



OSSEO-MAPLE GROVE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 10, 2007
 Location: Maple Grove Community Center

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS		Present	Absent	Non-Voting Members		Present	Absent
PRESIDENT	Mike Urquhart	✓		ACE COORDINATOR	Chuck Sinjem	✓	
1ST VICE PRESIDENT MAPLE GROVE	Tim Kuebelbeck	✓		ASSIST. ACE COORDINATOR	Josh Hicks	✓	
1ST VICE PRESIDENT OSSEO	Jeff Dolby		✓	ICE COORDINATOR	Tony Verbeten	✓	
1ST VICE PRESIDENT GIRLS	Kendra Verbeten	✓		ASSSTANT TREASURER	Kathi Kmit		✓
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	Dane Roehl	✓		REGISTRAR	Theresa Christofferson	✓	
TREASURER	Jim Cassibo	✓		ASSISTANT REGISTRAR	Darcy Pitra		✓
SECRETARY	Todd Hill	✓		VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR	Dana Johnson	✓	
Direct Elect Board Members		Present Absent		EQUIPMENT MANAGER		Present Absent	
Charitable Gambling	Denise Hinton	✓		EQUIPMENT MANAGER-GOALIE	Brett Almquist	✓	
Assistant Charitable Gambling	Jay Tilton	✓		CONCESSION STAND MGR (1)	Scott Eklund	✓	
BOOSTER CHAIR	John Sorrentino	✓		CONCESSION STAND MGR (2)	Peggy Rogers	✓	
DISTRICT 3 REP	Tom Pitra	✓		TOURNAMENT	Joy Kunz	✓	
HOUSE DIRECTORS		Present Absent		SLAP SHOT MANAGER		Present Absent	
MITE DIRECTOR	Brad Tullberg	✓		ASSOCIATION WEBMASTER	Jill Aakhus	✓	
SUPERMITE DIRECTOR	Chris Dopp	✓		PERSONAL FUNDRAISING	Kathy Clark	✓	
GIRLS TRAVEL DIRECTOR	Greg Herdine	✓		ASSOCIATION WEBMASTER	Fred Norenberg	✓	
GIRLS TRAVEL DIRECTOR	Jim Fossen	✓		PERSONAL FUNDRAISING	Jeff Mordhorst	✓	
HOUSE DIRECTOR	Joe Favorite	✓		ARENA COMMITTEE	Jim Horton	✓	
TRAVELING DIRECTORS		Present Absent		ASST. WEBMASTER		Present Absent	
MAPLE GROVE - SQUIRT	Todd Machlitt	✓		SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT	Todd Frisvold	✓	
MAPLE GROVE - PEEWEE	Todd Bergland		✓		Darcy Pitra		✓
MAPLE GROVE - BANTAM	Tony Kunz		✓				
OSSEO	Tim Clark	✓					
OSSEO	Scott Botzet		✓				
JR GOLD	John Anderson		✓				

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mike Urquhart.

Old Business

Tim Kuebelbeck made a motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by John Sorrentino. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report – Jim Cassibo reporting

Jim presented the Board with a tentative 2007-2008 budget. At the July meeting he will be presenting the Board with recommendations for 2007-2008 fees. We discussed the \$39,000 budget shortfall the association created in the 2006/2007 season and faces again in the 2007/2008 season. The shortfall for 2006/2007 is the result of board decisions on spending after the 2006/2007 budget was established. The 2007/2008 shortfall will be dealt with in two manners, \$20,000 will be recovered by the decision to keep traveling jersey's, current players will also be required to pay the current costs for their programs. A copy of the Treasurer's detailed report is attached.

Charitable Gaming Report – Denise Hinton reporting

Denise reviewed the monthly report. Monthly sales – \$165,600, Prizes paid - \$143,144, Deposits – \$22,456, Expenses - \$8,648. Monthly changes - sales decreased by \$37,746, \$30,108 less in prizes paid, deposits decreased by \$4,638 and expenses decreased by \$295. The charitable gaming fund also has an expense of \$2,950 pending for its annual CPA review. Tim Clark made a motion to approve the expenses; Tom Pitra seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Denise also discussed recent requests – The city of Osseo requested we support their annual flower basket campaign. Denise Hinton made a motion to contribute \$100 towards their request; the motion was seconded by Kendra Verbeten. The motion passed with one abstention by John Sorrentino. Denise presented a \$1,000 request to support a local church conducting a fundraising effort on behalf of injured coach Jeff Vance's living expenses. The request was tabled pending further review regarding OMGHA bylaws regarding financial benefit to an association member.

OMGHA Committee Reports

- **Osseo Traveling Report – written report submitted**

Osseo traveling sent out an email to all the parents at the squirt, peewee and bantam level stating the intentions for what level of play Osseo is planning to play at for the 2007/8 season. As part of this communication we asked for feedback before we make the final decision.

Osseo posted coaching openings at the Bantam A, Peewee B1 and Squirt A as part of the OMGHA ad that will be in the June issue of "Let's Play Hockey".

- **Maple Grove Traveling Report – no report**
- **Girls Hockey Report – written report submitted**

The proposed organizational structure for the girls program:

- Coordination of U8's: Kendra Verbeten
- U10's Kendra Verbeten
- U12's Greg Herdine
- U14's Jim Fossen
- U19's Kendra Verbeten

The directors and VP will work together to create a solid try out process, maximize ice utilization, create non-tournament jamboree opportunities, create a marketing and recruitment strategy for bringing in young players and work on a retention plan. Level directors will be responsible for handling day-to-day operations for that level. Try out questions and issues will be handled directly by the 1st VP.

After reviewing the number of returning female players, the program is proposing:

- **U10's** – one A team and one B team. Two dedicated goalies. Numbers may necessitate asking 2-3 U8 players to play up. Registration typically brings in 3-5 new players, so further analysis will be necessary.
- **U12's** – one A team and two B teams. Two dedicated goalies and a possible third in development. Further discussions with District 3 and the Girls State Director will take place to discuss how to handle the balanced vs. unbalanced and/or B1- B2 concepts.
- **U14's** - one A team and one B team. Two or three dedicated goalies.

Summer development programs are available for U10 and U12 players. These programs will be held Sunday nights for U10 and Monday nights for U12's. U14's will have some late summer/fall program. The U10 Skills and Drills preseason program will continue this year. It will start earlier and not be considered part of the season. It will be optional but highly recommended. There will be an off ice component.

The number of tournaments was discussed. General discussion about tournaments was that if we can set up jamborees and control who the competition is and keep costs down, that is a better and more efficient use of resources (dollars and ice time). The girls program has decided on:

- U10's: three tournaments (two in town and one out of town)
- U12's: three tournaments (two in town and one out of town)
- U14's: four tournaments (three in town and one out of town)

- **Junior Gold Report – written report submitted**

Jr. Gold Golf Tournament set for Friday, August 24th, Daytona Country Club, 12:00pm Shotgun start.

- Proceeds go towards supporting costs of sending Jr. Gold Teams to National Tournaments.
- Looks like the Girls U19 Team will participate this year as well.
- Look for upcoming detail on the OMGHA website.

Looks like 40-50 skaters + some high school cuts, which should give us enough for 3 teams.

There is some concern about the talent level to support an A team...we may look at 2 B teams and a U16 team. A lot of this is predicated on what we get from the high school cuts.

- **House Report – written report submitted**

Jim Cassibo will review issues raised regarding the extension of insurance from 9/1/07-4/1/08 to include 4 on 4. Questions regarding flyers in the Brooklyn Park schools were resolved. The webmaster will create a link on the OMGHA website to the kids learn to skate program. The House Director was informed he may assign volunteer hours as needed for upcoming school open houses. Tom Pitra agreed to discuss with District Three fall CEP Training and OMGHA's ability to host. The

House Committee would also like to have an expenditure of \$200 approved by the board for candy for the upcoming Maple Grove Parade. A motion to allow \$200 in candy to be purchased for both the Osseo and Maple Grove Parade's was made by Dane Roehl; the motion was seconded by John Sorrentino and passed unanimously.

- **C-League Report – no report**
- **District 3 Report - Tom Pitra reporting**
OMGHA has been selected to host the 2007/2008 U19B State Tournament at the Maple Grove Community Center
- **Booster Club Report – no report**
- **ACE Coordinator Report – no report – presentation made under new business**
- **Equipment Report – no report**
- **Registrar's Report – Theresa Christofferson reporting**
Theresa encouraged the Traveling Committees to complete their work on team names and have them to her for District Three prior to the District Three September deadline. She also encouraged Directors to make sure coaches are getting certified. The mailing for registration is being prepared and the online registration system is also being reviewed.
- **Scholastic Achievement Report – no report**
- **Personal Fundraising Report – no report**
- **Volunteer Program Report – no report**
- **Concessions Report – no report**
- **Arena Committee Report – presentation given to the board under new business**
- **Ice Coordinator Report – no report**
- **Slap Shot Report – no report**
- **Tournament Report – dates/tournament fees approval requested of the board – under new business.**

Old Business

The Board returned to the discussion from May regarding compensation for non-voting board members. The list of 2007/2008 members was approved in the May meeting. The proposed compensation for those positions is as follows:

NON-VOTING POSITION	NAME	PROPOSED '07-08 COMPENSATION
Ace Coordinator	Chuck Sinjem	\$6,000
Assistant Ace Coordinator	Josh Hicks	\$4,000
Ice Coordinator	Tony Verbeten	All fees, traveling subsidies, candy waived for up to two players.
Assistant Treasurer	Kathy Kmit	All fees, traveling subsidies, candy waived for up to two players.
Registrar	Theresa Christofferson	All fees, traveling subsidies, candy waived for up to two players.
Deputy Registrar	Darcy Pitra	All fees, traveling subsidies, candy waived for up to two players.
Volunteer Coordinator	Dana Johnson	All fees, traveling subsidies, candy waived for up to one player.
Equipment Manager	Bret Almquist	All fees, traveling subsidies, candy waived for up to one player.
Goalie Equipment Manager	Scott Eklund	Registration fees and candy (not subsidies) waived for one player.
Concession Manager	Peggy Rogers	All fees, traveling subsidies, candy waived for up to two players.
Concession Manager	Joy Kunz	All fees, traveling subsidies, candy waived for up to two players.
Tourney Chair	Jill Aakhus	All fees, traveling subsidies, candy waived for up to one player.
Slap Shot Manager	Kathy Clark	All fees, traveling subsidies, candy waived for up to one player.
Web Master	Fred Norenberg	All fees, traveling subsidies, candy waived for up to two players.
Arena Committee	Jim Horton	Volunteer Hours waived
Financial Assistance	Jeff Mordhorst	Volunteer Hours waived
Assistant Web Master	Todd Frisvold	Volunteer Hours waived
Scholastic Achievement	Darcy Pitra	Volunteer Hours waived

Those members receiving compensation of fees, subsidies and candy also have their volunteer hours waived.

Members of the Board raised concerns with the level of compensation the board provides volunteers. Those board members with concerns were challenged to bring potential solutions forward during the course of the upcoming season and future board consideration. Todd Hill agreed to create a time sheet for volunteers to use during the 2007/2008 season for tracking the amount of time they are spending on OMGHA projects. Denise Hinton made a motion to approve the proposed compensation, Tim Clark seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

New Business

Kendra Verbeten made a motion to approve Jim Fossen as a Girls Director; the motion was seconded by Todd Machlitt and was unanimously approved.

Dane Roehl made a motion to approve Dana Johnson as the Volunteer Coordinator; the motion was seconded by Todd Hill and was unanimously approved.

A proposed change to the OMGHA Bylaws regarding Charitable Gaming was given its first reading by Todd Hill, the change will be voted on at the July Board Meeting.

Tim Kuebelbeck made a motion to approve Jake Fleming as Coach of the Maple Grove Bantam A team, the motion was seconded by Todd Machlitt and was unanimously approved.

The Ace Coordinators Chuck Sinjem and Josh Hicks made a presentation on their intended goals for the 2007/2008 Season. Chuck will be responsible for working with Traveling teams including all C-Teams; Josh will be working with Mites, Supermites and Girls U8. The C-Director Joe Favorite requested more clinics for the C-Players. The Ace Coordinators will also be looking at a web based record management system for all players.

The Tournament Committee submitted the list of proposed levels and dates for the upcoming season. Their request is as follows:

- December 7-9/Bantam B-2 Tournament – (requires 1.5 hour games) the Committee is seeking the boards advice on whether to hold a 12 or 16 Team Tournament.
- January 18-20/8 Team U12A and 8 Team U12B (requires 24, 1 hour games)
- February 1-3/16 team PeeWee B1 (requires 27, 1 hour games)

The Board reviewed the Committee's request and following a motion by Todd Hill and a second by Tim Kuebelbeck the Committee's request was amended and the following action was approved unanimously:

- December 7-9/Bantam B-2 Tournament – The Committee can determine whether they conduct a 12 Team Round Robin or 16 Team Bracket Tournament.
- January 18-20/8 Team U10A and 8 Team Squirt B2
- February 1-3/16 team PeeWee B1

The Tournament Committee submitted a request to increase Tournament registration fees from the current level of \$500 to \$600. Todd Hill moved the request of the Tournament Committee, Tim Kuebelbeck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Board would like the Tournament Committee to look at a potential tournament over the Christmas break. The Board would also like the Tournament Committee to submit a report on the gate for this year's Tournaments. The Board would like to have this information available next year in order to determine if raising the fees again and establishing a guaranteed gate might make sense.

The Board discussed with the Ace Coordinators the continued use of Stauber Goalie Training. The Board and the Traveling Committees are concerned with the level of commitment OMGHA is receiving from the Stauber organization along with the costs and availability of individual training time for our goalies. The Traveling Committees intend to meet in June to further discuss the issue and hope to have a recommendation for the Board in the near future.

Kendra Verbeten made a motion for the Board to reconsider a decision from a previous Board meeting regarding the inner association transfer of an OMGHA player, the motion was not seconded and was determined to be out of order.

Tim Kuebelbeck made a presentation to the Board on the status of the additional sheet of ice at the Maple Grove Community Center. The city of Maple Grove has hired Ankeny Kell as the architectural firm for the project. The Maple Grove City Council has approved a \$5.5 million project budget (\$5million with \$500,000 in contingency funding); the facility will include a dryland training facility. OMGHA is responsible for covering 20% of the building costs or roughly \$1.1 million. The city has agreed to begin the construction process once OMGHA has 50% of their funding in the bank and commitments for the remaining 50%. The association plans to add roughly 1300 hours of new ice time with the addition of the new sheet of ice.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tim Kuebelbeck, 2nd by Todd Hill. The motion passed unanimously.
These minutes require Board action to approve them before they become part of the OMGHA permanent records.
Respectfully submitted,
Todd Hill, OMGHA Board Secretary

