



# OSSEO-MAPLE GROVE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes- Preliminary

Date: February 10, 2008  
 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 Absent</b>		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				CONCESSION STAND MGR (2)	Joy Kunz		✓
DISTRICT 3 REP	Tom Pitra	✓		TOURNAMENT	Jill Aakhus		✓
<b>HOUSE DIRECTORS</b>		<b>Present 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		✓	ASST. WEBMASTER	Greg Heiser		✓
GIRLS TRAVEL DIRECTOR	Jim Fossen	✓		SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT	Darcy Pitra		✓
HOUSE DIRECTOR	Joe Favorite	✓					
<b>TRAVELING DIRECTORS</b>		<b>Present 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 7:10 PM by Tim Kuebelbeck.

### Old Business

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

### Treasurers Report – Jim Cassibo reporting

- Jim presented the Key Financial Metrics; Slap Shot shows a loss of \$5,000 with a goal of \$2,000 profit. Slap shop is now open for High School games. Concession stand shows a \$23,000 profit. Cash on hand has increased due to subsidy deposits.
- Jim reviewed the May 31, 2007 year ending financial statements as presented by our accountants BPK&Z. Jim made a motion to approve the financial statements, Tom Pitra seconded the motion and the motion was adopted unanimously.

### Charitable Gaming Report – Denise Hinton reporting

- Denise provided the Board with the financial update - sales were \$138,779, prizes paid were \$118,874, deposits were \$19,905 and expenses were \$8,078. Our sales decreased by \$20,548, we paid out \$18,650 less in prizes, our deposits decreased by \$1,898 and our expenses dropped by \$4,231. Denise made a motion to approve the expenses; the motion was seconded by Todd Hill and adopted unanimously.
- Denise also reported to the Board of Directors a recent loss of \$678 in charitable gambling proceeds. Denise advised the board on the steps she has taken to determine how the proceeds were misplaced; Duffy has been informed along with local law enforcement. Denise will work with the Minnesota Gambling Control Board to determine the process for the association to address the loss. Gambling control will determine whether the funds may be allowed as a deduction on our gambling report or if OMGHA must replace the funds. Denise also informed the board this is the first instance of this type in the history of our charitable gaming program.
- Denise presented a request for financial support from the Junior High Swim Club for updated electronics. The board decided to table the request pending the school boards decision regarding junior high athletics.

### OMGHA Committee Reports

## **OSSEO TRAVELING REPORT**

- All Osseo Boys traveling teams will have free admittance to the remaining Osseo Boys varsity home games, except the Maple Grove game. Players need to wear their jersey to get in free.
- Osseo Boy's varsity continues to attend the Osseo traveling team practices.
- Thank you to everyone that participated in "Nick Nite" at the Osseo/MG varsity game.
- Special thank you to the Tournament committee, Jill Aakhus, Brett Almquist and Jeff Slattery for all of their efforts during the recent OMGHA tournaments.

## **MAPLE GROVE TRAVELING REPORT**

### **Maple Grove Squirts**

- A = 2<sup>nd</sup> place Bloomington Tournament
- B1 Gold = 3<sup>rd</sup> place Shakopee Tournament
- B1 Crimson = Consolation runner – Up Bloomington Tournament
- B2 White = 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Spring Lake Park Tournament and 3 losses at the OMGHA Tournament
- B2 Black = Consolation Champs OMGHA Tournament and Consolation Champs Andover Tournament

### **Maple Grove Peewees**

### **Maple Grove Bantams**

## **GIRLS TRAVELING REPORT**

The girls program is busy working on planning for next season. We are trying to develop a year round philosophy when it comes to OMGHA girls program.

### **Spring/Fall Hockey:**

- The request for players for spring and fall hockey will be sent out to all players by the end of the weekend. Our goal for off-season hockey is to make sure that any player that wants to play has the opportunity to play.

### **Summer/Fall Development:**

- Off season summer development will be in phases. One phase will be an informal hour of hockey offered each week at each age level. We will be staffing these sessions with our own coaching staffs. We have also been in discussion about a more intensive pre-season development plan. More information will be released to our players soon.

### **Regular Season:**

- The seasons for all teams are winding down with districts starting soon for the 12's and 14's. It's not quite the end of the season, but the U12A team should be seeded 1 or 2; U12B Black/White will be 4 and/or 5; U14A will be 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 10's will see the district tourney kicking off in early March.
- The year end season evaluations will be e-mailed to each family by the end of the weekend. We will be using the same format as last year's survey with the same goal of participation (100%).
- A year-end coach's event is in the planning stages and will take place in April.

## **JUNIOR GOLD REPORT**

- Jr Gold B team has had good success in January with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place finish in the Albert Lea tournament, 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the Edina tournament, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the Wayzata tournament.
- Jr. Gold A team will be attending a national Tournament in Ft. Lauderdale FL Feb 15-17. John Perry approved the out of state tournament participation.
- Jr. Gold B team will be attending a national Tournament in Chicago, IL Feb 15-17. We are awaiting John Perry's approval for an out state tournament participation.
- Both the Jr. Gold A and B teams will be conducting a Senior night in February. The B team has scheduled their Senior night for Thursday, Feb7th, and the Jr. Gold A team is finalizing their date.
- Metro League Regional Playoffs are scheduled for Feb 26-March 2<sup>nd</sup>. State Playoffs are scheduled for March 15-16.

## **HOUSE PROGRAM REPORT**

- Coaching /practice evaluation forms have been distributed and discussed by Josh Hicks at a coaches meeting. These forms will be used to evaluate the practices of the mites, supermites and U8's. Coaches will receive these to help run more efficient practices. Thanks to Josh for working these in.
- We are approved for Mite night Jamboree on 3/15-16/08
- 4 on 4 mini fun practice tourney coming for SM and U8's
- Spring 4 on 4 flyers have been sent and should be on Website.
- OMGHA skated with the Crimson hockey team and over 200 kids showed up for Pizza and skating with the Crimson Varsity boys and girls, JV and coaching staffs participated. This was over 4 times the amount expected and was received very well! Thank you Crimson players and staff.
- Erik Kukkonen is heading a group who has offered to run a 4 year old intro to skate/hockey. Working on ice, scheduling numbers, etc...

## C-LEAGUE REPORT

### DISTRICT THREE REPORT

- MOST D3 District tournament brackets have been posted to the D3 website. The few remaining will be discussed at the D3 meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> and should be posted shortly after.
- We are hosting the PW B1 district tournament in February and the Squirt B1 tournament in March. ANYONE willing to help with this – please let me know (there is always something to do there). Also – want to make sure we have concessions open during district tournaments this year.
- Minnesota hockey is looking to create an off-season M/SM level event for coaches and others around idea sharing for development of the game at this level. It is just starting to be discussed, but I am envisioning a youth hockey “conference” with various sessions/topics specifically related to teaching/developing the youngest skaters. Will share more info as these progresses.
- Have attached a grid of the misconduct penalties assessed in D3 this year. Numbers are significantly higher than last year.
- Have attached D3 meeting minutes from January. Please read. Will ask to have D3 minutes posted to D3 web site.
- Would like to discuss the following topic taken from D3 meeting.
- BHRA is proposing to use the 3 official system for all Bantam B1 games starting with the 08/09 season. We had this discussion a couple of years ago but declined due to uncertainty of qualified officials and number of over all officials at that time. Over the past two years BHRA has focused more on training and retaining adult officials and using the spring and Fall Mash league to develop younger officials. This has allowed us to spend more time during the winter season to develop officials at the peewee and Bantam levels. Younger officials (under 16) have been encouraged not to referee while they are playing youth hockey in the winter and to concentrate on officiating in the off season Mash league until they are high school age with more availability and hopefully a driver's license.
- As the Bantam B1 level has evolved over the last few years and the skill level continuing to improve we believe the time has come to implement the 3 official system at this level. BHRA currently has 100 officials on our roster with 51 officials rated to work Bantam B2 or higher levels. Currently only 25% of all games in district 3 are bantams or higher. It is almost impossible to get everyone rated at this level involved consistently. In years past most of our upper rated officials have also worked high school hockey and usually made that their priority. Due to several factors, mainly higher game fees and less travel at the youth level we only have a few still working high school games on a consistent basis. We are starting to hear the grumblings in our association that if we can't provide the opportunities the high school associations are willing and able. Starting this April and again in the fall we will be using the 3 official system at the bantam level for all Mash league games. This will give us the opportunity to identify and train officials that may be new to the system and the ones that just need some fine tuning. We are confident that with the off season training the spring and fall league will provide BHRA will have no problem implementing the 3 official system at the Bantam B1 level next season. Listed below is an estimate on what the additional cost could be.

Current Bantam B referee fees 2 man. \$98.00 (49\*2)

Proposed Bantam B1 3 man. **\$140.00** (50,45,45)

Increase **\$42.00** per game

9 teams (average 15 players per team = 135 players)

72 League games

12 District playoff games

84 total league and playoff games

84\*\$42.00= \$3,528

\$3,528/9 teams = \$392.00 per team

\$392/15 players= **\$26.13 per player**

This will be voted on at the February D3 meeting.

Tim Traff stated that at the recent Edina Bantam B tournament the 3 man system was used and he liked the idea.

Districts 4 & 6 use the 3 man system for the Bantam B league play.

## **BOOSTER REPORT**

### **ACE REPORT**

- The OMGHA Goalie survey will be going out to the parents of all OMGHA Goalies in the next couple of days.
- Free checking clinic to be held on March 17 @ 5:30-7:00 pm OE. This for players that are going to be first year Peeewees next season.

## **EQUIPMENT REPORT**

### **REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

### **SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT REPORT**

### **PERSONAL FUNDRAISING REPORT**

#### *Personal Fund-Raising*

- OMGHA has distributed \$10,547 in vouchers to families through the Personal Fund-Raising Program from September (2007) to January (2008), with the exception of the Maple Grove Community Center Concessions from January (2008), which was not available at the time of this report. Attached, please find an additional report that provides information and comparisons for voucher distributions from the 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 hockey seasons.
- From a long-range planning perspective, the OMGHA Personal Fund-Raising Program will need to assess and explore additional personal fund-raising opportunities through the new ice arena at the Maple Grove Community Center, as well as other opportunities. The primary goal is to provide families with options to help offset costs related to their children playing hockey, including registration fees, monthly subsidy fees and OMGHA-sponsored clinics and camps.

## **VOLUNTEER PROGRAM REPORT**

- Parent Volunteer balances  
Board members should submit remaining requests through season end to [VolCoordinator@OMGHA.com](mailto:VolCoordinator@OMGHA.com) to ensure proper credit and fair disbursement to parents.
- Most discrepancies as a result of board members not communicating tryout hours (On ice assistants, evaluators, computer work). Please send in ASAP.
- Miscommunication on coaches exemption, assistant coaches hours  
(40) Volunteer hours are provided by OMGHA to each team for distribution in the following manner:

**Head Coach (10 hours)** – these hours are non-transferable to another team but may be split between Co-Head Coaches.

**Assistant Coaches (20 hours)** – these hours are non-transferable to another team and can be distributed in any manner between Assistant or Co-Head Coaches.

**Manager (10 hours)** – these hours are non-transferable to another team but may be split between multiple managers.

- Cashing volunteer deposit checks

What have we done in the past if the family doesn't meet their volunteer commitment?

Consider recommendation to cash deposit check if balance exceeds 3 hours.

- Parent/Manager communication regarding volunteer responsibilities  
Managers returning incomplete volunteer sheets  
Sending children to work assignment (Under 18 - No helmets, etc)

### **CONCESSIONS REPORT**

- Just want to make sure we cover what we talked about last Friday on no-shows (fines and child not being able to skate until paid) the effect when people don't show for assigned duties. The importance of having the concession stand open for business (could result in higher registration rates). Buyout check amount for next year, cashing the volunteer checks of those that can't/won't work the minimum 10 hours. Team manager responsibilities in getting the volunteer hours filled - and on a timely basis.
- Any suggestions for changes next year in the concession stand

### **ARENA COMMITTEES REPORT**

#### **ICE COORDINATOR REPORT**

#### **SLAP SHOT REPORT**

#### **TOURNAMENT REPORT**

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

- Tom Pitra reviewed the information he included in his monthly report regarding District 3 recent discussion of Bantam B1 games now having 3 Referees. Tom wanted to solicit board input on the need and costs for such a policy change.
- Todd Hill discussed with the Board his interest in restructuring the current OMGHA Board of Directors. His proposal would eliminate the Booster Chair and Personal Fundraising Positions and create a new Community Outreach position on the Board as a non-voting member. He presented the Board with a proposed Bylaw Change and gave the change its first reading. **FIRST READING** – on the November 12, 2007 version of the OMGHA Handbook pg. 33 of the Bylaws would be amended as follows. Under Number of Board Members, line one delete eleven (11) and insert ten (10). On line two delete Booster Chair,.
- Dana Johnson led the Board in a policy review and discussion regarding enforcement of volunteer policies and fines. She also discussed the need for all volunteer hours needed and awarded to be run through her. Dana needs all individuals who awarded volunteer hours during the 2007-2008 season to make sure they have reported those hours to her. She has a few instances of missing hours. She would also like all hour needs for the balance of the 2008 season to be reported to her so they may be filled in a systematic manner. Dana informed the board she is working to compile more accurate records of volunteer hour needs and will present the board with a proposal in May for overhauling much of our volunteer operation. Following this discussion the Board also addressed our current volunteer program regarding deposit check cashing for families failing to meet their volunteer hour needs. The Board intends to make certain the policy is fully enforced this year for all families failing to meet their needs.
- Todd Hill made a motion to approve the creation of a Player Development Committee to be Chaired, Chuck Sinjem. This motion came to the Board as an Executive Committee Recommendation. The Committee will be charged with soliciting proposals for OMGHA to develop on/off ice player development programs and ways for OMGHA to maximize the additional ice created by the new arena. Kendra Verbeten seconded the motion and the motion prevailed unanimously.
- Todd Hill made a motion to approve the creation of a Nomination Committee to be Chaired, by Kendra Verbeten. This motion came to the Board as an Executive Committee Recommendation. Dane Roehl seconded the motion and the motion prevailed unanimously.
- The Board spent a substantial amount of time discussing the potential combination of Osseo/Maple Grove Traveling Programs. The discussion was started by Todd Hill who expressed his interest in bringing to a vote this spring the concept originally discussed in the summer 2007. Todd presented the Board with a number of items including projected program numbers, team results and levels of program involvement compared to other "peer programs". The Osseo Traveling Program represented by Tim Clark expressed concern with any changes but acknowledged a need to look at issues within OMGHA. Additional comments were offered to the board by parents

in the audience who supported the concept of a combined program. Various Board Members presented their thoughts on the issue. The Board agreed the best process for moving ahead would include the further gathering of information and the formulation of motions by those interested in addressing the issue. Following concerns rose about how the process should work and a need for this to be an open discussion, the Board also agreed to make certain any decisions and activities regarding the issue be made in a very public manner.

**A motion to adjourn was made at 9:00 pm by Dane Roehl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Favorite. 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