

Owatonna Youth Hockey Association

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, Dec. 18, 2023 7 p.m.

Four Seasons, Owatonna, MN 55060

Board of Directors (X= present and E= excused, A=absent, unexcused)

President – Scott Mohs	X	Mikel Akers	X	Kelly Olson	E
1st Vice President – Jason House	X	Tanner Grimmus	X	Eric Standke	X
2nd Vice President – Devin Laiho	E	Nick Flatgard	X	Alex Peterson	X
Secretary – Steve Rick	X	Chad Hacker	E	Colleen Rehman	E
Treasurer – Mary Kelvie	X	Nick Lewis	X	Ricky Magana	X

1. Call to Order- 7:03 PM

2. Roll Call- Steve

3. Guests- Andy Winkels, Tim McCauley

4. Review and Approve current agenda

- M / S / P 1. Tanner 2. Eric Passed

5. Review and Approve October meeting minutes

- M / S / P 1. Nick L 2. Mikel Passed

6. Financial Report

- Arena sponsorships- Alex will post a solicitation on social media for sponsorships, particularly arena signage and dasher board sponsors.
- M / S / P 1. Mikel 2. Nick L Passed

7. Gambling Report

- October 2023 Results and December 2023 expense pre-approval were voted on via email on November 27, 2023. M / S / P 1. Kelly 2. Jason Passed
- November 2023 results via email December 26, 2023. M / S / P 1. Scott 2. Eric Passed
- January 2023 expense pre-approval via email December 26, 2023. 1. Scott 2. Eric Passed

8. Old Business

- Concession Update- Concessions are doing very well. The hot dog machine was able to be repaired so it didn't get replaced. New cookie machine has arrived.

- Owatonna Hockey Day MN 2024- Eric S.
 - Eric presented the Owatonna Hockey day proposal with activities throughout the day. We still need to get a couple teams scheduled for home games that day.
- Hockey Ops Update – Scott
 - Scott updated the board on the movement of the PeeWee B team to PeeWee C. All of their games have been rescheduled. Overall, this move was worth the effort as the team is more competitive at the C level.
- Home tournament update – Mary
 - Still need more teams for the U10B home tournament. At least one additional team is needed however we would accept up to three more teams.
- Social Media – Ricky /Alex
 - Prior to the meeting, Alex sent out an email to the board with insights into the social media activity of the association. Overall, social media is having a broader reach than it has in previous years with more people seeing and interacting with the posts.
- Fromm Memorial - Scott, Eric
 - Memorial is up in the lobby and stickers have been applied to all players helmets. More will be added to the lobby memorial as it arrives, including additional jerseys. Discussions are underway regarding a permanent memorial location within the arena.
- Open Board Seat
 - Andy Winkels introduced himself to the board and expressed his interest in serving and fulfilling the open term which expires in 2024. A motion was presented by Ricky and seconded by Eric to appoint Andy to this open position. Motion passed.
- Minnesota Wild Program Opportunities
 - Team managers can set this up individually with the Wild if interested in participating.

9. New Business

- OYHA hosting winter D9 meeting January 15th at 7 p.m. Sparetime. Anyone is welcome to attend as a guest to the meeting.
- More tournaments- Scott presented the option of offering more paid tournament options for each team next year and less individual games outside of the season district games. Individual ice times for teams could be scheduled for practice or coach-controlled scrimmages. More discussion on the exact cost of this would be presented at future meetings.
- Federated / new jersey sponsor- Federated fulfilled their jersey sponsorship commitment and has notified the association they have no intention to renew. Jason will be initiating conversations with other potential sponsors for next season and beyond.
- OMC – Jason has begun conversations with OMC about the need and interest for a sport complex similar to what they are operating in Rochester. Conversations are ongoing.

10. Adjournment: M / S / P 1. Tanner 2. Nick L Passed at 9:03pm

11. Next Board meeting – Monday, January 22nd – 7 p.m. Four Seasons