

OMHA Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2025

Present: Allyse Pierce, Jessica Denny, Dan Frank, Christina Thornhill, Todd Demers, Carrie Sholette

Excused: Frank Barr, Grace Montana, Austie Jerome

Allyse accepted meeting minutes. Jessica 2nd

Treasurer's report- we have \$30,051.17 in the account

We have 108 players registered this season.

Refs for November \$825.00

Sent out a check for Massena Tourn for 12U but will be getting a refund for that \$1020.00

Paid \$600.00 for a new 12U tournament in Pulaski for the "C" players

14U Tournament in Watertown \$1238

8U Tournament \$1350 for all 3 teams – we cover \$1200

Raffle tickets brought in \$ 6480 and our profit will be \$5492.00 after paying prizes

Correspondence:

- Brooks Brenno submitted his letter of resignation today effective immediately. Jessica made a motion to accept his resignation. Dan 2nd - All in favor
- Board members – new board president can be appointed midyear- don't have to advertise it

Full Ice Mite Coach- Eligible candidates are Nick Amo, Ian Amo, Todd Demers
Recommendation is Todd Demers – All in favor

Handbook - The organization is in the process of creating a handbook for the organization that explains the organization's policies. We will set a date to go over and make adjustments. Looking for input from parents, coaches and board members.

Hazen Tournament – no teams have signed up – we will move the date to March 6th

Pictures – went very well

Student coaches – we have 3 student coaches registered. They took all the proper steps with Mike Fennessy and they are helping him when needed.

Raffle Ticket Winners

- 1st prize – Steve Tillich ~ \$1000.00
- 2nd Prize – Chelsea Van Arnum \$500.00
- 3rd Prize – Linda Bouchey \$250.00

New Business - Nick Amo asked for clarification on the following:

- hosting future board meetings via zoom ~ NYSAHA President Eric Guzdek is not fond of this. He prefers in-person meetings. He does not allow our state meetings to be recorded or via zoom
- potential to record meetings – again NYSAHA President Eric Guzdek prefers in-person meetings. At this time, OMHA will not record any meetings. We are all volunteers and it takes extra work, No one on the board feels savvy enough to do this properly.
- post meeting minutes - board discussed this and will post minutes after the board has accepted them each month
- 8U head coach for full ice (see previous discussion and vote)
- Handbook will include fundraising policy – it is not in the bylaws – Bylaws are the governance of the organization. Bylaws are to establish the organization's basic legal structure - the purpose, membership, and formal procedures. Policy is the day to day operation of the organization – they guide day to day operations. They address practical issues such as fundraising, team procedures, tryouts, and expectations for participants- some policies are verbal and some are written. Policies do not need to be written into the bylaws to be valid. They can be adopted or updated by the board to meet the needs of the organization and community. This is standard governance practice. When every operational decision is treated as if it belongs in the bylaws, the organization becomes ineffective.

The current board is working on putting all policies in writing and creating an updated handbook to be handed out at the beginning of each season to all parents and coaches

- Has there been any discussion about having Mike Ashley doing his drills for OMHA – it was scheduled but due to the Dome being shut down we couldn't do it; we are going to try to schedule it again for next season – we are having Kelson Hooper work with goalies this season

Equipment - Organization will do a google survey and send out to parents in the organization about jerseys for in the future

- pay for them and add names;
- ask if they want reversible jerseys?

Proper credentials fo be on the ice: Need to check on some of the people on the ice to make sure they are up to date on their credentials. Dan Frank will get a list and reach out to them.

Jessica made a motion to adjourn; Todd 2nd

Next meeting: January 21, 2026