

OREGON HOCKEY MEETING MINUTES

July 2025
6:00 pm- HQ



Board Members/Attendees:

Attended	Excused	Unexcused	Name	Position
X			Jason Wieser	President
X			Justin Brooks	Vice-President
X			Sean Kypreos	Secretary
X			Vicki Lawry	Treasurer
X			Andrew Lederer	Registrar
X			Heather Symdon	Fundraising Director
X			Dan Kassis	LTP
				6U
X			Brent Cashore	8U
		X	Jim Conklin	Squirt
X			Derek Blakeslee	Peewee
X			Sean Dill	Bantam
X			Andy Meyer	High School
X			Erika Wiskes	Tournament Director
X			Megan Pedersen	Volunteer Dibs
			Rick Fleming	Hockey Director
			Ben Cowan	Rink Committee

Meeting called to order: Jason - called the meeting to order at 6:20- pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 6/23/2025; Motion to approve by Erika -. Second by Andy.

Other Members in Attendance: Sean Brennum, Marty and Michelle Alstad, Joe Schwartz

New Business:

- **DCHOA Update (DAN)** - Registration is open and they have seminars going on for training. They are having 2 of these sessions at the Oregon rink and would like us to provide some Peewee players to help scrimmage so the training officials can get some game style experience. Derek will coordinate some emails to get some players together. Dan also asked if OYH would pay for the costs of the ice. Derek made a motion for OYH to pay for the ice sessions and Sean D. seconded the motion. None opposed.
- **Grassroots Grant (DAN)** - Dan asked if anyone on the board has applied for any grants this year or if its something we have done in the past. We have applied for a few grants in the past but no one has done it at all this season. Dan will take the lead and see whats out there and fill out applications on behalf of OYH.
- **New Webmaster** - *Jolene Ferguson has volunteered to be the webmaster. Do we need to discuss or vote on this?* Megan will send her a follow up email to Jolene and ask her if she has any web building experience or what ideas she would have for our current website before the board makes a decision to move forward.
 - *What website access do we want for everyone?* Everyone on the board has full access to the website and Sports Engine HQ. We will leave it this way for now. All team managers will have limited access to keep private information for being exposed.
- **Culture Liaison Coordinator** - *Mary Haegele has volunteered to fill this position. Any objections or discussion needed?* No objections to having Mary Haegele fill this position.
- **Community Outreach position** - *Should we create this non voting position who coordinates Events, Parades, National Night Out, Etc. Or should this fall under the duties of the fundraiser?*

Old Business :

- **Registration. Can we get it open by August 1st? What decisions need to be made to make this happen?** Prices will have to be increased this year to avoid a major loss for OYH. Ice costs along with the workout plan and wanting to bring in specialized skill trainers this season. These are all things our members asked for in the previous general membership meeting.
 - *Season costs* - Dan created a rate analysis spreadsheet to figure out the cost of the season and if prices need to be raised. Dan and Vicki will put together a final price plan for the upcoming season. Brent and Andy will look it over before sending it off to the Board for final review and approval.
 - *Off ice trainer and pricing* - Dan talked with Ben Pankrits at the Rink gym. More specialize muscle groups that pertain to the game of hockey and not just simple things like running bleachers. \$10 a kid per session and you would be with your team and your level. Squirt level and above cost would be added to the fee. We would want to draft up a contract with the gym and get an invoice we can pay up front. This will be included in the pricing that is put together for the board to review.
- **Tryout Dates** - 9/16, 9/18, 9/23, 9/25. We also have ice on 9/30 and 10/2 that we planned on using for skills sessions or 'knock the rust off' ice.

- **Coaching Committee** - This discussion will be pushed to the next board meeting after the Hockey Director is finalized. We all agree that we want to have a coaches committee with monthly coaches meetings and more accountability from our coaches.
- **Hockey Director** - Need to have one more final discussion with Rick Flemming to see what his plans are for the upcoming season. Is he willing to work off of an hourly rate? Will he be asking for more money this season? Expectations will need to be set in writing before an agreement is made. Other possible candidates for this position are Gary Winchester and Coly Hefty. We can reach out to them if things do not work out with Rick.
- **Any Update on bringing in outside skills specialists for practices? (DAN)** - Dan has people in mind that he wants to talk to. We need to figure out the hockey director thing first and we can build this program off of that.
- **National Night Out (HEATHER)** - August 5th
 - *Do we have a flyer or card to hand out to the public?* Yes, Heather has handouts that she is going to make to give to people at the event.
 - *Who will be in the booth? Board members or Volunteers?* Brent, Andy and Sean K. all agreed to help work the event. They will coordinate getting a net, sticks, pucks, shooting pad, table and banner to the event.
- **Photographer** -
 - **(ANDREW)** - *Team/Individual Pictures* - Jess Sweeney came to Andrew and offered her services for Photographer this year. The board agreed to seeing an official proposal from her before making any decision. We also asked if our Photography coordinator (Courtney Stam) could reach out to a couple of other vendors to see if they could offer their services.
- **Girls Hockey Update** - Erika met with a group yesterday and it sounds like we will have enough for 2 all girls squirt teams within the Co-op (Oregon, Stoughton and McFarland). They are trying to make at least 1 team at each level 10U, 12U and 14U.

Reports:

President (Jason) -

- *Rink Update* - Ben asked to meet with Jason and Dan for a proposal to ask OYH if they wanted to buy the Rink from him. He offered it for 3.5 million with bonded finance from the City. The Board all agreed that we are not in a position to buy the rink at this point in time and we will decline the offer unless something drastically changes.

Vice President (Justin) -

- Currently working on the ice schedule. Dan made a separate spreadsheet and offered to send it to Justin as it might help make it easier for assigning ice times.

Treasurer (Vicki) –

- OYH currently has around \$67,000 in the bank. This number will go down quickly once we start receiving ice and ref bills for the upcoming season.

Secretary (Sean K.) -

- Nothing at this time

Tournament Director (Erika) -

- *Tournament dates are 12/19-12/21 & 1/9-1/11. Last meeting we discussed hosting a Girls Squirt and Girls Peewee Tournament.* We as a board have decided to have NO home tournaments this year. We end up losing money on tournament weekends and can never get any volunteers to help fulfill the roles that are needed. We can use the ice from these weekends for home games or give it back to the rink if not needed.
- *How many away tournaments per team?* - The Board agreed that 3 away tournaments would be acceptable for this upcoming season with at least 1 of those tournaments being within 1 hour driving distance so families can choose if they want to get a hotel or not. If teams want to do any extra tournaments, they would have to fund it themselves.

Volunteer/Dibs (Megan) -

- *Volunteer hours -*
 - *Raising Volunteer hours to 25* - We agreed not to raise volunteer hours this season. Especially with no home tournaments and a foreseen rate increase.
 - *Do we want mandatory volunteer hours for tournaments?* There will be no home tournaments this year.
- *Buyout policy - Do we increase the buyout policy to help people volunteer?*
 - *Increasing buyout to \$30/hour* Not at this time.

Registrar (Andrew) -

- Nothing at this time

Fundraising (Heather) -

- *Golf Outing Recap* - Golf Outing will make roughly \$13,000. Heather would like to form a committee next year to get the process started earlier. It will be easier to get sponsors and prizes together if it's not all done at the last minute. We should consider an early bird registration discount but raise the entry fee overall.

ALDs -

Learn to Play (Dan)- Dan signed us up for USA hockey 'Try hockey for free day' on 9/13 from 3-4pm

- *Update on the mini LTP session happening in August* - Looking good so far.
- *LTP will be (3) separate sessions*
 - *10/5 - 11/16 Session 1*

- 11/23 - 1/4 Session 2
 - 1/11 - 3/1 Session 3
 - *Each session would be 6-7 ice times. This allows for multiple points of movement between Learn to Skate and U6/U8.*
 - *I would like to start earlier to accommodate this so we can potentially get some more kids into U6 when that season starts in mid to late October.*
 - *Have to pass Learn To Skate to get into LTP (I have traded messages with the LTS coordinator on this but need to have an in person meeting, she likes the idea)*
 - *Looking at \$50/skater per session*
 - *I would like to pay any coach who helps at a LTP session \$30, either as a dues reduction or just straight pay out. Would have to be a registered coach or completed safesport, youth players don't count and the LTP ALD does not count either. We need to find a way to get more coaches as I know I can't be there every session but will have all the practice plans ready to go.*
- Everyone likes these ideas from Dan and supports them.

6U -

- *Possibly Cody Parman or Sean Brennum as a candidate. Sean Brennum showed up to the meeting and said he is definitely interested in becoming the 6U ALD. His daughter really enjoyed the season last year and he wants to get more involved. His only concern is that he coaches High School football in Sun Prairie and is not sure how much time he will be able to commit for the first few months of the hockey season. We told him that we could help him get his feet under him while onboarding for the position and that we can help him field questions and issues when he might not have time due to Football. Derek made a motion to approve Sean B joining the board as the 6U director. Vicki seconded the motion, none opposed.*

8U (Brent) -

- Brent is worried about the low number of skaters we might potentially have this upcoming season at the 8U level. We will only have 3 guaranteed Red level players and the rest will be a mix of White and Blue. Brent asked the board if we are ok taking on some Red level McFarland players to join us this season as they also don't have enough to make a Red team. We agreed as long as it was purely a numbers reason.

Squirt (Jim) - Not Present

Peewee (Derek) -

- Peewee is also at a stand off for numbers. Right now they have a proposed 20 skaters which isn't really enough to form 2 teams. WAHA won't let us co-op with Stoughton at this level. We are still trying to figure this out.

Bantam (Sean D.) -

- *Bantam to High School pricing - Come up with a solid price on kids that play a month or two of bantams and then move on to high school. Megan is willing to try and put together a sub committee to talk about these numbers. We will have to come up with a pro rate price for any player that starts off with OYH and moves up to High School once the season starts. It will be based on the number of practices and games played at the youth level.*
- Monroe has not said anything about if they are planning on having a Bantam team this season or not. Sean D will reach out to them and see what they are thinking.

High School (Andy) - We need to figure out when Youth night will be for the High School so we can set a 'Save the Date'

Safety/Concussion/Safesport - N/A

Culture Liaison - N/A

Hockey Director - N/A

Rink Committee -N/A

Next Meeting Date: Everyone agrees now that the season is starting back up, we need to move the meetings back to Sunday night. We will try to have them on the third Sunday of the month moving forward with next month being an exception. The next meeting date is set for August 24th at 6pm and we will try to secure the Bergamont Meeting Room as a location.

Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn by Andrew -Second by Sean K- Approved by the Board.
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:52- p.m