



Omaha Hockey Club
Board Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2020

Roll Call

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| • Doug Ziska – President - Present | • Sarah Moran – Travel Director - Present |
| • Larry Mercier – Vice President - Present | • Scott Miller – High School House Dir - Present |
| • Vacant - Treasurer | • Krista Morrison – Girls Director – Present |
| • Matt Moragues – Secretary (Interim) - Present | • Vacant – House Director |
| • Michael Hughes – OJL Director - Present | • Vacant – IP/Mite Director |
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▪ **Welcome and Presidents Report – Doug**

- Annual Meeting – Planning annual meeting via Zoom and elections/voting via ballot box. Midwest is doing bi-weekly zoom meetings to see what is going on throughout the Midwest. Other associations are voting and having annual meetings via online platforms. There are continual discussions about the status of the upcoming season with regards to the Covid 19 pandemic.
- Elections – All positions have either the incumbent or a new nominee in the running

▪ **VP/Risk Management Report – Larry**

- Reiterated the need for online meeting and election. Larry brought up the bylaw changes that have been discussed.
 - Changing the term of a director to equalize the amount of positions on the ballot each year.
 - Approving the ability to hold online voting/meetings due to certain circumstances.

▪ **Secretary's Report – Matt**

- Thanked the board for the interim appointment. Is committed to keeping things organized and working to send updated details to the association monthly at minimum.

▪ **Treasurer's Report – Doug**

- Working with the accounting firm on streamlining some of the processes to make all information more transparent within the association.
- Waiting for some final ice bills to finalize the budget from the season. Planning to analyze all budgets before next season. With Covid there may be financial struggles from vendors, families, and rinks that we need to plan for.

▪ **OJL Director – Michael**

- Season ended but looking forward to a strong 2020-2021 season. Hoping to still host the high school nationals in 2021.

▪ **Girl's Director – Krista**

End of Season:

- Mostly complete. 19U and 16U Central Districts cancelled due to Covid-19
- Will hold an end of the season Zoom Meeting to discuss how the season went with coaches, date TBD

Coaching Selection

- Have been unable to meet with coaches to debrief from the season
- Need to solidify coaching for girls teams for next season

Tryouts & Skates

- 19U and 16U tryout dates TBD pending on rink openings
- Girls Open House TBD pending rink openings
- Girls Evaluation Skate TBD pending rink openings
- Will post tryout dates and skates on OHC website as soon as determined



- HS House Director – Scott
 - Good end to the season. Creighton Prep and Elkhorn in the Championship game. Elkhorn was the champion
- Hosted the high school awards via zoom, and then delivered the awards to the individuals after the meeting. Went well considering the circumstances.
- Travel Director – Sarah
 - End of Season
 - Mostly complete. Only Grahams team down one final tournament.
 - Stampede •
 - Very successful. Lucky that we were able to get it in.
 - Looking at dates for next season. March 5-7, 2021
 - Elimination of Girls from the Stampede at 10, 12, 14 level - Currently participating in our Joust.
 - Coaching Selection
 - Have been unable to meet with coaches to debrief from the season.
 - Need to hire coaches ASAP Tournament Registrations
 - Registrations for certain elite tournaments will open in May and I will likely have to register “ghost” teams to ensure that we are able to gain entry.
 - Tryouts
 - Travel Tryouts will take place in middle of August. Likely around August 10th.
 - Anticipatory Numbers:
 - Squirts: (2010-2011) – 2-3 teams
 - Peewees: (2008-2009) – 3 teams
 - Bantams: (2006-2007) – 3 teams
 - CEP Training:
 - Need to work with Billy and Mike to establish dates – Changes to the program. Level 4 no longer lifetime. Previous level 4s will be grandfathered.
 - Bantam Checking Camp:
 - Checking camp for all 2007 and 2006 players. House and Travel. Would like to hold in September. Working on Dates.
 - Summer goalie recruitment:
 - Summer goalie recruitment from mites and squirts – none of the mites were “goalie only”. We move the position so that all may try goalie. I would like to invite those who are serious about trying the position to a summer goalie camp. Again we will need some goalie gear. We need to continue to develop our goalies and this is one way we can build our goalie program.
 - Apparel Store:
 - Would like to have one unified store. Goalie training and Supplemental Ice:
 - I would like to see these programs continue. There was a lot of positive feedback from the families that took part.
 - Both could be more strategic and there are areas that need improvement – time dedicated to them.
 - Ice:
 - We will need as much ice as we had last year. Need to start working on schedule.
- IP/Mite Director – Matt
 - Had a great season – cut a few last practices out for IP due to the Covid pandemic.
 - Spring IP was cancelled due to rink closures.
 - Hoping to have Summer sessions still go on. Hopefully rinks will open as restrictions relax.



- House Director – Sarah

- End of Season:

- Joust went off without a hitch. Was a good season all things considered.

- Looking forward:

- Need to get a new director in place.

- Coaching:

- Need to reach out to coaches and see if they plan to return next season.
 - Need coaching development.
 - Need feedback from parents

- Players:

- Squirt – 6 plus Girls (+1 Select)
 - Peewee – 6 plus girls (+1 Select)
 - Bantams – 5 plus girls (+1 Select)

- Ice:

- Will likely need additional ice next season.
 - Need to keep all of house at Moylan – splitting between Grover and Moylan very difficult in terms of coaching.

- Jerseys:

- Need to order white and black jerseys and socks soon. If we wait too long we will not get them as other organizations will have taken the supply.

- Bantam Checking Clinic:

- See travel director comments.

- Mite to squirt transition camp:

- Required for house kids?
 - Host in September too?

Old Business:

New Business:

- Hardship issues after Covid
- Ice Schedules / Commitments
- Jersey/Sock ordering now in off season
- Coaching selection