

**Oahe Hockey Association**  
**March 2014 Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Oahe Rink Board Room**  
**Tuesday, March 11, 2014**

Board Vice-President, Nathan Sanderson, called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Gordon Woods, Stephanie Lyons, Mike Mueller, Kevin Atkins, Laura Schoen-Carbonneau, Tiffany Sanchez, and Craig Davis. Board President, Tony Leif, was absent.

Vice-President Sanderson called for any additions or corrections to the meeting agenda. There were none at that time.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING** – Vice-President Sanderson asked for a motion that the February Board Meeting Minutes be approved. Craig Davis made the motion, Second by Mike Mueller. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS:**

**1. TREASURER – TIFFANY SANCHEZ**

Feb 28 checking balance: \$42,731.43

Restricted Funds: \$26,613.08

Total Funds Available as of Feb 28: \$16,118.35

(Tiffany's written report to the board is below)

February saw a total income of \$19,382.19. Primary income was concessions, donations for the Mite Fun Day, Gate, Equipment lease, Merchandise, Retired Jersey purchase, signage and skate rental. We also received \$326.19 for restitution from the break-in a few years ago.

Monthly expenses were \$34,163.34. Big items included signage, coach reimbursement, referees, rent, tournament expenses and utilities.

Overall, we had a loss of \$14,781.15 for the month--most of that being the major signage expense.

YTD income 185540.37

YTD expense 157060.83

YTD = 28479.54 plus carryover = 42731.43 2/28 checking balance

Less restricted funds totaling 26,613.08

Total Funds Available 16,118.35

Outstanding expenses: final coaching reimbursements; final concession expenses; final utilities. \$900 due on insurance in June. March will see income from the Bantam A State Tournament--which was great!!!--and credits from concessions.

Overall – Tiffany thinks we are sitting well from a budget perspective and Craig Davis says we are operating at a profit this year --- so definitely a good!

**Vice-President Sanderson entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mike Mueller made the Motion. Second by Kevin Atkins. Motion approved unanimously.**

**2. REGISTRAR – KEVIN ATKINS**

Kevin reported that he is still waiting on Factor 360 to fix the problem of not being able to enter volunteer hours in on the OHA website via smart phones. This is a continuation of what he reported to the Board in February. Hoping it will be fixed yet this month.

**3. PLAYERS – LAURA SCHOEN CARBONNEAU**

Laura reported there was good traffic at the YMCA Community Day in February.

Looking forward to seeing if we get any more Sam Tronnes Scholarship applications and if an OHA hockey player is a recipient – this will be announced at the Boys' Varsity State Tournament.

Coordinators are all set for the 2014-2015 season, except for Bantams.  
Coordinator information is on the OHA website.

#### **4. LEAGUE PLAY – CRAIG DAVIS**

Craig reported there were no cancellations of games this year other than the Squirt Tournament being cancelled in Aberdeen. He also stated that from a state level – there were lots of disciplinary conference calls this year. He said the South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association numbers are getting bigger; however it is also getting rougher as well with a lot of 2 and 10 penalties being called. Not sure if this had anything to do with there being lots of new referees in the SDAHA system or not. He did notice and had comments of there being lots of difficult referee personalities to deal with this season. Craig noted that on the SDAHA website there is a section where both coaches and parents can complain regarding referee conduct.

Discussion amongst the board took place regarding talking at our April Board Meeting about how many of our association levels should be out of town during OHA hosting of state tournaments.

#### **5. RINK OPERATIONS – GORDIE WOODS**

Teardown schedule begins Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

The reason teardown is beginning on March 13<sup>th</sup> this year is because it takes approximately 12 days to tear down the rink and Imagination Destination's competition is schedule for March 29<sup>th</sup> in the EXPO Center. However, the facility needs to be ready by March 28. Thus, in order to accommodate this and give us an extra 3 days, it was decided that March 13<sup>th</sup> would need to be the scheduled tear down, start date.

#### **6. FUNDRAISING – SERENA SWENSON**

Serena was absent so no report from her. However, the Board did discuss that Zamboni Day is April 24, 2014. Word needs to get out on what Zamboni Day is and why OHA does this fundraiser every year. Back in the 1990's it was used to

begin raising funds for a new Zamboni. Now, the funds raised are used to maintain the Zamboni's operation.

Our current Zamboni is 8 years old. The pledge-drive we had a few years ago for it raised \$135,000 of pledges in 30 days. With this \$135,000 we raised we purchased the Zamboni and upgraded the OHA sound system.

Pre-orders of pop will be done again – which is a big money maker. The board agreed that the exact word needs to get out about why we do the fundraiser and what it is for. (e.g. \$10 donation, receive pop, maintain Zamboni) Mike suggested doing some radio spots. Kathy Norwick will help Serena this year with the Zamboni Day.

Tiffany said she would watch the money made from this year's Zamboni fundraiser and specifically ear-mark money for the Zamboni's upkeep going forward.

The board discussed how the Zamboni is probably used about 120-140 hours a year and it costs about \$900 a year for gas. Mention was made on how John Zimmerman donated the gas this year for the Zamboni and thus saved OHA that much in expense.

**Craig Davis made a Motion to get John Zimmerman a \$150 gift card as a thank you from OHA for his generous donation of gas to operate the Zamboni. Second by Gordie Woods. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **7. COMMUNICATIONS – MIKE MUELLER**

Mike had no Communications Report but went right into Old Business.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. OHA LOGO**

Mike reported that his goal for the April Board Meeting is to have a recommendation on this topic after his recent talks with Nancy Gordon.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. MEMBER YEAR-END SURVEY**

The Board discussed doing an OHA Member Year-End Survey again and have President Leif be in charge putting it together. Last year's survey had a good response. Overall the Board felt the survey was a good tool where parents can be engaged to be closer and more involved with the Association. Suggested was to have the survey be no more than 10, non-misleading questions. The Board also wanted President Leif to send it to them for review first (to the board members) before sending it out to the Association as a whole.

**Vice-President Sanderson called for a Motion to have President Leif conduct a year-end member survey for the 2013-2014 season - similar to the one that was done for the 2012-2013 season. President Leif will send it to the OHA Board for review first before sending it out to the OHA Association members. Tiffany Sanchez made the Motion. Second by Laura Schoen-Carbonneau. The Motion passed 7 (yes) to 1 (nay).**

### **B. MINI-MITE AND MITE JERSEYS AND EQUIPMENT – NATHAN SANDERSON**

The Mini-Mite and Mite Coordinators (Amanda Dodson and Kellie Beck) want to know if OHA will pay to get jerseys for their skaters that play in the "In-House" league. The coordinators feel that the cost would be approximately \$700 to get 20 jerseys ordered and get the printing of names, numbers, and the Capitals logo put on them. The board agreed this would be an idea to think on and re-address it come next season.

Another idea the coordinators had was to purchase more pennies. The Mini-Mites and Mites groups had about \$150 left from their Fun Day in February and were wondering if they could use this money to possibly purchase more pennies for now. The board agreed they could use the \$150 for this purpose if the Mini-Mites and Mites groups so wished.

**No action was needed or taken on this item.**

Nathan also brought to the board discussion on the status of equipment in OHA. It was determined that only \$1,000 of the \$2,000 grant money set aside for equipment had been spent thus far. There were no complaints on the cost of renting hockey equipment this year (\$45) and Nathan thought overall the families that rented from the Squirt levels on down were happy. Some new helmets are going to be needed to be ordered, however – as well as some new goalie gear as what we currently have is pretty worn and is starting to show wear and holes in them (especially the gloves).

Nathan will begin looking at various items he is seeing on the Hockey Giant website and may consider looking at “single” items to order (to replace worn out items OHA currently has) rather than “sets”. Discussion also took place on the possibility constructing more shelves for skates (Gordie said he would help).

**No action was needed or taken at this time - on this item.**

**C. VOLUNTEERS (ADDED ITEM TO AGENDA)**

The Board discussed the issue that OHA has been having with the IT provider in the volunteer hours being not very accessible on the website. Comments centered around going back to the old way of having volunteers track their hours on lists on the wall in the warming room, to “getting what you pay for” at times with technology and services, to thinking of building some type programming costs into the OHA budget looking ahead. The Board did agree it was costly to keep fixing the problems we’ve been having with our current on-line volunteer system of signing up and tracking hours. A suggestion was made to form a committee to look at options of improving this system. Laura Schoen-Carbonneau will get this committee set-up in the near future and ask Kevin Atkins and Kathy Norwick to sit on the committee as well. The committee formed will then discuss options and come back to the board in the future with recommendations.

**No action was needed or taken on this item.**

**D. OFFICERS (ADDED ITEM TO AGENDA)**

The Board discussed upcoming Officer elections and what board positions would be up for election. Some suggestions that came from current board members would be to look at possibly having an Internal (Calendars/Zamboni Day) AND External (Signage) Fundraising Director – as well as having a Director of Coaching AND a Director of Scheduling. This would involve taking the one Director of League Play position and breaking it into 2 positions. (Note: OHA used to have this position broken into the 2 separate positions in years past – so this would be nothing new.)

Craig will let Mike know what board positions need to be posted on the OHA website as up for elections. This notice on the website will be in May, the elections will take place at the June Board Meeting, and the newly elected board members will begin their terms at the July Board Meeting.

An Agenda Item for the April Board Meeting will be more discussion of officer positions up for election in June and if by-laws need to be changed in order to change the Fundraising Director from 1 position into 2, as well as the same for the Director of League Play.

**No action was taken or needed on this item.**

**Vice-President Sanderson entertained a Motion to Adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Craig Davis. Second by Gordie Woods. Motion approved unanimously. The board meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. CST.**