

OAHE HOCKEY BOARD MINUTES

Expo Building in Fort Pierre, SD

December 26th, 2011 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Paul Bachand – President; Tony Leif - Vice President; Amy McTighe - Registrar; Jeff Mammenga - Publicity; Kathy Norwick - Fundraising; Ron Wagner - League Play; Barbara Shoup Anderson - Secretary; Gordon Woods – Rink; Angel Wedin – Treasurer.

ABSENT: None.

Also Present: Craig Davis, Ryan Mechaley, Lisa Gordon, and Chad Griese.

Paul Bachand called the meeting order at 6:00 pm.

The board went into executive session. Board came out of executive session at 6:20.

Amendments for meeting minutes 12/05/11 to state that the Sign Lease was approved and the Ice Lease was tabled were made. A motion was made by Tony Leif, seconded by Kathy Norwick, to approve the minutes with changes from the December 5th, 2011 board meeting. Motion carries.

The board ratified the email vote to clarify the volunteer policy. Tony Leif made a motion, seconded by Angel Wedin, that volunteers who come to the rink to only serve their volunteer hours are not required to pay the gate fee. If someone walks up to the ticket desk says that they are only there to serve their volunteer slot, they shall be admitted without charge. However, if someone comes to watch games and to volunteer, they must pay the gate fee. Also, coaches (both home and visitor) are not required to pay the gate fee at any time. Motion Carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT

OHA is sitting comfortably financially right now, which is typical for this time of year. The treasurer's report from November was reviewed. A motion was made by Jeff Mammenga, seconded by Gordon Woods, to approve the November 2011 treasurer report. The December 2011 report will be sent out to board members sometime next week.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Players: Scholarships were dispersed. Families who received monies to purchase equipment were reminded that salvageable equipment should be donated back to OHA for future players in need of equipment.

Rink: Construction to the rink continues in preparation to host the for the Boy's Varsity State Hockey Tournament to be held in March 2012. Wood will go on the Crow's Nest by the end of this week. Volunteers will be needed in the future to work on bleachers. Please be ready!!!

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Please remind volunteers that have the penalty box to move the nets off the ice between periods and after the game for the Zamboni. And if it is the end of weekend games, the nets must be moved off the ice altogether.

Open skate – There are a couple of individuals coming to open skate that are disrespectful and create havoc for others wanting to skate. The board is supportive of not allowing these individuals to come to open skate. If necessary, Paul will send the parents letters informing them why the kid are not allowed to open skate.

League Play: USA hockey has extended the completion date for the age specific modules until January 31st.

A draft schedule for the State Tournament has been developed. A couple of questions are still unanswered before the schedule is finalized.

Fundraising: 110 out of 120 families have met the fundraising goal for calendar sales. OHA made a profit of about \$16,500.

Publicity: Again, it is suggested that division coordinators/representatives find someone to write items for print to send to the Capital Journal. A template would be helpful to send to coordinators.

NEW BUSINESS

Concessions: OHA will need to have a group provide concessions the first night of the Boys State Hockey Tournament. Lisa Gordon will find a group to do this and keep Paul updated.

Update for Tyler Wilcox Tournament (Squirt Parents): The tournament is scheduled for January 20th-22nd, 2012. Twelve teams have been invited to the tournament. For the tournament, coupons will be given to parents for Hot Cocoa and/or coffee. Concessions would like to be reimbursed for this with the monies made from the tournament. The VFW has donated \$150 which will be given to concessions to help fund a puck shoot with food prizes. The puck shoot will take place between the big and little rinks. Each player will be given a 'Guest Pass' to hand out to whomever they would like, could be a neighbor lady, teacher, friend, grandparent. The pass allows the receiver to attend one game during the Tyler Wilcox Memorial Tournament. Finally, be listening for public service announcements for the tournament as well.

Popcorn: Discussion occurred about the mess which popcorn makes – it gets in the bleachers, all over the ground, etc. It's difficult to clean up. Perhaps we could have a trial period where no popcorn is sold to see what people have to say, to get their input and feedback. It would helpful to see what type of sales we make from popcorn as well.

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Open Skate Fee: It was mentioned that a fee should be charged for open skate, however, in order for OHA to rent the Expo Building at a reduced rate, there is a condition in the rental agreement that no fee would be charged for open skate. OHA pays \$9,000 per year to rent the building. In comparison, another association pays \$30,000 per year to rent their building.

NEW BUSINESS

Mini-mite Split: A motion was made by Ron Wagner, seconded by Tony Leif that OHA allow a one-time pilot split for Mini-mite players. The registrar will divide them into two equal teams by first and second year mini-mite player, then by age. Motion carries.

Squirt Practice Times: Discussion occurred about the squirts using PAYSAs for practice. The Thursday night practice is an exchange with PAYSAs for ice time with OHA. At the beginning of the season, with coaches in agreement, the time seemed to work well for the squirts however, if this is no longer the case, Ron will see if it's possible for another level to use the PAYSAs rink for practice.

A motion was made by Ron Wagner, seconded by Tony Leif to adjourn the Meeting.
Meeting Adjourned.

The next meeting will take place Tuesday, February 7th 2012 at 6:00 pm at the Expo Building in Fort Pierre, SD.