



OSSEO-MAPLE GROVE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes- Final

Date: November 11th, 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	Brett Almquist	✓	
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		✓
HOUSE DIRECTORS		Present	Absent	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		✓	ASST. WEBMASTER	Greg Heiser		✓
GIRLS TRAVEL DIRECTOR	Jim Fossen	✓		SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT	Darcy Pitra		✓
HOUSE DIRECTOR	Joe Favorite	✓					
TRAVELING DIRECTORS		Present	Absent				
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

Todd Hill made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; the motion was seconded by Denise Hinton. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report – Jim Cassibo reporting

- Jim discussed the distribution of the final Team Subsidy calculations for the 07-08 Season. The association will true-up with each teams actual expenses in February.
- Jim provided the board with the monthly Key Financial Metrics. \$325,000 cash on hand – down \$5,000 from the previous month. OMGHA has spent roughly \$20,000 on fundraising for the new arena and has raised roughly \$8,000 to date. Jim also informed the board we have spent nearly \$16,000 of the \$20,000 contingency we set aside for the 2007/2008 season.
- Jim provided an update on Goalcrease registrations. We currently have 38 goalies registered and have had 1 cancellation. The board wanted to make certain goalies could continue to register past November 1.
- Jim sought board approval of vouchers for SlapShot openers and closers. Openers will \$10, closers will receive \$15. Jim made a motion to approve the request, Tim Clark seconded the motion and the motion was adopted unanimously.

Charitable Gaming Report – Denise Hinton reporting

- In October our sales were \$180,068, prizes paid were \$155,730, deposits were \$24,388 and expenses were \$10,641. Our sales increased \$796, we paid out \$16,841 more in prizes, our deposits increased \$3,618 and expenses dropped \$34. Todd Hill made a motion to approve the monthly expenses, Jim Cassibo seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- Denise and Mike reported on the Maple Grove City Council's approval of pull tabs for Champps. The city is requiring the license holder – Armstrong Hockey – to provide OMGHA with 30% of the net proceeds each month.

OMGHA Committee Reports

OSSEO TRAVELING REPORT

- All traveling hockey tryouts are complete. Overall the process went smoothly. The Osseo travel committee and the ACE coordinator plan to meet in the next few weeks to go over the tryout process. Thank you to all the people that assisted in this process.
- All coaches for the 2007/8 season have been selected.
- Squirts start Total Hockey the week of November 26th. Peewee and Bantam teams have been attending Total Hockey for 3 weeks. Response to the program has been positive.

MAPLE GROVE TRAVELING REPORT

Maple Grove Squirts

- Squirt Tryouts are now done and were a success. Coaches for the teams are as follow:
- I want to send out a special thanks to all the volunteers that helped with evaluations and bench work. I would also like to thank Chuck Sinjem for helping me through this first year as a director - he has really helped me understand my role and helped to make things run smooth.
- A SPECIAL THANKS to Theresa Christofferson and Darcy Pitra for all of their work and for all the food - I do not know what I would do without these two- they are really special people.

Maple Grove Peewees

Maple Grove Bantams

GIRLS TRAVELING REPORT

- Our teams are up and running for the 2007-08 season. The last piece was put into place when a partnership at the 14U-B level with Wayzata was finalized Wednesday, November 7, 2007.
- **14's:**
A: The team will have 12 skaters and one goalie. They will participate in League 3, hosted by District 3. Teams consist of Armstrong/Cooper, North Metro, Orono, OMGHA, Wayzata, Stillwater, White Bear Lake and Duluth. Games will start Dec 1.
B: The partnership with Wayzata will see six of our skaters and one or two of our coaches on a combined team with nine Wayzata players. They will wear Wayzata for home games and OMGHA for away games. We will work in conjunction with their program on ice time decisions. For the month of November, the 14B ice was returned to the ice scheduler.
- **12's:**
A: 15 skaters and one goalie. This team is participating in a combined League with District 2 and 3. District 2 is hosting, so there is a different set of rules and processes for this team. The competition is stronger, and there are more league games than ever. It should be a great challenge for the girls
B teams: 13 skaters and one goalie per team – two teams. These teams are balanced and will participate in District 3. One player is out for 4-6 weeks with a broken wrist.
- **10's:**
A: 15 skaters and one goalie. This team is participating in a combined league with District 2 and 3, but District 3 is hosting. The rules and processes are the same, just more and stronger competition.
B: 17 skaters and no dedicated goalie. This team is participating in District 3.

Major Issues/Concerns/Highlights:

1. The 14U and high school try out process and timing will be investigated and changes suggested for the future. The current timing made team development and player commitments tough. At the start of the season, we had 26 players. We lost four the day of or shortly before try outs. We lost an additional 4 to high school tryouts (2 on A team and 2 on B team), and we lost one that decided she didn't want to play after try outs. We picked up one brand new player this year.
2. Try outs. Overall try outs went well. There are always happy and/or disappointed parents and players once the results are announced. One suggestion is to keep the 10U try outs at Osseo for the smaller ice surface for scrimmaging purposes. Another suggestion is to close try outs to parents to keep the stress level down. A more detailed survey will be done later this month to our families and our evaluators.
3. Refunds, registration and timing of decisions. This was an interesting year for people deciding to leave the program or make changes where they want to play. A suggestion for next year is that once a player is registered, that registration commits them to playing at a certain level and place. Theresa is working on a more definitive refund policy.

4. Girl's apparel. We have moved to one apparel for the entire program. We will be using this "outfit" for two years.
5. Gopher Night for OMGHA. We are working to set up the OMGHA night at a Gopher game.
6. Jersey nights at High School games. Both programs have been contacted about jersey nights and mites skating between periods.

JUNIOR GOLD REPORT

- Jr. Gold Registration is set for Wednesday, November 14 6:00-8:00pm at the MGCC.
- Jr. Gold Preskates are under way and we have 25 skaters and 3 goalies participating.
- Jr. Gold Try-Outs are set for November 16-19th. Evaluators and volunteers have been solicited.
- The Jr. Gold A team plans on conducting extended try-outs at the Rooster Cup Tournament in Huron, SD on November 23-25. They will bring 18-20 players to the tournament and cut down to 15 players following the tournament.
- Invitational tournament confirmations have been received for all tournaments that the A, B and U16 teams will be participating in. A list of Jr. Gold invitational tournaments is listed on the Jr. Gold Team page.
- Allocations of the revenue generated from the Jr. Gold Golf Tournament have been finalized. A-40%, B-20%, U16-20%, U19-20%. I will work with Kathi Kmit to get the funds deposited into each team's checking accounts.

HOUSE PROGRAM REPORT

- Do we want to try to run something as a fundraiser with some of the open ice times over the holidays?
- Teams are formed for all levels.
- Start dates for SM/U8 – 11/10/07 Mites 1/2 – 11/17/07
- Coaches clinic – 11/7/07 Dick Emerheiser will be coaching it at OW 6:10-8:25pm. All mite coaches can and should attend.
- Minnesota Made competition – Something to think about.....

C-LEAGUE REPORT

DISTRICT THREE REPORT

BOOSTER REPORT

ACE REPORT

- Just a reminder for all level directors to get their coaching candidates lined up with certifications and back ground checks.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

- This year is a very special one for our student athletes, as they will be participating in the 20th year of our Scholastic Achievement program. It is our hope this season to engage more students than ever in participating in this program. Look for information to be to teams before Thanksgiving reminding them to keep up the good work in school. We are hoping to get a reminder/update on the program to the teams each month of the season.
- Since this is the 20th year of this worthy program we will be working very hard to get more donations, camp scholarships, and contributions than ever before. We hope to be able to secure some very special guests and speakers, and make this an event to remember. Look for our attendance at a future board meeting to ask for your support in awarding each player with a small memento of this special anniversary of the program.
- As a committee our thanks goes to you, the board, for your unwavering support of this program.

PERSONAL FUNDRAISING REPORT

- **Financial Assistance**
The OMGHA *Financial Assistance Program* approved and distributed \$1,772 in scholarships to families for the 2007-08 season. There are currently 2 other requests for financial assistance that are being reviewed.
- **Personal Fund-Raising**
Operations are currently underway for *Personal Fund-Raising* opportunities at the Osseo Arena and Maple Grove Community Center. The Osseo Arena Concessions is utilizing OMGHA members as "opener" and "closers" for its daily operations, which the MGCC Ice Arena Concessions is being staffed by OMGHA members. Diane Lyngdal and Peggy Rogers will, once again, coordinate the scheduling and reporting of workers for these two venues.
- Beginning this season, OMGHA will be offering "opener" and "closer" opportunities for the Osseo Arena Slapshop. Kathy Clark is coordinating this program and working the Volunteer Coordinator Dana Johnson to

recruit “openers” and “closers” for the Slapshop. As with the Osseo Arena Concessions, only “openers” and “closers” will receive voucher credits. Volunteers will continue to staff the Slapshop when it is open.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM REPORT

- If you gave out volunteer hours in September or October please provide me with the player name, volunteer name, activity, time and date. You can do this in the form of an email or you may print and complete the attached form and put it in my box at the Osseo Rink.

CONCESSIONS REPORT

ARENA COMMITTEES REPORT

ICE COORDINATOR REPORT

SLAP SHOT REPORT

TOURNAMENT REPORT

New Business

- Coach approvals – Mite and Supermite coaches were not approved because the Level Directors were unable to attend the meeting. Following a discussion of coaching, Tim Kuebelbeck made a motion to approve the following list of coaches for the 2007-2008 Season. Todd Machlitt seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Squirts – Maple Grove

A	Chad McKenney
B1 Gold	Dane Roehl and Tom Miller
B1 Crimson	Tom Wolden
B2 Black	Tony Kunz
B2 White	Wade Huber

Squirts – Osseo

A	Mike Urquhart
B2	Tim Clark

Peewee – Maple Grove

A	Calvin Porter
B1 Crimson	Tom Miller
B1 Gold	Steve Augstine
B2	Chuck Sinjem

Peewee - Osseo

B2	John Mitchell
B1	Scott Botzet

Bantams – Maple Grove

A	Jake Fleming
B1	Troy Goetsch
B2 White	Mark Hemmingway
B2 Black	Al Kaufman

Bantams - Osseo

A	Tom Adolph
B2	Chuck Cherekos

C- Level Coaches

Squirt C Orange	Paul Catton
Squirt C Black	Pat Mckenna
Peewee C Orange	Mike Vinje
Peewee C Black	Pete First
Bantam C	Jim Kunz

Girl's Program Coaches

14U-A

Joe Head, Head Coach (non-parent)
Pat Kelly, Asst Coach (non-parent)
Mark Veldhuis, Asst Coach

12U-A

Ross Larson, Head Coach
Tom Lyngdal, Asst Coach
Bruce Umland, Asst Coach
Kendra Verbeten, Asst Coach

12U-B Black

Rick Gunderson, Head Coach
Mark Boonstra, Asst Coach
Jim Fossen, Asst Coach
Ross Larson, Asst Coach

12U-B White

John Erickson, Head Coach
Jeff Arbogast, Asst Coach
John Ceglar, Asst Coach
Dan Nelson, Asst Coach

10U-A

Greg Herdine, Head Coach
Jason Hill, Asst Coach
Al Kaufman, Asst Coach
Paul Norman, Asst Coach
Mark Padgett, Asst Coach

10U-B

Dan McLean, Head Coach
John Cheasick, Asst Coach
Roger Higbee, Asst Coach
Tim Swanson, Asst Coach

- The Board directed Todd Hill to add a section on Helmet/Locker Room Boxing to the association handbook and player code of conduct. Level Directors were also asked to discuss the issue with coaches and ask for their help in stopping the activity.
- Dane Roehl made a motion which was seconded by Todd Hill to authorize up to \$400 to be spent from charitable gaming for the purchase of basic first aid kits for the all House teams. The motion was adopted unanimously.
- Equipment Manager Brett Almquist presented his proposal for managing/retiring team jersey's. His proposal is attached at the end of this document. Following a great deal of discussion the item was tabled until the December Board Meeting.
- Jeff Dolby brought forward a proposed Coach Reimbursement Policy. Jeff informed the board of the policy adopted in 2006. The policy adopted in 2006 made teams responsible for hotel costs associated with traveling events.

2006 – Non-Parent “A” Head Coach Compensation in total

Bantam/U14 was increased from 2500 to 3000

Peewee/U12 was increased from 2000 to 2500

Squirt/U10 was increased from 1500 to 2000

Jr Gold A/B and U16 were not considered in 2006

Given the 2006 levels Jeff Dolby made a motion for the following 2007 compensation for Non-Parent Head Coaches

Bantam/U14 remain 3000

Peewee/U12 reduced to 2000

Squirt reduced to 1500

Jr. Gold A set at 2500

Jr Gold B/U16 set at 2000

Following a lengthy discussion regarding the issue, the motion was tabled.

Tim Kuebelbeck and Tim Clark then made the following motion for non-parent Head Coaches and their staff to be covered as follows:

Bantam/U14	3000
Pewees/U12	2500
Squirts/U10	2000
Jr. Gold A/U19A	3500
Jr. Gold B/U16/U19B	2500

This expense reimbursement is the total amount allocated to each team by the Association; any expenses in excess of these amounts are the responsibility of the traveling team. The reimbursements are allowed for all expenses and every traveling team can qualify for the reimbursement – if their head coach is a non-parent. Those teams with Parent Head Coaches and non-parent assistant coaches do not qualify for expense reimbursements from the association; those teams will be responsible for covering the expenses of their non-parent coaches. The motion was adopted unanimously.

- Todd Hill informed the members of the board the 2007 Handbook was completed and would be distributed electronically in the coming week and posted on the OMGHA website.
- Chuck Sinjem provided the board with a brief review of tryouts. He would like the board to consider following the recent decision of a handful of associations and close tryouts to parents and others next year. He will be reviewing the policy with the tryout committee in the coming months. Chuck also asked the board to adopt a policy addressing player movement prior to tryouts and a firm deadline for registrations.

Upon the completion of Chuck's report Joe Favorite and Todd Machlitt made a motion to set the deadline for registrations and any movement between programs and levels as two weeks prior to the first day of the first tryout. The motion was adopted unanimously and Todd Hill was directed to add the provision to the OMGHA Handbook.

- Mike Urquhart asked the following Board Members to serve on the OMGHA Goalie Committee. Chuck Sinjem – Chair, Joe Favorite and Josh Hicks. Mike asked the Osseo Traveling Committee to nominate a committee member at the December Board meeting. The Committee was directed to make a report of their recommendations to the Board in March.
- Todd Hill presented the Board with a first reading of the following Bylaw change. The change comes at the request of Tony Kunz and is intended to more accurately reflect the duties of the association Vice Presidents.

Intended change is to rename the VP's as follows:

- 1st Vice President of Maple Grove replace with Vice President of Maple Grove Traveling
- 1st Vice President of Osseo replace with Vice President of Osseo Traveling
- 1st Vice President of Girls replace with Vice President of Girls Traveling
- 2nd Vice President of House replace with Vice President of House Programs

Edit the Bylaws as follows;

Pg 31 Section I Positions – delete the existing titles and insert the new titles

Pg 32 Section II Nominations – delete the existing title references and insert the new titles

Section IV Duties

b. Delete previous title reference and insert new title

c. Delete previous title reference and insert new title

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e. Delete previous title reference and insert new title

Section V Term – delete existing title references and insert new title

Pg 33 Power and Duties

Section II - In the District Three portion delete old title references and insert new titles.

Section III – in the second paragraph delete references to House/C League and insert new organizational chart changes.

Section IV – Delete the references to old titles and insert new titles

- The USA Hockey Gender Equity Policy was presented to the board for review. OMGHA will begin to implement a similar policy.
- Mike Urquhart also wanted to make certain board members were aware of the following USA/Minnesota Hockey events.
- HEP Essay Contest and 3M Coaches Recognition
- Celebration of our great game/Hockey Weekend across America
 - Feb 15th Wear Your Jersey to School Day
 - Feb 16th Bring a Friend to the Rink Day
 - Feb 17th Celebration of our local hockey heroes

Mike would like the board to identify for the December Board meeting a volunteer to look at conducting various OMGHA activities surrounding this celebration.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:57 pm by Tony Kunz, 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