

## **OAHE HOCKEY BOARD MINUTES**

**DATE:** November 3, 2009  
7:00 pm

Expo Building, Ft. Pierre, SD

**PRESENT:** Paul Bachand, President; Michael Long, Rink Manager; Dean Taylor, Bantams; Ron Wagner, Scheduler; Gordon Woods, Seniors; Amy McTighe, Registrar; Dawn Magee, Risk Manager; Cindy Gerber, Squirts; Angel Wedin, Treasurer; Pamela Metzinger, Fundraising; Jeff Mammenga, PR; Sheri Anderson, Concessions; Lynda Wagner, Hockey Booster; Raymond Tibbs, Coaching Director; Mikal Hanson, Varsity/JV; Kris Buchholz, PeeWees; Kathi Mueller, Mites; Marcie Long, Secretary.

**ABSENT:** Ron Schmidt, Girls; Dede Fasken, Mites; Rob Anderson, Vice President.

Also present: Ron Bren, Jim Wedin, Jon Farris, Deedra Geisinger

A motion was made by Lynda Wagner, seconded by Gordon Woods, to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2009 board meeting. Motion passed.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The monthly financial report was distributed and discussed. A motion was made by Gordon Woods, seconded by Mikal Hanson, to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

### **COACHING DIRECTOR**

Raymond Tibbs reported the Level 1 and 2 clinic was held at the Moose Lodge in Ft. Pierre on October 24-25, 2009. Raymond distributed the list of coaches for the 2009-2010 season, and advised the board of the additions and deletions that needed to be made to make the list up to date.

A motion was made by Dawn Magee, seconded by Angel Wedin, to approve the list of coaches as corrected for the 2009-2010 season. Motion passed. The list is attached to the hard copy of the meeting minutes.

Paul Bachand reported appointing Rob Anderson, Raymond Tibbs, and Gordon Woods to the Discipline Committee.

### **GOALIE GEAR**

Dean Taylor reported he's replaced 4 sets of equipment for goalies at the Mite and Squirt levels at a cost of \$1868.46. He also reported that additional goalie gear at the upper levels needs to be replaced. A motion was made by Ron Wagner, seconded by Dawn Magee, to authorize expenditure of up to \$2000 to replace additional goalie gear. Motion passed.

## **REGISTRAR**

Amy McTighe reminded level reps that the state needs team rosters one week prior to the first game for each team and that they need to be sure they submit their rosters in a timely manner.

## **FUNDRAISING**

Pam Metzinger is still waiting on a response from Walmart as to how much they are going to donate to our fundraiser/raffle. The general consensus of the board was that we need to move forward with the raffle without the Walmart donation. Prizes for the raffle are: \$10 JCPenney gift, a \$60 camera from Karl's, \$150 gift certificate to Unclaimed Freight/Ashley Furniture, and a \$500 Visa Gift Card. President Paul Bachand advised he may have one additional prize to contribute to the raffle.

Pam discussed the availability of participating in Arby's fundraisers. Arby's will contribute 15% of their profits to OHA from a three hour time period on either Monday Nov. 16 or Tuesday Nov. 17. OHA is asked to provide one person to be on hand during the fundraiser. Pam will contact Arby's to set the date and get the information to Jeff Mammenga for distribution to the OHA Families.

Pam also mentioned a program available through Oahe Electric where Oahe Electric allows their customers to round up payment on their bills, and uses the additional funds to award grants to organizations. The Board discussed applying for these funds in the future.

The Governor's Hunt fundraiser went very well. The \$500 received will be split between OHA and the Oahe Capitals Figure Skating Club.

OHA will not be participating in a fruit sales fundraiser this year.

## **RISK MANAGER**

Dawn Magee mentioned the state Risk Manager's death has created some confusion over who at the state level will take care of background check forms. Lynda Wagner will contact the state for instructions on how to proceed and will contact Dawn with that information.

## **SCHEDULER**

Ron Wagner reported the state league schedule has been distributed.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Gordon Woods, seconded by Dean Taylor, to begin Open Skate sessions on Friday November 20. Motion passed.

Kathy Norwick is still working on putting together a schedule for workers for open skate, cleaning and ice maintenance.

Nels Hanson, the Learn to Skate coach, would like to get started with the program on November 14. LTS has traditionally started the first Saturday in January. After discussion, the board decided to hold two sessions of Learn To Skate, the first one from 11/14/09 to 12/19/09, and the second from 1/9/10 to 2/13/10. Ron will contact Nels with this information.

### **RINK MANAGER**

Michael Long is ready for the work schedule to be finalized so there will be help with ice maintenance on Wednesday evenings. Ice maintenance takes place from 5:30 to 6:45 and he has had difficulty completing the job in that time frame due to no helpers coming to help.

### **PUBLICITY**

No report

### **HOCKEY BOOSTER**

Lynda Wagner informed the board that all name bars are being removed from jerseys at each level and will no longer be used due to people inappropriately attaching them to jerseys which ruins the jersey.

Lynda also reported that State Publishing has offered to print a Master Program which will include rosters for every OHA team.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Hockey Camp: A motion was made via email by Dede Fasken, seconded by Marcie Long, authorizing Paul Bachand and Jon Farris to negotiate the rate for hockey camp with Robby Glantz. Motion passed. Jon Farris and Paul Bachand met with Robby Glantz to discuss camp registration numbers and 2010 camp. Robby agreed to give OHA a break on this year's camp costs and agreed to personally return in 2010 to conduct a camp for OHA, which will also be given to us at a reduced cost.

Rink Manager: OHA is still in need of a rink manager for the 2010-2011 season. If anyone is interested they should contact Michael Long or any board member.

State Risk Manager's Death: A motion was made via email by Dawn Magee, seconded by Rob Anderson, to send a \$100 memorial to the family of Gary Healy, the state risk manager, who passed away in October. Motion passed.

Secretary Marcie Long asked for clarification on distribution of minutes. A request had been made in October for the October board minutes that had not yet been approved by the board. It was agreed that board minutes shall not be distributed for public information until the board has approved them.

Ron Bren distributed information for the board's consideration from the Oahe Hockey Recruitment Committee. A copy of the information is attached to the hard copy of these minutes. No action was taken, further discussion will take place at the December meeting.

Jon Farris reported a Level 1 and Level 2 referee clinic has been scheduled for November 9 and 10<sup>th</sup> to be held at the Expo building. Jon will be sure to accommodate the PeeWee tryout schedule so no players miss their tryout due to attending the reffing clinic. A motion was made by Angel Wedin, seconded by Dawn Magee, to reimburse level one and level two on ice officials registration fees upon completion of the training and receipt of their certification. Motion passed.

Sheri Anderson has season passes printed and will begin selling them.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Sportsmanship. Amy McTighe shared feedback she received from players who did not return to OHA for this season. One of the primary reasons for not returning was lack of sportsmanship among teammates. Players feel like they have been bullied or mistreated in the past. The Board discussed various ways to address this issue. Lynda Wagner, Amy McTighe, Paul Bachand and Jim Wedin will address each team at player meetings to discuss this issue.

2. Refunds. Amy McTighe has received requests from four players who registered for hockey but due to various circumstances no longer wish to play. These players did not participate in any practices and would like refunds of their registration fees. A motion was made by Lynda Wagner, seconded by Gordon Woods, to refund the fees paid for player registration and fund raising, minus the fee OHA pays to Factor 360 for registration for Cody Witte, Seth Hoffman, Nathan Dryden and Parker McKittrick. . Motion passed.

3. Bantam Practice Jerseys. Bryce Baker, the lead Bantam coach, would like to purchase practice jerseys for the Bantams similar to what the varsity teams use. The estimated cost is \$260. A motion was made by Lynda Wagner, seconded by Dawn Magee, to purchase practice jerseys for the Bantam teams. Motion passed.

4. Mite team split policy. A proposed revision to the Mite Team split policy was distributed for discussion. The revision was modeled after the recent Squirt Team Split policy revision in that teams would no longer be split by age only, but years of hockey experience would also be factored into team placement. Extensive discussion took place among the board members regarding the proposed Mite team split policy.

A motion was made by Dawn Magee, seconded by Gordon Woods, to accept the proposed revisions to the Mite Team Split Policy. A substitute motion was made by Ron Wagner, seconded by Mikal Hanson, to have the Mite team parents meet with the Coaching Director for discussion of the new policy prior to the board taking action on the proposed changes. The substitute motion was withdrawn. The vote was taken by a show of hands for approval of the original motion. The motion passed with a vote of 9 ayes and 8 nays. Paul Bachand asked the Mite coordinator to distribute the policy to all Mite parents for their information.

5. Coaching Director Position: Raymond Tibbs has indicated he would like to step down from the Coaching Director position. Jim Wedin has expressed interest in filling that position. A motion was made by Lynda Wagner, seconded by Gordon Woods, to accept the resignation of Raymond Tibbs and appoint Jim Wedin to the position of Coaching Director. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Gordon Woods, seconded by Kristal Buccholz, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

The next meeting will take place Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at the Expo Building in Ft. Pierre.

OCTOBER	09/10 SEASON
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07/01/09-11/03/09

Category Description	AMOUNT
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INCOME	
08 Registration	\$135.00
09 Hockey Camp	\$9,000.00
09 Registration	\$20,676.00
Concession Rev	\$54.60
Donation	
Dakotamart	\$100.00
Pepsi Contract	\$5,000.00
TOTAL Donation	\$5,100.00
Equipment Lease Program Income	\$910.00
Fundraiser Revenue	
Raffle Tickets	\$5,300.00
TOTAL Fundraiser Revenue	\$5,300.00
Grant	
Community Foundation	\$750.00
RAM	\$5,000.00
TOTAL Grant	\$5,750.00
Hockey Swap Income	\$451.00
Merchandise Rev	\$203.00
Pierre Fort Pierre Expo Board	\$204.12
Retired Goalie Pad Purchase	\$150.00
Signage 2009	\$440.00
Zamboni Day Revenue	\$10.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$48,383.72</b>

EXPENSES	
Advertising	\$199.36
Bank Chrg	
online Reg.	\$1,218.89
TOTAL Bank Chrg	\$1,218.89
Coach	
Subscription	\$58.00
Training	\$655.00
TOTAL Coach	\$713.00
Concession Expense	
Reimbursement	\$926.14
TOTAL Concession Expense	\$926.14
Donation Given	\$350.00
Equipment	
Goalie	\$1,868.46
TOTAL Equipment	\$56.96
Hockey Camp Expense	\$8,455.70
Hockey Swap Expense	\$451.00
Phone & DSL	\$460.56
PO Box Rental	\$56.00
Postage	\$35.20

Reimbursement	
Registrar	\$76.95
Registration Fees	\$210.00
Tournament Expense	\$73.12
TOTAL Reimbursement	\$360.07
Rent	\$3,000.00
Returned Check	\$470.00
Rink Expense	\$5,409.31
Season Passes Exp	\$234.26
Signage exp	\$50.35
Skate Sharpening	\$120.00
Supplies	
reimbursement	\$4,458.36
Other Supplies	\$853.52
TOTAL Supplies	\$5,311.88
Tournament Host	\$200.00
Tournament Registration	
Bantam C	\$475.00
Varsity	\$1,225.00
TOTAL Tournament Registration	\$1,700.00
Trash	\$190.80
Utilities	
Gas & Electric	\$286.56
Other Utilities	\$5,338.54
TOTAL Utilities	\$5,625.10
Zamboni	
Fuel	\$51.66
Parts	\$410.26
TOTAL Zamboni	\$461.92
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$37,868.00</b>

total 09/10 season	\$10,515.72
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Check book prior to 07/01/09	\$14,824.54
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Wilcox Memorial fund	\$2,100.00
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<b>Overall total bank</b>	<b>\$27,440.26</b>
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<b>October</b>	
Beginning bank balance	\$55,873.08
Total Revenue	\$4,370.72
Total Expense	\$21,496.26
Ending bank balance	\$38,747.54

# OAHE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## MITE TEAM SPLIT POLICY

### CURRENT POLICY-

**RECREATIONAL** - The backbone of youth hockey, recreational hockey encourages internal or "house league" play. This program is designed to provide opportunities to play for enjoyment, fitness, relaxation, and fellowship. Skill development and team concepts are stressed, rather than winning. The Mite and Squirt programs are in this category. At this level the goal is to get players familiar with hockey and to have fun. Emphasize 'fun' practices more than games and focus on individual skills. Attempt to achieve total equal play to the extent that if you end a period with 1st line, the 2nd line should start the next period. No special teams should be formed, such as penalty kill or power play. In most instances, players should not have established positions, but should experience playing at both defense and offense. Especially at the Mite level, coaches should consider asking all players to take a turn playing a game as goalie. If registration numbers indicate that more than one team will be formed, division will be by age only.

A request is being made to consider revising the current Mite Player Assignment Policy.

**Policy:** Following OHA Mite registration, the OHA Coaching Director and Mite Lead Coach, in collaboration with each Mite Head coach, will settle on the number of teams to register and roster per the selection process described herein, while striving to manage each team with as equal number of players as possible. USA Hockey and SDAHA rules, specify 20 players as the maximum number to "suit up" for games, the split of players into "Gold" and "Black" teams will occur, when the number of players registered exceeds 20, to result in as equal a split as possible. However, OHA Board reserves the right to grant team splits when fewer than 20 players are registered.

"Gold" team player assignments are determined highest to lowest per the following order:

- 1) All "Gold" team players must be 2nd year Mites who have previously participated as registered USA Hockey Mite players.
- 2) Total number of years the Mite player has participated as a registered USA hockey Player.
- 3) By player birth dates, as aligned in order oldest to youngest.

When there are enough players for 2 or more Mite "Gold" teams, the teams will be evenly split with the players assigned to a respective "Gold 1" and "Gold 2" teams by alternating their assignment G1 than G2 beginning with the highest determined player.

"Black" team player assignments are determined highest to lowest per the following order:

- 1) Excess players if any, per the "Gold 2" team player assignment process
- 2) By player birthdates oldest to youngest.

When there are enough players for 2 or more Mite "Black" teams, the teams will be evenly split with the players assigned to a respective "Black 1" and "Black 2" teams by alternating their assignment B1 than B2 beginning with the highest determined player.

# Oahe Hockey Recruitment Committee

## MEMBERS:

Ron Bren  
Jim Wedin  
Paul Nelson  
Brian Olson

## Mission Statement:

The recruitment committee shall strive to provide to the Oahe Hockey Association Board recommendations regarding youth hockey recruitment initiatives. These recommendations shall be the result of innovative thinking, research and interviews and will have the interests of the Association and the promotion of the sport of youth hockey as paramount.

## Operating Guidelines:

- The committee has no authority in expenditure of Association funds without Board approval
- The committee has no authority on implementation of initiatives without Board approval

Results of committee meeting held 10/28/09:

## Promotional :

### 1. School Jersey Days

- We have five Varsity home games this year. Proposing to allow ALL Capital hockey players the privilege of wearing their jersey to school the Friday before the game.
- This is solely aimed at increasing the exposure amongst school aged children promoting our team – get our colors out in front of kids...see a jersey, want a jersey. Also aids in promoting the home games.

### 2. Weekly Capital Spotlights in the Reminder/Journal.

- Pair one Varsity and one Mini/Mite/Squirt player together for a quick bio (team, name, years played, favorite player, favorite whatever). Bio would be headed by the individual photos under the caption "Capital Spotlight".

### 3. Promote Open Skate

- Confusion every week on is there open skate or not due to league scheduling. Couple the coming weekend's Open Skate schedule under the weekly Capital Spotlight insuring an up to date schedule.
- Find out which radio venue does the most current weekly community calendars and inform them of Open Skate times for the week.

### 4. Have a Hockey Promo Media Blitz Week.

- Check the schedule for a weekend when Varsity, Girls and Bantams all play at home and promo the hell out of it.
- Allow players to wear their jersey to the games on that weekend. Wear your jersey and if you bring one friend (non player), that friend gets in free. Get kids inside the rink...they'll bring concession money.

## Program mods:

### 1. House League for Mini-Mites and Mites.

- Current House League commonly gets bumped due to league play – difficult to build enthusiasm and planning when sessions are rare. If the schedule is sparse, people will fill their personal calendars with other things.
- Utilize the PAYSA ice for the Mini and Mite House Leagues – clear the Saturday Oahe rink of Mini and Mite ice times, leave Squirts. This allows scheduling flexibility to insure the Squirts get to skate.
- Buy In: Capital hockey registration remains the same, a portion goes to PAYSA to cover participation in House League. The House league would be a compilation of Oahe Hockey kids and the general public. We see these general public kids as those whose parents either don't want to get involved with the hockey "cult" or who don't want to travel. They can come to the rink every Saturday morning, play for an hour, and hang it up til next week...very similar to soccer or any City or YMCA sport. We're hedging that if the kid has a

blast, mom and dad will move them to Oahe Hockey. If thirty kids play house and we get 10 of those; first we got thirty kids to play hockey, second we got 10 new faces in Oahe hockey.

1. **House League for Mini-Mites and Mites. contd**
  - Couple House League program with an equipment rental program.
  
2. **Recruitment Bonus Program**
  - If you bring a new recruit to Oahe Hockey as a registered player, you will receive a monetary refund (i.e. \$10). Purpose is to provide incentive to current Oahe hockey families to become recruiters themselves.
  
3. **Waive registration fee for half the season for Mini and Mite players.**
  - If, halfway through the year, you do not decide to continue you can walk away. If you decide to continue you would be responsible for the entire registration fee at that point.
  - Couple this with an equipment rental program and the offer is then as cheap or cheaper than any other sport option out there. The purpose here is to make it difficult to say no to hockey simply on cost.
  
4. **Establish a used equipment cache for disadvantaged kids – current players or new recruits.**
  - Numerous households with boxes of equipment. Parents have become tired of hauling it to the skate exchange and then back home again. This equipment could be donated to our Association.
  - Utilizes one or two used equipment managers – one or two responsible for the sorting, repair and issuing of used equipment to those with need.
  - Would take the place of One Goal type programs for older disadvantaged kids who might only need a set of shoulder pads or even an entire set of gear.
  - Program would be discrete with only the recipient and equipment manager knowing the equipment was donated.

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