



OSSEO-MAPLE GROVE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 14th, 2006
Location: Maple Grove Community Center

Board Members Present: Todd Elmer, Tom Lyngdal, Mike Urquhart, John Sorrentino, Rob Thomsen, , Pat Ross, Steve Kelly, Kendra Verbeten, Scott Botzet, Bob Pearl, Tony Kunz, Denise Hinton, Leslie Miller, Todd Bergland, Jeff Dolby, Tim Clark

Board Members Absent: Tim Kuebelbeck, Todd Frisvold, Dane Roehl, Bill Schmid, John Anderson,

Meeting called to order at 8:05 PM, August 14th, 2006

Two changes were presented to the July meeting minutes. **Scott Botzet makes a motion to accept the July Board Meeting Minutes with the corrections.** Motion seconded by Tom Lyngdal. The motion passes unanimously.

Old Business

Online Registration – Theresa Christopherson

214 players have registered on line as of 8-14-06. Process seems to be working well. Theresa is currently working through the process of editing incorrect data input in the online system.

Directors have been asked to submit their TMA's by 9/4/06 for the upcoming season.

Screening forms – Todd Elmer

All coaches will be screened for the upcoming season. For a new coach, it will take approximately two weeks for the screening to be processed. No coach will be allowed on the ice until their screening has come back approved. All directors have been given the new screening form and are being urged to do whatever they can to have their coaching staff screening forms submitted and processed as soon as possible. It was suggested that the screening form be attached to the coaches applications and made available on line. Fred Norenberg and Todd Frisvold will be made aware of this and these forms should be made available online in the near future.

Ethics/Grievance & Code of Conduct-Todd Elmer reporting

Todd asked that all board members review the modifications initiated by Todd Frisvold. All board members received a copy of the proposed revisions and are being asked to review and submit any suggested changes or modifications to Todd Frisvold before the next meeting. Based on feedback received, the changes will be addressed at the next board meeting. Again, board members are asked to review the information and provide any feedback they have.

New Business

Board organization chart with modifications and revisions-Todd Elmer reporting

Todd presented the second reading to approve the modified organizational chart as presented to the board at the July meeting. **Leslie motioned to approve the organization chart as submitted,** Tony Kunz 2nds the motion and it was passed unanimously. The handbook will be need to be amended reflecting the approved Org chart.

Personal Fundraising Title – Sue Frykman

Sue requested that the title of her position be changed to Financial Assistance Coordinator to more accurately reflect the scope of her position. There was brief discussion and all present were in agreement with the request. The title will be changed effective immediately. There was not a formal vote on the matter. Sue introduced Jeff Mordhorst who is intending to replace Sue at the end of the season.

Directors and Member Reports

Charitable Gambling – Denise Hinton reporting

Discussion of expenses (see email from Denise) and discussion of motion to approve expenses. Motion to approve expenses by John Sorrentino. Motion second by Tom Lyngdal. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of discontinuing our pull tab relationship with Tavern on the Grove. We have lost money in that location 17 of the 18 months (approximately) we have operated at the facility. Changes in ownership and management as well as the facilities struggling operations have been contributing factors. There was discussion regarding the implication of public perception based on our decision to withdraw our pull tab operation for this location. There was also discussion regarding the department of revenue's concern of our operational expenses in relation to our revenue's, specifically the continued negative cash flow resulting from our pull tab operation at this facility. **A motion was made by Pat Ross to withdraw our pulltab operation within the guideline of giving the proper 30 days notice.** Rob Thomsen 2nds the motion. The motion passed with all yes votes except one no vote from John Sorrentino.

Treasurers Report – Scott Botzet reporting

We currently have \$220K in the bank. \$49K is restricted in escrow as a requirement of our pull tab operation. The current cash is earmarked for upcoming operation expenses. Scott feels we are sitting ok from a cash flow perspective.

Scott asked for 3 board members volunteer to fill the role of making safe deposits for the upcoming season. If no one volunteers for this, 3 board members will be appointed for the task at the next board meeting.

A request was made to approve \$200 per entity for marketing and advertising for our high school programs. **A motion was made by Mike Urquhart to approve \$200 be allocated by Todd Elmer (on behalf of the association) to each of the high school programs.** Scott Botzet 2nds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Scott met with Rich Gladen (school district) to discuss the extension of our lease of the Osseo facilities. Rich Gladen is going to draft a two year extension with the modifications requested by OMGHA. Upon receipt of the lease extension (anticipated to receive before the next board meeting), it will be presented to the board for approval.

Registrar Report – Theresa Christofferson reporting

Walk in registration to be held on the 16th and 21st. The location is MGCC. One date will be in the arena area, the other in the meeting room area. We will need to be sure we can facilitate the online entry in both locations.

District 3 Report – Pat Ross reporting for Todd Frisvold

Notes from the Aug 9, 2006 District Three Meeting

- 1) Motion carried to begin the process to accept Champlin into District Three for the 07/08 season contingent on Champlin and Brooklyn Park working out a timeframe and agreement on the boarder issues the two association have been engaged in. This agreement must occur before the MN Hockey Winter meeting (in January?). Otherwise the acceptance would have to wait until the 08/09 season. Brooklyn Park would like to delay the inclusion of Champlin until they have a chance to investigate a potential merger with another association, they hinted Osseo as a possibility, no mention of Maple Grove.
- 2) The helmet rule will be in effect for the 06/07 season for all coaches on the ice for any function.
- 3) No manager, coach, or assistant coach can take part in any official capacity without being screened. If we know of any coaches or managers that will be or will likely be active this year and they have not been screened in the past two years, we should get them screened ASAP. The process will take about two weeks. We should look to appoint a volunteer to manage this for the association in exchange for volunteer hours. District three strongly encouraged large association to not put this task on the registrar person or any other active board member.
- 4) This year, squirts will be limited to 35 inter team events of any kind including coaching controlled scrimmages, official scrimmages, practices where a few minutes of scrimmage or inter-team activity happens, and games. This is a change for this year. Please let the squirt directors and coaches know of the rule change.

Girls Traveling – Kendra Verbeten reporting

Kendra updated the board regarding the structure change for the U10 program for the upcoming season. She presented an FAQ to the board that will be presented to the public. She would like to have this information posted and available on the web site. Pat Ross requested that Kendra forward a copy of the document to Todd Frisvold and Fred Norenberg and they will get it on the site. She asked the board give support her with changes she is implementing and no board member indicated that they would do other wise

House Report – Mike Urquhart reporting

Dates for CEP certification will be set in the very near future. Level 2 will occur 1st. Mike will forward and post this information as soon as it is confirmed.

They house program is having discussion with equipment vendors to be present at our walk in registration. They will be there to provide hockey gear packages for our new players.

The house program has received approval to appear at all of the elementary open houses with the exception of Rush Creek elementary.

Osseo Traveling – Tom Lyngdal reporting

Tom motioned to approve Jake Fleming as the Bantam A coach and Tom Adolph as the PeeWee A coach. Tony Kunz 2nds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

MG Traveling – Tony Kunz Todd Bergland and Rob Thomsen reporting

Squirt tryout dates have been determined and will be posted in the near future.

They are still looking for candidates to fill the Bantam B1 job.

Interviews have been completed for the PeeWee A coaching position. A decision for the coaching position will be determined in the next week.

Junior Gold – John Anderson reporting

Jr. Gold Parents/Players meeting held 8/2. They had a very good turn out.

Jr. Gold Registration set for November 13th at MGCC from 6-8:00 p.m.

Fall league teams are being put together for interested players. Interested players should contact John ASAP.

Tryout pre skates set for early November. Try out dates set for November 16,18,19,20.

Invitational tournaments set up for the teams. Tournament registrations and checks have be sent to the appropriate tournament sposors.

The Jr. Gold Golf Tournament is on Saturday September 9th. They need golfers. Please participate.

Booster Chair – Jon Sorrentino reporting

Discussed the opportunities of selling advertising on our web site and developing business relationships that for a cost would be able to market to our association at some capacity. Discussed the possibility of OMGHA receiving a kick back for business obtained through our member ship. Pat Ross raised a concern of compliance regarding the receiving of kick backs from businesses. Agreed that there is merit in the concept and that it needs to be looked into and more thoroughly developed.

It was agreed that we will distribute to our teams magazine catalogs that people can order from the 40% of the proceeds of those orders going back to OMGHA. Since there is not cost to the organization, there was agreement to distribute this information and let our members determine whether or not they utilize the service.

John readdressed the selling of retail discount cards by our players. There was a concern of approaching this concept and registration time and suggested that this is a good possibility but may be better initiated in the off season.

Ice Coordinator- Joe Shoultz reporting

Tryout ice times have been scheduled.

Requested that any traveling team not participating in the tournaments that we are hosting try to schedule out of town tournaments for those dates because of the limited ice availability.

Secretary Report- Pat Ross reporting

Received permission for the traveling program to utilize the lower level coaches room and the adjoining storage room at MGCC for evaluators and scorers during tryouts.

Communicated that the parent complaint in the girls program was addressed by the executive committee. There has been an action planned outlined and that all affected parties would be communicated to in the near future regarding the plan of action to be taken.

Effective upon the conclusion of this board meeting **Pat Ross is resigning as the secretary.** Pat expressed that his decision is based entirely on changing personal/professional circumstances and was in no way based on anything negative in regard to the association or the current board. Pat feels the organization is on the right track and is being directed by a great group of people. He looks forward to continuing to be involved from a coaching perspective going forward. Todd Elmer has appointed Todd Frisvold to fill the Secretary position on an interim basis and he has asked Tom Pitra to step in and fill the District 3 position for the remaining term.

A motion to adjourn was made by Leslie Miller, 2nd by Pat Ross. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

These minutes require board action to approve them before they become part of the OMGHA permanent records.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Ross
OMGHA Board Member