

**Oahe Hockey Association
October 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
EXPO Center Board Room – Fort Pierre, SD
Monday, October 17, 2016**

Board President, Nathan Sanderson, called the October Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Nathan Sanderson, Tiffany Sanchez, Lee Axdahl, Lisa Lee, Craig Davis, Bob Gray, Serena Swenson, Jon Herman, Katie Starr, and Stephanie Lyons.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

President Sanderson called for a Motion to approve the September Board Meeting Minutes. Motion by Lee Axdahl. Second Bob Gray. Motion carried unanimously.

II. TREASURER’S REPORT – TIFFANY SANCHEZ

Registration numbers are low, thus registration budget is down by about 7%. Insurance is being redone due to the purchase of PAYSAs. Senior posters and banners will be done again with these pictures taken on the October 26th early release day.

Financials were handed out.

Sep 30 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$82,553.42

Restricted Funds: \$30,188.79

Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Sep 30: \$52,364.63

Sep 1 – Sep 30 income \$22,910 : Donation - \$7.50; Registration 2016-17 - \$18,682.50; Sponsorships - \$4,000; Delinquent Volunteer Hours Post Season - \$220

Sep 1 – Sep 30 expenses \$2,336.94 : Bank charges – (\$5.53); Board Expenses – (\$84.70); Coach - \$80.00; On-line Registration Fees - \$2.50; Rink Expense - \$687.89; Tax Preparation - \$356.78; Tournament Registration - \$1,300

Overall Total for Sep 1 – Sep 30: \$20,573.06

Oct 17 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$89,641.25

Restricted Funds: \$30,188.79

Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Oct 17: \$59,452.46

Oct 1 – Oct 17 income \$9,477.50 : Donation - \$5; Registration 2016-17 - \$472.50; Sponsorships - \$4,500; Signage - \$4,500

Oct 1 – Oct 17 expenses \$2,389.67 : Phone DSL TV - \$139.67; EXPO Rent - \$1,600; Tournament Registrations - \$650.00

Overall Total for Oct 1 – Oct 17: \$7,087.83

President Sanderson asked for a Motion to approve the October Treasurer's report. Motion made by Lee Axdahl. Second by Katie Starr. Motion passed unanimously.

III. **DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS**

REGISTRAR – RICK MILLER (ABSENT BUT SENT E-MAIL REPORT)

OHA has a total of 198 skaters this year, down from 250 total skaters last year. Notice a Learn to Skaters moved on to Mini-Mites. Hoping "Try Hockey 4 Free Day" will increase numbers. The girls team numbers are down overall.

DIRECTOR OF PLAYERS – KATIE STARR

Try Hockey 4 Free Day is November 12th. Working on getting volunteers now. Will advertise the November 12th date at the downtown Trunk or Treat event October 27th.

DIRECTOR OF COACHING – PAUL BACHAND (ABSENT)

President Sanderson entertained a motion to approve the provisional September meeting's coaching list tonight, pending modifications at the November board meeting when Paul should be present. Motion made by Craig Davis. Second Lee Axdahl. Motion approved unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF LEAGUE PLAY – CRAIG DAVIS

Vice President Lee Axdahl led discussion on 2 Play-Up Requests, both to play up from the Mite Level to the Squirt Level. President Sanderson abstained from the board discussion. The 2 players are Jonas Farnen (moved from Aberdeen) and Carter Sanderson. Both players have met all the criteria required of the play-up request process. Mike Behm signed off on them both, and Coaching Director Paul Bachand e-mailed his agreement of the requests shortly before tonight's board meeting.

Vice President Axdahl made a Motion for the board to allow the play-up request committee to make the final decision on these 2 proposed play-up requests by the committee making their recommendation and then the board ratifying the committee's recommendation (by e-mail at earliest convenience) after the committee's decision/recommendations have been made. (This is because Squirt practice starts in about a week on October 25th). Second by Bob Gray. Motion approved unanimously, with President Sanderson abstaining from the vote.

Practice Schedules are final now and have been sent out. Practice starts are as follows:

Varsity/JV	Week of October 10 th
Bantam/PeeWees	Week of October 17 th
Squirts	Week of October 24 th

Katie Starr has reserved hotels in Pierre and Fort Pierre for the Bantam B State Tournament here in March. Brookings has the Boys State Varsity Tournament. Craig has started to get some hotel room blocks reserved in Brookings as the State Girls' Basketball Tournament and the Miranda Lambert concert is there that same weekend.

DIRECTOR OF RINK OPERATIONS – JON HERMAN

The ice is up! Would like to figure out a way to get more folks to show up next year for set-up. Board discussed having a set plan for each night next year with set people committed for each night. Will continue this discussion at future meetings before next season.

The water fountains have been installed. Oahe Glass will have the new front door in place at the end of November to beginning of December. Hoping to have one heavy cleaning night looking ahead. An e-mail will go out when the date is set.

DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING – SERENA SWENSON

Zamboni Days is November 5th from 10am – 1pm. A link will be on the OHA website for pre-sales. Team Leaders will make contact with team members soon. Hoping to have a store front at Runnings or Hobby Lobby.

Tentative hand out date for raffle tickets will be October 24th.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING – BOB GRAY

E-mails are out, checks are coming in, and we should be ahead of last year for sponsorships. Going to keep contacting additional sponsors.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS – LISA LEE

Radio ads are getting set up for Try Hockey For Free and Zamboni Day. Hockey newsletter may be going to peoples' spam accounts. Going to work on that. Working on ways to get more people to look at website. Going to add a "Home Game" page to website to allow fans to see ALL home games, at all levels.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT – LEE AXDAHL

Working on disciplinary issues. November 17 &18 is the Tronnes Celebrity Hunt. \$375 per hunter for the 2 days.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

EXPO BUILDING UPGRADES

We were approved by both the Pierre and Fort Pierre BID Boards for improvements to the EXPO Building. (\$25,000 Fort Pierre + \$85,000 Pierre = \$110,000 Total)

e.g. bleachers, paint, logos, new skate rental room, new entrance flooring, etc. These should start sometime in summer of 2017. There are still a few grants that have been applied for as well that we hope to be approved for an additional \$10,000-\$20,000.

PAYSA

Ice maintenance is a must and is going to be done this weekend. Need toilet paper and paper towels. Coordinators need to implement some cleaning duties while their teams practice there. Working on a committee to do ice maintenance, etc. at PAYSA. Going to work on getting curling scheduled.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

The policy will be distributed to the members to look at prior to the November meeting, for potential action. **Bob Gray made a motion to give the disciplinary committee the discretion in imposing penalties in accordance with the current substance abuse policy for the 2016-2017 season, subject for approval by the OHA Board. Second by Tiffany Sanchez. Motion passed unanimously.**

V. NEW BUSINESS

PINK THE RINK

Chase Bolte presented a proposal to have Avera and/or Sanford donate money for pink jerseys, socks, tape and pucks – with the proceeds to go back to their cancer centers (Avera/Sanford). Will come back to the board at a later time with the final sponsor(s) and event date. **No formal board action was taken or needed at this time.**

COMMUNITY OUT REACH

Craig has reached out to the city to see if OHA players could do some community service projects. Wants each team to do a project. Will discuss more at future board meeting.

The November OHA Board Meeting will be held on Monday, November 21st at the EXPO Center Board Room in Fort Pierre, at 6:30 pm CST.

President Sanderson entertained a Motion to Adjourn the October Board Meeting. Motion made by Tiffany Sanchez. Second by Craig Davis. Motion passed unanimously. The October Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. CST.