



## **OTHA Jan 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: January 25, 2024

Location: Extreme Ice, Second Floor Classroom/Conference Room

Time: 730 pm

### Board Attendees:

Doug Faulhaber - OTHA 2024 Association Commissioner

Tom Condon - OTHA 2024 Treasurer

Kelly Kroll - OTHA 2024 Secretary

Jeff Bentley - OTHA C1 League Commissioner

Don Klinger - OTHA C2 League Commissioner

Jay Montcalm - OTHA C3 League Commissioner

### Old Business

- Doug provided brief opening remarks
- The meeting minutes from the December 2023 Annual Meeting were unanimously approved
- A brief treasury report was given—our ice bill for the Winter Seasons has been paid, there are a few minor outstanding liabilities from the Pond Hockey League, and the Association is currently holding reserves above \$40,000.
- Doug informed the Board that Don Klinger will be transitioning out of the C2 Tuesday Commissioner, with Jim Hildebrand to take over.
- A formal vote on the adoption of the most current set of OTHA By-Laws was held. Those By-Laws were approved 5-1, with Don opposed.

### New Business: Rink Issues, Updates, and Status Changes

- Doug reviewed the learnings from a recent discussion with the officials association. Primarily, the officials informed us of a pending price increase as well as their desire to contract directly with the OTHA to simplify their billing and finances.
- Doug reviewed the learnings from a recent meeting with representatives from Extreme Ice. The primary takeaway was that the rink intends to substantially increase our ice costs in the Fall, and perhaps even for the Summer seasons. Coincidentally, the rink would not confirm that our Summer times would move earlier as is customary once the youth seasons conclude, nor would they deny the possibility of all of our times moving later in the Fall, possibly to a schedule that mimics what Thursday night currently follows. The rink was also looking to fill their supply of early morning ice times as well as offering the possibility of future Friday lunch skates.



- Much discussion was had conjecturing what the effects of a substantial cost increase may bring to each League's registrations and what effect time changes may have on the same. It was agreed that a series of Town Hall meetings should take place in the next few weeks to gather Member feedback about these developments. The desire is to understand better what and where the true "pain points" are for members in terms of costs, start times, day of week consistency, start time consistency, referees and scorekeepers, etc.

#### NEXT STEPS

- League Commissioners to coordinate with Doug and their respective memberships to host these Town Hall meetings in the next few weeks. Doug will make himself available to fit into the Leagues' availability
- Kelly to work with Doug to package a simple written overview of the situation to share with Members during these sessions as well as a basic agenda for the same.

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 pm.

Compiled by:  
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OTHA 2024 Secretary

APPROVED: \_\_2-6-2024\_\_\_\_ date