

OYHA Booster Board Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:16 PM

Board Members Present: Lee Goehring, Chris Swanson, Julie Paul, Beth Anderson, David Barry, Dean Suchy, Matt Mesenburg, Lee Martini, John Greenagel, Steph Rigley, Jamie Lowe and Mike Gustafson

Presidents Report

- Tryouts are complete and all travel teams are off and running. As a reminder, should any of us as Board members receive inquiries or comments on concerns regarding tryouts, please direct parents to Chris Swanson, Lee Goehring or Tony Cleveland. They welcome the opportunity to speak with parents about the positives and opportunities from their child's try-outs.
- The Parents meeting that was held in October received great feedback and parents were glad that we did it. We had 115 parents show for the meeting. We will continue it in future years, and take some learning's from this year to update for next year.
- ADM has kicked off and it is going great thus far.
- Try Hockey for free day was a great success. 40 kids showed up and we believe 10 of those will end up registering for hockey. Scott Dornfeld came to OIA and was extremely impressed at the turnout and mentioned that Orono's was one of the best that he has seen. Steve Krampf did a great job organizing this. The board is considering holding another event in March.
- Teams are between 16-22 games this year. We will look at the equalization of the refs costs.
- Chris Swanson met with Aaron Johnson and there will only be 3 seniors graduating this year that are current members of the Orono HS team. Chris asked that the coach's board discuss the possibility of having a Jr. Gold team as a stepping stone to Varsity. We will consider discussing this with the parents in the spring and taking a poll to get their thoughts.
- Chris updated the Board on the decision by OIA (that was discussed with OYHA BB exec committee over this past weekend) to not holding the 12B tournament at Orono. Chris discussed the various conversations held over the past 4-6 days by Chris and Jamie Lowe with various individuals at D-3 and OIA, facts surrounding the decision, other background information regarding tournament registrations and fact that just 4 teams were currently registered. Discussion was held among the board members regarding the 'view' of reputation the perception by D-3 and the other associations and process improvement considerations for next year. Also was noted that our Orono 12B team will be going to Elk River instead that weekend for a tournament.

OIA Update

- The Burr unit has been wrapped. Chris Swanson asked the coach's on the board to let him know if they feel that it has made a difference on the ice.

Treasurer Report

- Julie presented a financial update. There will be some adjustments to the draft presented with the credit card fees/to get those classified properly and approximately \$23,000 more will be added from registration fees and gate fees that are currently outstanding / yet to be collected by OYHA. Other expense items are reasonably as expected at this point in the season/year.
- Status noted that we still were in limbo on determination of if Jersey's would be needed or not for ADM/if we would be getting free ones again from USA Hockey. Should hopefully know soon.

Coach's Board Report

- Since our September meeting the coach's board has hired James Gasch as the Bantam B2 non parent coach – which was discussed and agreed upon by the executive committee of the Board (as a reminder Lee noted to the board back in September that they were discussing with James his plans for the year – as he was the assistant on that team last year).
- The Coach's Board is considering hiring outside graders next year for try-outs. In addition we will poll the parents in the end of the year survey to determine if they are interested in closed try-outs.
- Lee noted that there is 'space' for move-ups to the squirt C team from ADM (as we have done in the past). At this point the CB is in process of identifying individuals that would have interest. Given timeframe/desire to move them up without delay once identified, and to not wait until next meeting, Chris Swanson made a motion to allow the CB to fill the roster need for the Squirt C team and move up to kids from ADM, informing the Executive committee of such players if identified prior to our next full Board meeting. Lee Goehring 2nd the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- Lee updated the Board on recent discussions with our OYHA ADM Director. As a bit of background/reminder for the Board, the ADM Director requested additional money from the Board at a meeting held in early spring 2011 (attended by Chris Swanson, John Greenagel, Lee Goehring and Mike Walker from the CB) for additional budget money to provide/engage additional non-parent paid coach's to help on-ice with ADM. At that meeting, the decision concluded on was to not spend added \$\$, but to look to our association parent coaches as we have in the past, to get better engagement at that level. Lee indicated that since early August, he has been working with the ADM Director to get a formal contract/agreement in place – but has not been able to complete such task. In mid-October the ADM Director came to the Coaches Board and asked for an additional \$4000.00 for paid coach's or, in his view, his ability to execute the ADM program would be tough to do, and that he would not want to be the OYHA ADM Director for the coming year. The executive committee of the Board held discussions and met with members of the coaches Board to discuss the request and assess the current situation. Discussion was also held with

the OIA Board. After various discussion and considerations by the Coaches Board and the Executive Committee members, the conclusion was reached (given the current timeframe and overall status) to approve up to an additional \$4,000 for use for engaging additional non-parent coaches to assist with ADM. Also concluded that engagement of those individuals would be consistent/similar to the coaches board's process for engaging other non-parent coaches (interviews, screening, agreement, vote by the Coaches Board to engage and payment by the association). Given that decision, the Coaches Board has agreed that Justin Pagel (who also is the Bantam A head coach) will be engaged to assist with the ADM level. Lee proposed a motion to approve Justin Pagel as an ADM assistant; 2nd by Chris Swanson, motion passed unanimously.

- Although a verbal agreement as of today has been made with the ADM Director regarding expectations, the coach's board is still working with the ADM Director to get a signed contract completed.
- U8 (girls ADM) will be doing 3v3 at Hatrick as a way to keep the girls together and build the girls program. There is a lot of excitement & interest by girls to "skate with girls" – which the coaches board (and Booster board) believes is important for the strength of the girls program (and we have heard that from feedback of parents). Lee also noted that we will be hosting the ADM Jamboree at the end of the season.
- 14U has 2 Wayzata girls on their team which gives them a total of 12 skaters and 1 goalie. The coach's board is working to recruit 2-3 more girls to fill their roster.
- We will be hosting a goalie skills day on 11/20 and 12/17. Lee Goehring will be running the 11/20 skills and Bobby Carlson will be running the 12/17 skills.
- Lee Goehring updated the Board on the status of Squirt goalies – and fact that a majority are 'very new' to being a goalie this year. Discussion was held on overall training and development for this group. Lee then made a motion to approve up to \$2000.00 for additional Squirt goalie training at Goal Crease. Beth Anderson 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

D3 – Jamie provided an update from the recent D-3 meeting attended, which included discussion on tournaments, penalty minutes and games.

Registration – Lisa presented the current registration numbers. We are slightly up in numbers for the traveling teams in total as compared to budget but down in ADM numbers compared to budget. We hope to have some added ADM registrations before the year is over. Note that we have an outstanding number of 'new' players this year at ADM (100% more than budget) – which is great. Noted in the discussion was our conclusion to offer an 'introductory fee' to hockey this year – which we think has helped attract kids. Discussion also held on the other players eligible to play (have in past years at ADM) but who were not registered/playing this year to understand reasons why.

Grievance – no report

Team Manager – no report

Communications – no report

Equipment –

- The new jerseys look great and we have received positive comments about them from the members of the association. Thanks to Shawn Austed for all of her work on this.
- We still do not have ADM jerseys. Pictures are on November 16th so Steph will work with Steve to figure out our options.
- Our Orono Hockey Apparel sold \$12,000 in the 1st round; the 2nd round is still open for another week or so. Great feedback by members on apparel choices, quality of product and ease/functionality of the web-store. We are excited about this as we go into next year.

Fall Face Off – The Fall Face Off does not seem to be as successful this year as it has in the past. Some new things were tried this year that did not prove to be as successful as we had hoped. We had over 40 people RSVP via email that did not show so we were responsible for paying for their meals. More final numbers will be reported at the December meeting. We are considering holding a Holiday Boutique after Thanksgiving to sell the additional hockey shop items left over from the Fall Face Off. Beth will coordinate.

Level Reps

ADM Girls – no report

ADM Boys – Pictures are on Wednesday of this week. The communication from the ADM Coordinator to the parents needs to go through the website as we have parents not receiving his emails.

10U – no report

Squirt – no report

12U – no report

Pee Wee – no report

Bantam – no report

14U – no report

Additional Information

- The Holiday tournament communication will be going out after Thanksgiving to the members or the association. Lee/the CB will work on that again this year.

- As the Board discussed in the spring, the PW, 12U, and to a smaller extent the Squirt A/B teams will be receiving some of the later ice times on Friday and Saturday nights (and a couple during the week for a given month) as a way of giving Bantams and 14U's a break to the late times. We all acknowledge we wish we had 'extra available' ice between the hours of 5-8pm during the week, but unfortunately we don't. Discussion held around concerns of having squirts/10U's (10 and 11 year olds) on at late times was discussed – and confirmed that it would only be 1-2 times a month and on the weekends (The Bantam14U will continue with the majority of the later times on 'school nights' – with the PW/12U's picking-up a couple during week during the month. Chris has confirmed that with our Scheduler – and reported on the status of the November schedule (where for example, almost 50% of the ice times for the Bantam B-1 team were not at the 'late hour' for the total month's ice schedule.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01pm.