



**Osseo Maple Grove Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2025
8:00 pm via Zoom**

Voting Members

Kellie Smyth, Brandon Erickson, Chuck Sawicky, Nice Rice, Brian Grant, Jason Rogowski, Hailey Fischer-Anderlie, Janna Bross, Andy Pierskalla, Dustin Brooks, Aaron Tofte, Troy Fodstad, Cathy Cheatham, Lucas Ahlberg, Dustin Fulton

Non-Voting Members

Nicole Hurt Hicks, Tim Evanson, Kyle Sletten, Ruth Lefebvre, Brandon Wicklund, Nikki Schiele, Becky Thoreson, Jennifer Lundquist, Nikki Stephany, Dave Margenau, Christina Wienencke, Kara Bjorngaard

Guests Present:

James Beckus, Aaron Bulman, Pete DeMuth, Tina Reid, Ryan Burggaff

Meeting Called to Order

Kellie Smyth called meeting to order at 8:02.

Consent Business

- **Treasurer’s Report – OMGHA Financial Update submitted by Chuck Sawicky**
- **Charitable Gaming Report by Cathy Cheatham**

Approval of February, 2025 Actual Expenses:

Rent	
Duffy’s	\$875.00
Malone’s	\$9,776.73
Maple Tavern	\$21,306.16
Games	
Pull Tabs Plus	\$6,570.53
3 Diamonds	\$12,362.46
Pilot Games	\$41,720.10
Payroll and Related Taxes	\$20,285.70
MN Revenue Combined Tax	\$97,330.00
City of Maple Grove Tax (Malones)	\$3,909.00

City of Maple Grove (Maple Tavern)	\$3,458.00
City of Osseo Tax (Duffy's)	\$695.00
Barton Walter	\$2,883.50
Charitable Products	\$444.83
Troy Scheunemann	\$113.00
Osseo Meats	\$1,500.00
Premier Bank	\$173.64
CG Made Easy	\$659.00
File Depot	\$1,145.77
Menards	\$17.35

Donations Made:

OPC Girls Hockey	\$10,000.00
Osseo Boys Hockey	\$10,000.00
MG Girls Hockey	\$10,000.00
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Approval of March, 2025, Not to Exceed:

Rent	
Duffy's	\$875.00
Malone's	\$6,100.00
Maple Tavern	\$17,000.00
Games	\$70,000.00
Payroll and Related Taxes	\$22,000.00
MN Revenue Combined Tax	\$80,000.00
Supplies	\$1,500.00
Merchandise Prizes	\$2,000.00
CG Made Easy	\$700.00
File Depot	\$1,300.00

Donations Requests:

City of Osseo	\$5,000.00
Maple Grove Police	\$500.00

- **Approval of February Meeting Minutes**

Brandon Erickson moved to approve the February Consent Business, Nick Rice second; approved. Motion passes.

- **President's Report- report by Colin Steen**
 - Final stretches of the season are in front of us – thanks to the coaches and volunteers who made this another successful season.
 - Goodman Scholarship is posted on the OMGHA website, please make sure to check this out and spread the word.
 - MGCC 3rd sheet construction continues and is catching back up to on pace.
 - Additional meeting on Brooklyn Park CAC task force highlights the importance of them receiving government bonding bill - asking for MN Hockey and D3's help in getting word to the state legislature and senate.
- **District 3 Updates- report by Nick Rice**
 - Scheduler meeting takeaways: Squirt/U10 games will remain 1 hour, possibly extend to 75 minutes for District Tournaments-TBD
 - Note for coaches meeting: need to have coaches plan a quick pregame
 - Ref Report: OMGHA scrimmages up from 93 to 180 this year! Reminder to scrimmage coordinators to try to schedule games elsewhere if possible to save cost
 - Squirts and U10's: A's will stay around 10 games, B1, B2, C will have an increase of games
 - Tournament meeting moved up to June to give Association, D3, Refs, etc more time to prepare, ideally brackets submitted by September 1st.
- **Secretary Updates- report by Kellie Smyth**
 - Annual Meeting Date Set – Sunday, April 27
 - Scholastic Achievement – Monday, April 28, 6:00 pm at Lord of Life
 - Deadline for Scholastic Achievement Application due April 6
 - Deadline for Character Award, March 23rd

Hockey Updates

- **Boys Traveling – report by Jason Rogowski**
 - 4 teams made it to state, which was a great showing – congratulations to everyone!
 - Applications for open board positions were due March 16th – working on prepping this for official appointments and elections.
 - Meeting as travel committee in late April or early May to debrief on season and plan for next year.
- **Girls Traveling – report by Brandon Erickson**
 - 2024-2025 season is wrapping up on 16 March for OMGHA girls travel teams. Summary of (almost all) results below, detailed results will be shared at the annual meeting
 - Congratulations to u12A for making it to the State Championship game!
 - Two 1st place finishes in district season standings- u12A and u12B1 White
 - 8 of the 12 OMGHA girls travel teams finished 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the D3 regular season.
 - Two 1st place finishes in district playoffs- u12A and u12B1 Black.
 - 8 of the 12 OMGHA girls travel teams finished 1st, 2nd, or 3rd/consolation champ in the D3 playoffs.
 - All 6 qualifying girls travel teams advanced to their regional tournaments.

- u12A finished 1st in regional tourney, u12B1 White finished 3rd in regional tourney
 - u12B2 Crimson advanced to the super championship series.
 - Girls travel committee will meet in April for a post-season debrief and to begin planning for next season with immediate focus on tournament scheduling for the 2025-2026 season
 - Initial team formation estimates are complete for the 2025-2026 season. u15- 3 teams; u12- 5 teams; u10- 4 teams. Will continue to track assumptions and movement of player projections through the offseason
- **House Report by Brian Grant**
 - Around 476 kids went through Jamboree – wrapped it up this weekend, quite a few vendors, including the Lookout were there – it went great!
 - 3o3 starting in the next few weeks – getting that up and running.
 - Turning focus to recruitment.
- **Skills and Development – report by Andy Hedlund**
 - Defense Skills Camp
 - Registration opens 3/17. Cost: \$165 per player
 - All Times: 6:40pm except the first Day is at 7:20pm. Location: Rogers Ice Arena. 5/28 first day of camp
 - End of Year Coaches meeting
 - Recaps of seasons
 - Feedback
 - Tourney selection
 - Thank You's!
 - Planning for Dryland space
 - Equipment
 - Design
- **Diversity and Inclusion- report by Nicole Hurt**
 - DinoMites (Minneapolis and St Paul) looking to pilot program in Brooklyn Park to encourage kids to play hockey. Team is at Edinbrook this week (week of 3/17) and asking for any volunteer time to help kids tie skates and get on the ice. Hoping to officially pilot program in early 2026. If you can help tie skates and get kids on and off the ice, please sign up: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/403974620033/true#/invitation>
 - Will be sharing results of 3 year goals at the annual meeting.
- **Jr. Gold**
 - JGA were runners up at tournament this weekend, hard fought battle against Minnetonka. They gave it their all!
 - Next Spring – D3 will be hosting JG regions/playdowns – MGCC will be hosting 3 regions for JGBs – doesn't require any volunteers (37 games).
 - Looking at hosting JG tournament either at the B or U16 levels – considering weekends that are open.
- **Tournaments**

- Super Regional and Super Championship went well and feedback was phenomenal – great momentum.
- Shout out to Kimberly, huge rock for all tournaments, Districts and hosted tournaments. Also, DIBS team came in huge to help get spots filled toward the end of the season so we can successfully host the tournaments.
- Opening up tournament registration on June 1st.
- Working to nail down dates for tournaments and review competing association tournament and high school needs to firm up all dates.
- Cannot schedule ice on new sheet of ice until after January 1st.

OMGHA Partner Updates

- High School Coaches
- Arena Managers
 - Congrats to all teams this year!
 - MGCC working on shutting down lobbies (this week), which will create more challenges around the rink. Entry doors will be north side of TCO. Skate office will be up on concession stand on TCO rink. Parking lot will have continued disruptions. Working on signage to help people navigate and find their way around.
 - 3rd sheet of ice construction schedule coming around – making up hours this week and getting closer to being on schedule. Continuing to hold back any commitments on the 3rd rink until after January 1st.
- Marketing / Sponsorships
 - Katie Roberts has done a great job with the sponsorship portion.
 - Spent the last few months working with coaches and managers on end of season gifts, swag and the approval process.

Administrative Updates

- Volunteer Coordinators
 - We are done posting hours for the season. We will have a better breakdown of hours for the April meeting. Thank you to everyone who volunteered this season!
 - Buying out after registration was another issue this year, when families do this it gives us inaccurate information for budgeting purposes. Which leads to paying for positions at the end of the season. We have never (in my 4 years of doing this) had to pay for Mite Jamboree before, but we did this year. At least from what I can remember.
 - Since we started reaching out to families in February(ish), we had 8, 1-player families buyout, 6 families responded that they didn't play for OMGHA, so something on the registration end got missed. We have 10 families that have yet to return any e-mails so therefore their checks will be cashed also. That is roughly 336 hours that we thought we had to work with. There is probably more that we didn't include in this.
 - We need to talk about a no buyout option, or only buyout at registration, etc. especially once we know what is going to happen with Maple Grove concessions. We plan to meet after the April meeting to discuss options so we can start the communication early.
- Registrars
- Equipment
 - First equipment turn-in is this Wednesday, 3/19.
- Election Committee
 - Nominations due March 16, 2025
- Player Safety

- Grievances

Old Business

New Business

Chuck Sawicky moved to adjourn the meeting; Nick Rice second; meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.