



# OSSEO-MAPLE GROVE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes- Final

Date: September 9, 2007  
 Location: Maple Grove Community Center

<b>EXECUTIVE MEMBERS</b>		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Non-Voting Members</b>		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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		✓
<b>Direct Elect Board Members</b>		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>EQUIPMENT MANAGER</b>		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Charitable Gambling	Denise Hinton	✓		EQUIPMENT MANAGER-GOALIE	Scott Eklund		✓
Assistant Charitable Gambling	Jay Tilton	✓		CONCESSION STAND MGR (1)	Peggy Rogers		✓
BOOSTER CHAIR	John Sorrentino	✓		CONCESSION STAND MGR (2)	Joy Kunz		✓
DISTRICT 3 REP	Tom Pitra	✓		TOURNAMENT	Jill Aakhus	✓	
<b>HOUSE DIRECTORS</b>		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	SLAP SHOT MANAGER	Kathy Clark		✓
MITE DIRECTOR	Brad Tullberg	✓		ASSOCIATION WEBMASTER	Todd Frisvold		✓
SUPERMITE DIRECTOR	Chris Dopp	✓		PERSONAL FUNDRAISING	Jeff Mordhorst	✓	
GIRLS TRAVEL DIRECTOR	Greg Herdine	✓		ARENA COMMITTEE	Jim Horton		✓
GIRLS TRAVEL DIRECTOR	Jim Fossen	✓		ASST. WEBMASTER	Greg Heiser		✓
HOUSE DIRECTOR	Joe Favorite	✓		SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT	Darcy Pitra		✓
<b>TRAVELING DIRECTORS</b>		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>				
MAPLE GROVE - SQUIRT	Todd Machlitt	✓					
MAPLE GROVE - PEEWEE	Todd Bergland	✓					
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

Tony Kunz made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; the motion was seconded by Jim Cassibo. The motion passed unanimously.

### Treasurers Report – Jim Cassibo reporting

Jim is currently working on building team budgets and subsidy calculations for the 2007-2008 Season and tracking forms. Current cash approximately \$450,000, \$250,000 from registrations. Does not include 06-07 ice bill, does include 07-08 tournament fees. At the October board meeting 3 board members will be selected to manage concessions safe.

### Charitable Gaming Report – Denise Hinton reporting

Denise updated the board on August expenses. Tim Kuebelbeck made a motion to approve the expenses; the motion was seconded by Scott Botzet. The motion passed unanimously.

Denise brought forward a request from the Osseo Varsity Football Program for \$5,000. No second was offered to the motion, the motion was therefore not considered.

### OMGHA Committee Reports

#### **OSSEO TRAVELING REPORT**

- Osseo Traveling Committee and Chuck Sinjem met to discuss the Osseo tryout process. All levels except for the squirts will be very similar to last year. Squirts will follow the MG tryout process due to the combined tryouts on the first 2 days.
- All Osseo travel tournaments have been verified.
- We are still in the process of signing up evaluators. Please contact a member of Osseo traveling if you are interested.

## MAPLE GROVE TRAVELING REPORT

### Maple Grove Squirts -

- We have chosen an A Squirt Coach.
- Tryout and Pre-Skate times and dates have been finalized
- Tryout Evaluators are complete
- We have filled 4 of 7 spots for Tryout Bench help

### Maple Grove Peewees -

Maple Grove Bantams - nothing new to report

## GIRLS TRAVELING REPORT

### JUNIOR GOLD REPORT

- Jr. Gold Golf Tournament was held August 24<sup>th</sup> and was a huge success. We had 86 golfers and raised almost \$10K for the Jr. Gold and U19 teams. Proceeds will go to sponsor tournament costs for each of the teams. Special thanks go out to Janet Knafla for all her hard work and Score Sports in Plymouth who donated \$1700 merchandise that was raffled and auctioned off to the golfers.
- All three Jr. Gold teams are signed up for their invitational Tournaments.
  - A Team: Huron SD Nov 23-25, Minnetonka Dec 14-16, Wayzata Jan 12-14, Duluth Feb 1-3.
  - B Team: Minnetonka Dec 14-16, Albert Lea Jan 4-6, Edina Jan 18-20, Wayzata Jan 26-28.
  - U16: Grantsburg WI Dec 14-16, Blaine Dec 28-30, Edina Jan 18-20, Wayzata Jan 26-28.
- Jr. Gold Pre Skate ice is booked for Oct 29-Nov 14<sup>th</sup>. Pre Skate Registration info will be available on OMGHA Website.
- Jr. Gold registration date set for November 14, 6:00-8:00pm at MGCC. Registration info will be available on OMGHA website.
- Jr. Gold try-out dates and ice is scheduled for November 16-19. Try-Out info will be available on OMGHA website.

## HOUSE PROGRAM REPORT

### C-LEAGUE REPORT

#### DISTRICT THREE REPORT

- Not much new to report as the September D3 meeting is on the 12th. This is the semi-annual presidents meeting.
- Have forwarded emails from D3 and Minnesota Hockey regarding fund raisers, tournaments and girls hockey to appropriate OMGHA board members.
- Would like to discuss "3 and out" vs. "5 and out" rule and bring OMGHA's position on the issue to the D3 meeting.

## BOOSTER REPORT

## ACE REPORT

- The Level 1 & 2 coaching clinics have been finalized for 12/1 & 12/2 at MGJH. Look for details on the OMGHA web site.

## EQUIPMENT REPORT

- All items in the shed have been inventoried. All items (pucks, water bottles, socks, etc) for the upcoming season have been ordered and some stuff has already arrived. Orders were placed with Dave's, All Star and DMR- for medical kits.
- We are replacing the Jr. Gold and U19 home jerseys this year. They have been ordered. In trying to lower the cost of this, we will be using all items of overstock this year, mainly socks. We have about 300 socks paid for but not used from past years.
- A few fill in jerseys were needed for the upcoming season. I would like to look at getting a "hold check", like we do for the volunteer hours for jersey's not returned. Can this be done for this year when jerseys are handed out by the managers? There are way too many kept that are not supposed to be.
- NOTE TO ALL DIRECTORS: There are a number of old, past jerseys in the shed I would like to get rid of this year. I know it is too late for fall league teams but they could be used for practice jerseys, for spring teams, or anything else someone can think of. I am going to take some to the slap shop of onezies and twozies but some have

a teams worth. Can you let it be known to the coaches that these are available for only \$10 each?! I have them in a spread sheet which I can send to you or whomever.

## **REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

### **SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT REPORT**

### **PERSONAL FUNDRAISING REPORT**

#### *Financial Assistance*

- Information about the *Financial Assistance Program* has also been included in player registration materials distributed to families and will be available for OMGHA walk-in registration on September 15 and 20. To be considered, applications must be received by September 21, 2007, and will be reviewed and approved by the *Financial Assistance Program* Coordinator, OMGHA Registrar and OMGHA Treasurer.

#### *Personal Fund-Raising*

- OMGHA has scheduled a meeting with the City of Maple Grove staff the week of September 10 to finalize the contract for providing operational services for the Maple Grove Community Center Ice Arena Concessions during the 2007-08 season. Diane Lyngdal will continue to serve as the scheduling coordinator for staffing the arena concessions. OMGHA will work towards having the MGCC Ice Arena Concessions open for the start of tryouts on Friday, September 28, 2007.
- Peggy Rogers will be contacted regarding the continued management and scheduling of opening and closing staff at the Osseo Arena.
- OMGHA will continue to participate in the Food Perspectives fund-raising program during 2007-08.

## **VOLUNTEER PROGRAM REPORT**

- The following groups need to confirm their volunteer needs for tryouts. MG Bantams, MG Peewees, U14, U12, U10. I have received responses from Jeff Dolby - All Osseo and Todd Machlitt - MG Squirts.

## **CONCESSIONS REPORT**

### **ARENA COMMITTEES REPORT**

- Negotiations with the city on fundraising options, building design and an operating agreement continue. Todd Hill, Jeff Mordhorst and John Sorrentino are working to make certain our internal and external fundraising efforts are well coordinated.

## **ICE COORDINATOR REPORT**

### **SLAP SHOT REPORT**

### **TOURNAMENT REPORT**

- We are doing quite well in filling our tournaments. Here is the status of each tournament:
  - Bantam B2 12 Team Round Robin: 7 teams registered (6 of which have paid)
  - Squirt B2 8 Team Bracket: 6 teams registered (5 of which have paid)
  - U10A 8 Team Bracket: 4 teams registered (3 of which have paid)
  - PeeWee B1 16 Team Bracket: 16 teams registered and paid
- Our ad will run in Let's Play Hockey again this month so hopefully this will generate a few more registrations.
- I have sent our ice scheduler the game times and brackets we have used in the past when hosting a 16 team and two 8 team tournaments. However, this will be the first year we have ran a 12 team round robin tournament, or any tournament with 1.5 hour game times. If anyone has any experience in setting up a round robin tournament I love appreciate any input they could give me.

### **New Business**

- Jim Cassibo made a motion to approve the Financial Assistance Budget at \$2500 which is similar to previous years; a cap has been placed on the family at registration fees. Scott Botzet seconded the motion and the motion prevailed unanimously. During the discussion individuals took responsibility to discuss with the Lions and others the potential to donate to our Financial Assistance Fund.
- Tom Pitra led a Board discussion of "3 and out" vs. "5 and out" changes being considered by District 3. The result of going to "3 and out" would be to keep players from missing the following game.
- Brett Almquist led a discussion of proposed Jersey "hold-checks". We are seeing an increasing number of traveling jerseys not returned at the completion of the season. Joe Favorite made a motion to increase our volunteer checks to \$300 for all players above the House level. The checks will be cashed by the association for failure to reach the

necessary number of volunteer hours or failure to return traveling jerseys. A clarification was made for Junior Gold and U19 players. Scott Botzet seconded the motion and the motion prevailed.

- Dane Roehl presented his thoughts regarding player movements and his tryout proposal for skaters wishing to move up (the Executive Committee recommendation was to approve Option 2)

### **Dane Roehl Tryout Proposals for skaters wanting to skate up**

**Option 1** – Do nothing and refuse any requests to skate up no matter what skill level.

**Option 2** – Allow to participate in Squirt tryouts if they finish in:

Top 5 they can play on the A Team

Top 15 they can play on the B1 Team

If they do not finish in those categories they skate Supermites and not Squirt C.

**Option 3** – Adjust the numbers for Option 2 and/or let the skater play Squirt C.

Proposed cost for Supermites wishing to tryout would be \$150; these requests would be handled through the Squirt Director.

Chris Dopp made a motion to approve Option 2, Joe Favorite seconded the motion. Jeff Dolby offered a friendly amendment to change the parameters to 3 and 10 for Osseo. The amended language was accepted by the motions author. A lengthy discussion followed the motion along with a review of previous years play up rules. A roll call was requested and the motion failed.

Those voting in the affirmative (8); Cassibo, Hinton, Tilton, Dopp, Herdine, Fossen, Favorite and Kunz.

Those voting in the negative (10); Kuebelbeck, Dolby, Verbeten, Sorrentino, Pitra, Tullberg, Machlitt, Berglund, Clark, Botzet.

Tim Kuebelbeck then made a motion to approve Option 1 which would prohibit all future player movements at all levels. (While not recorded as part of the motion it is the understanding of the Secretary following discussions with those present at the meeting this motion only applies to the OMGHA Boys Program) The only exception would be those who go through the Player Movement Committee Process which requires the approval of the Executive Committee. This motion eliminated the 5/15 rule in the Association. Tom Pitra offered an amendment to the motion requiring players wishing to move up to submit a written request to their level director by August 1 (with exception for the 2007-2008 season) of the upcoming season. This written request would then trigger the Player Movement Committee Process. The amended language was accepted by the author of the motion. A roll call was requested and the motion was adopted.

Those voting in the affirmative (12); Kuebelbeck, Cassibo, Clark, Bergland, Botzet, Dolby, Dopp, Fossen, Kunz, Pitra, Sorrentino and Tullberg.

Those voting in the negative (5); Hinton, Herdine, Favorite, Machlitt and Verbeten.

Those abstaining from the vote (1); Jay Tilton

Following the adoption of the Kuebelbeck motion Todd Machlitt offered and Joe Favorite seconded a motion for Option 3 to be considered. No roll call was requested and the motion failed.

- The Board asked the current Girls High School Hockey Coaches to make a presentation to the Board regarding the OMGHA U14/High School Tryout Policy. The High School Coaches would like the Board to consider changing the policy to allow those U14 girls cut from the High School team to return to the team they were placed on during OMGHA tryouts. They feel this is a real disadvantage to the high school program and the girl's potential for future development. Following the discussion Chris Dopp made a motion which was seconded by Jim Fossen to allow U14 players to return to the OMGHA program at the level they made during tryouts. With 4 ayes, 9 nays and 4 abstentions the motion failed.

- **Appointment of Coaches**

- Tim Kuebelbeck and Tony Kunz made a motion to approve Chad McKinney as the Maple Grove Squirt A Coach. The motion was adopted unanimously.

- **Player Waivers**

- Tim Kuebelbeck and Tony Kunz made a motion to deny the waiver request of Aleksandr Park a MG Bantam wishing to play in the Wayzata program. The Executive Committee recommended to not approve the request. The motion was adopted unanimously and the waiver was denied.
- Kendra Verbeten and John Sorrentino made a motion to grant a permanent waiver to Derek & Delaney Everett – this will allow them to play in their home district. The Executive Committee recommended the board approve the request. The motion was adopted unanimously and the permanent waivers were granted.
- Todd Bergland and Joe Favorite made a motion to grant a waiver request to Gwen Skoglund, the motion was adopted with 1 nay. The waiver was granted.
- Brad Tullberg and Todd Bergland made a motion to grant a waiver request to Amy Gibson, the motion was adopted with 11 ayes and 4 nays and one abstention.

- The Team Sponsorship request of Jake Fleming was considered by the Board. Tim Kuebelbeck made a motion to approve Jake’s request as brought forward by the Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee upon the initial request of Jake Fleming is recommending traveling teams be allowed to solicit Team Sponsors. Any money raised by the Team would be split equally between the Team and OMGHA. The money may be used by the team to offset costs. The \$500 or larger sponsors would be allowed to have their name on the Team’s web page, Teams would be allowed to have one Team Sponsor logo applied to their Jersey in the form of a shoulder patch, and the board felt this would require a contribution of \$1,500. Teams would be allowed to have unlimited number of sponsors logos applied to team warm-ups and traveling bags. The Board’s approval of this policy is being sought.

Following a number of questions regarding the proposal Mike Urquhart made a motion to table the request and direct the Booster and other OMGHA fundraising groups to meet and define more parameters for sponsorships.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Kendra Verbeten, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Botzet. 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