NA
- III. Annual OHC Meeting and Election
  - A. Welcome by President, Matt Moragues will review zoom rules, ballot box systems and layout for election process
  - B. Lifetime membership award- Brian Sauser and Evan Schinasi
  - C. Distinguished Service Award- Michael Hughes
  - D. Director of Hockey Development- Christian Graham
  - E. Election process:
    1. Candidates will provide a statement/bio. Any additional candidates may nominate themselves or someone else to be added to the election ballot.
    2. Following finalizing the the ballot, voting system will be open while directors provide their following reports
    3. After reports are given, election results will be announced
- IV. Directors Reports:
  - A. Vice President, Erin Sliva-
    1. The Rules and Regulations will begin a review for the 2023-2024 season to publish prior to the start of the season.
    2. The Rules Committee will begin to be developed to assist with the review of the Rules and Regulations and to be available throughout the season.
  - B. Treasurer, Spencer Volzke-
    1. Still working through all of the funds from the season and will reach out to team coaches and managers prior to sending them out. Refund checks should be sent out next month.
    2. Feb financial statements will be out posted this week.
  - C. Secretary, [Chera Tremblay](#)-
    1. March minutes are posted on the website. Location: OHC Website → BOD → Board Meeting → Board Minutes.

- Motion to approve March Board Minutes by [Michael Hughes](#) , seconded by Katy Smith. Voted and approved.
  
- D. OJL Director, [Michael Hughes](#) -
  1. Thank you to everyone. It was a great 23 years within OHC. I appreciate the award and definitely enjoy each moment I have had the opportunity to be a part of.
  2. OJL programs finished the year with a very successful season.
  3. Will be working with transitioning the director role over throughout the next several months and throughout the season as needed.
  
- E. House High School, Anthony DeSciscio -
  1. Coaches postseason agenda completed including changes to next seasons format to be decided in the meeting - date TBA soon
  2. Banquet was a huge success celebrating all the student athletes' academic and athletic accomplishments. Huge thank you to Holly Roberts for doing an outstanding job.
  
- F. Girls Director, [Bryan Knaus](#)-
  1. Total of 106 Rostered Players at the start of the season
  2. Girls Program fielded (6) teams. (10u, 12u "a", 12u "b" ,14u,16u,19u) This is the first year fielding a 2 12u teams.
  3. In September we Kicked off the season by inviting former USA Olympic Skater Lynsey Fry to Omaha to host an all girls camp. Over 100 girls from all over our Midwest Affiliate attended the session. Lyndsey is planning on coming back again this September.
  4. National Girls brought a tournament to Omaha for the 10u & 12u Futures division
  5. Over the holiday break we hosted our first ever Mixer Skate mixing all teams and our 2nd annual Lady Lancer Alumni Skate.
  6. We held a successful Senior Night at Ralston Arena
  7. Our 19u team attended the Girls High School National tournament in Minneapolis. The girls made it to the quarter finals.
  8. Thank you to all of our coaches for the time and devotion put towards our program.
  9. Thank you to Nick Saldi and Todd Lacina , for their years coaching in our girls program.
  
- G. Travel Director, [Sarah Morgan](#) -
  1. Thank you to all of our Coaches and Assistant Coaches and Team Managers for their dedication to the OHC Travel program and to OHC players and families. Without their dedication to our players our programming would not be possible. We have the best coaching staff in the region and we are grateful for their expertise and willingness to coach.
  
  2. Highly successful season. Omaha is certainly making a name for itself not just regionally, but nationally as well. Each travel team found their own success in both regional and national tournaments.
    - a. 14u Black team placed 2nd at the National Tournament.  
 -4 players in the top 10 of the national tournament and 2 All-Tournament players. Congratulations!
    - b. 14Red - Champion Gopher State Outdoor Cup
    - c. 12 Black - Central States debut! Champions of the CCM World Invite in Chicago
    - d. 12 Red - Runner up at 3 separate tournaments.
    - e. 12 White - Champions of the STL Gateway Cup

- f. 10Black - Champions the MWAHA Travel Squirts
- g. 10Red- Champions of Squirt A Thurber
- h. 10White - Champions of the Dells Cup

3. Central States Developmental Hockey League

- a. This was our first season in the league. Very successful. Certainly takes the level of competition up a notch. Very positive experience and we are looking to expand with additional top level teams. If more are accepted, more details will follow. This may necessitate moving tryout dated up earlier than previously anticipated. Please watch your email and the facebook page for more details.

- 4. Continued our partnership with UNO. Each team had the opportunity to scrape the ice at home games.
- 5. We continued to expand our goalie training. Adding 2 sessions every monday with UNO Goalie Coach Rob Coutiere and UNO goalie Jacob Zabb. Feed back was overwhelmingly positive and we look forward to continuing the expansion of our goalie training.
- 6. Account reconciliation - We are just collecting final invoices for the season. We will begin working on team budget reconciliation in May and hope to have refund checks, if warranted, out this summer. Our Treasurer will speak more to this.
- 7. New Travel Director - I look forward to transitioning to the new travel director.
- 8. On a personal note- Thank you to my family for allowing the shift in our house at times for me to fully embrace the Travel Director role and to all of the OHC members for working with me and for me to improve the travel experience for OHC. We have worked hard to make improvements for OHC and I do believe we have set a good example
- 9. Next season we will be expanding by adding a 15u AA team due to the increase in numbers.

H. House Director, [Jeremy Gutierrez](#) -

- 1. Another successful season for all house teams and selects. Bantam and Squirt both won their respective Midwest divisions.
- 2. This season we had over 275 rostered players in house this season and we look to build on that as well as the programs we offered for next season
- 3. Photographer update. We have 3 very good candidates. My committee and myself have been in discussion. Hope to have a choice by the end of April.

I. IP/Mite, Katy Smith-

- 1. No Specific updates, spring IP is going great.
- 2. Delay in jerseys but will get them as soon as we are notified that they are completed and ready for pick up.

- Motion made to approve directors reports by [Anthony DeSciscio](#) , seconded by [Michael Hughes](#) .  
Voted and approved.

V. Old Business/ Committee Reports:

- A. Summer OHC Camp Opportunities are on the website.

- VI. New Business:
- A. Director of Hockey Development Announcement- Christian Graham
  - B. The Ice Scheduler position closes tonight. Currently we have 7 applications. Looking forward to hiring the new position and implementing a new scheduling system. Will start the scheduling process for the 23-24 season right away.
- VII. Closing/Next season
- VIII. 23-24 Board Selected:
- 1. Congratulations to the new board members (2 year term):
    - a) Vice President- Chad Mardesen
    - b) Secretary- Jackie Hildebrand
    - c) OJL Director- Jeff Barnhart
    - d) Girls Travel Director- Bryan Knaus
    - e) Boys Travel Director- Kasey Kaiser
  - 2. Other Board Members (1 more season of their 2 year term- up for election next annual meeting April 2024)
    - a) President - Matt Moragues
    - b) Treasurer - Spencer Volzke
    - c) High School Club Director - Anthony DeSciscio
    - d) House Director - Jeremy Gutierrez
    - e) IP/Mite Director - Katy Smith
- IX. OHC Members Questions/Suggestions:
- A. No questions/suggestions.
- X. Next Meeting : Board Meeting will be May 16, 2023
- Motion made to end the meeting by Jeremy Gutierrez , seconded by Michael Hughes . Voted and approved.
- XI. Meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm.