

Oahe Hockey Association
MONTH Board Meeting Minutes
EXPO Center – Fort Pierre, SD
Monday, March 16, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board meeting called to order for the month of March 16, 2026, at 6:31 pm (CST) by Board President, Bret Afdahl.

Board Members Present:

Bret Afdahl – Board President	Joanie Blair – Director of Communications
Rick Miller – Board Past President	John Ullmann – Director of League Play
Doug Abraham - Board Vice President	Jon Kotilnek – Director of Coaching
Kellie Beck – Board Treasurer	Rachel Graves – Director of Fundraising
Jessi Fromm – Board Secretary	
Tom Kirschenmann – Registrar	Landon Badger – Director of Hockey
Gerad Johnson – Board Facilities Manager	Kaisha Anderson – Concessions Manager
Christi Hand – Director of Players	Nick Marso – Capitalize on the Future
Larissa Freeman – Director of Marketing	Clarie Peschong – Merchandise

Additional Guests:

II. Board Minutes

**Rick Miller made a motion to approve the February Board Minutes.
Seconded by Doug Abraham. Motion passed unanimously.**

On February 18, 2026, Rick Miller sent out an email with the OHA Hall of Fame Policy and asked if there was a motion to approve the Policy as presented.

Jessi Fromm made a motion to approve the OHA Hall of Fame Policy as presented. Seconded by Doug Abraham. President Afdahl called the vote and the Motion passed unanimously by notational vote via email.

III. TREASURERS REPORT

**Jessi Fromm made a Motion to approve the February 2026 Treasurer’s Report.
Second by Doug Abraham. Motion passed unanimously.**

IV. Pull Tabs

- Doug discussed an opportunity for OHA with a new law that goes into effect July 1, 2026.
- A non-profit organization can have 2 pull tab machines per organization.
- Bret, Doug, and Landon will talk to a couple local businesses, about OHA having a pull tab machine in their establishment.
- More research will be done on the cost of machines and locations, and we will continue to discuss it at the next board meeting.

V. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS

Tom Kirschenmann – Registrar

- Volunteered to take the I-Pads and Computers to his house for the off season.

John Ullmann – Director of League Play

- On March 26, 2026, PILC has the Ice Barn rented for \$400.00, skates will need to be taken to Ice Barn from the Expo
- Working on Summer schedule for ice times, currently there is nothing officially on the calendar.
- The Zam at the Ice Barn needs a hose replaced.
- Working with the Oahe Lady Capitals on entering a tournament in Bismark April 10-12, there will be no cost to the association, the parents and some sponsors are covering the fee.

Jessi Fromm – Secretary

- No report at this time

Joanie Blair – Director of Communications

- Added information on OHA page about booking parties and renting ice time for the community.

Christi Hand – Director of Players

- Three families have not completed their Dibs points.
- Two families did not turn in raffle tickets.

Bret Afdahl – Board President

- Update on Bathroom Renovation Project
 - Expo Board will purchase the paint, and the OHA is responsible for painting the locker rooms.
- The Expo Board has declared the Expo building as an Emergency Shelter, and OHA will no longer be able to store items in the locker rooms during the off season.
- OHA will need to utilize storage under the bleachers upstairs.

Gerad Johnson – Facilities Manager

- Sunday March 22 at 8pm he will start shutting the systems down.
- Will work with Christi and Joannie on posting the schedule for rink tear down.
- Looking for a walk behind floor scrubber.
- The biggest days for rink teardown will be Monday-Wednesday

Rick Miller – Past President

- Will disable door codes on March 30 and reset all door locks.
- Wi-Fi will be turned off on March 23
- Has set up a goggle drive for the policies and procedures.
- Winter Fishing Weekend donated \$2,990 to OHA.

VI. Landon Badger – Director of Hockey

- Spring Series will begin March 29
 - Two Levels – Squirt and Peewees, and Bantams and up
 - Prices will be \$90 for skaters and \$75 for goalies.
- Summer Camp
 - Working on a schedule and ideas for the camp

VII. Capitalize on the Future

- Nick gave an update on the project.
 - Is working on finalizing the plans to go out for bids.

John Ullmann made a motion to authorize Nick Marso to sign contracts on behalf of Oahe Hockey Associations for the purpose of Ice Barn Construction Project. Seconded by Christi Hand. Motion passed unanimously.

Attached are the Resolution and Certification for this motion.

Squirt Try-Out Policy

- Move to next meeting.

OHA Hall Of Fame Policy

- The website has been built for the Oahe Hall of Fame
- Working on establishing the committee the Oahe Hall of Fame

Registration Date 2026-2027 Season

- Tom discussed the OHA registration dates, and the number of registrations on different dates.
- Discussed the Registration Dates for other associations.
- Discussed OHA needs to have a budget proposal ready by June board meeting if registration is opened in July.

John Ullmann made a motion to open registration on July 15, 2026, and registration deadline would be Aug 10, 2026. Seconded by Jonnie Blair. Motion passed unanimously.

Chase the Ace

- Deferred to next meeting.

VIII. New Business

Spectator policy

- Deferred to next meeting.

**Rick Miller made a Motion to Adjourn the March Board Meeting at 8:25pm
Second, by John Ullmann. Motion passed unanimously.**

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR April 20, 2026

Submitted by: Jessi Fromm