

OHC Monthly Board Meeting
Mar 18, 2025 @ Legends, Aksarben
Next meeting: Apr 29, 2025
Omahahockeyclub.net



Board Members:

President - [Bob Danenhauer](#)

Vice President - [Anthony DeSciscio](#)

Secretary - [Jackie Hildebrand](#)

Treasurer - [Troy Troshynski](#)

IP/Mite Director - [Drew Peckenpaugh](#)

House Director - [Chris Marshall](#)

House High School - [Anthony DeSciscio](#)

Travel Director - [Kasey Kaiser](#)

OJL Director - [Jeff Barnhart](#)

Girls Director - Sarah Morgan/Christian Graham

Staff Members:

Executive Director - [Sarah Morgan](#)

Development Director - [Christian Graham](#)

Ice Scheduler - Chris Hoekstra

- I. Call to order at 7:00pm CT
- II. Roll Call:
 - A. Present: President - Bob Danenhauer, Vice President - Anthony DeSciscio, Secretary - Jackie Hildebrand, Treasurer - Troy Troshynski, House High School Director - Anthony DeSciscio, House Director - Chris Marshall, Girls Director - Sarah Morgan/Christian Graham, IP/Mite Director - Drew Peckenpaugh, Executive Director - Sarah Morgan, Development Director - Christian Graham
 - B. Excused/Not Present: OJL Director - Jeff Barnhart, Ice Scheduler - Chris Hoekstra, Travel Director - Kasey Kaiser
- III. Directors Reports:
 - A. President: Bob Danenhauer -
 1. Town Hall Meeting to cover most of this meeting
 2. April 1st By Law Voting Meeting 7pm
 3. April 29th Annual Meeting 7pm
 - B. Vice President: Anthony DeSciscio -
 1. Wrapping up SafeSport for the year. Looking to get coaches and SafeSport taken care of for next season.
 - C. Treasurer: Troy Troshynski -
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 - D. Secretary: Jackie Hildebrand -
 1. February minutes are posted on the website. Location: OHC Website → About → Board Meetings → [Board Minutes](#)

- Motion to approve February Board Minutes by [Tony DeSciscio](#), seconded by [Chris Marshall](#). Voted and approved.

- E. OJL Director: Jeff Barnhart -
 1. Tryouts will be June 13, 14 and 15
 2. Participating in coaches symposium
 3. Completed OJL locker room, lighting and scoreboard
 4. Invite everyone to join our Golf Tournament and will keep you posted on dates

- F. House High School Director: Anthony DeSciscio -
 1. Finished HS league with Tri-City winning the state tournament
 2. HS banquet at the end of this month
 3. Looking at possibly making changes to HS league next season - trying to increase practice and games

- G. Girls Director: Sarah Morgan/Christian Graham -
 1. Congratulations to all of our teams on a fantastic season!
 - a) 19uA - Champions in the MWGHL
 - b) 10u - Runner up at the MWGHL
 - c) 8u - First tournament this last weekend in Cedar Rapids! Very Successful
 - d) 14uA - Runner-up at the Irish Southbend Cup!
 2. Girls Town Hall Meeting Tomorrow 7pm
 3. Will be sending out information about summer camps for girls soon
 4. Shared girl program growth

- H. Travel Director: Kasey Kaiser -
 1. Applications for Travel Coaches(Boys, Girls and Select) are open. Please apply if you are interested. They will close on March 31st.
 2. Thank you to all our volunteers and teams that participated in Stampede this year.
 3. Congratulations to all our Omaha teams that placed in our Stampede tournament, Bantam Black 2nd Place, Peewee Select 2nd Place and Squirt White 2nd Place.
 4. Congratulations to Bantam Black and for their 1st place at Luck of the Irish & Mite Travel White for 1st Place at the Shamrock Showdown
 5. Basket Raffle financials will be finalized next week and sent out to those teams that participated.
 6. The tryout schedule is being finalized with rinks and should be out by the end of month. (This is a tentative schedule and changes may occur).
 7. Surveys will be sent out to all parents and coaches on April 1st for all programs. If you do not see it please check your spam folder. It will be sent to the main email you entered at registration for communications. Only one survey is sent per player (if you have multiple players or they play on more than one team, i.e. house and select, you will receive one for each player/team)

- I. House Director: Chris Marshall -
 1. Summer Fundies- still have 10 spots for BN/HS
 2. Monday Night Drop Ins will be scheduled soon
 3. Successful end of season - Joust Competitive and Fun Hockey
 4. Thank Team Managers, Commissioners, and parents, 45 coaches this year 12 new coaches
 5. Iowa Wild Night March 22 and 23

- J. IP/Mite: Drew Peckenpaugh -
 - 1. Spring IP starts March 31st
 - 2. Mite finals Thursday at Ralston
 - 3. 8u girls went undefeated in Cedar rapids for 5 games
- K. Executive Director: Sarah Morgan -
 - 1. Held an informational meeting about the Strategic Plan and the Bylaw change on 3/11. The video of the meeting and all documents can be found under the “about” tab and then “strategic plan” on the website.
 - 2. April 1, 2025 - Special Election regarding the Bylaws. Email with details coming.
 - 3. April 29th, 2025 - Annual Meeting and Election
 - 4. Applications for board positions and commissioner positions will open tomorrow.
 - 5. Summer programming registrations are up or will be soon.
- L. Development Director: Christian Graham -
 - 1. Spring Coaching symposium May 3rd and 4th. Mandatory for paid coaches and free to Omaha coaches
 - 2. Watched over 350 games and saw the development of all the teams
 - 3. Spent time with coaches and coaching development at the squirt level
 - 4. Has 5-6 new coaches coming up for the next season. Please apply if you’re interested now so we can finish the interview process and development of the coaches prior to the season starting

IV. Old Business/Committee Reports:
A.

V. New Business:
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- VI. OHC Members Questions/Suggestions:
- A. No Q&A - moving to Town Hall Meeting
 - B. Alex K - Assist with IP - Great to have TIP help coach and drills. Feedback - we now have a 6u program and was never mentioned previously and would like his son to move to Mites but is now told he needs to stay at 6u. Feel parents should have a choice to move up or stay at IP. Isn’t sure what the 6u program has. Response - still trying to figure out, possibly having kids evaluated by TIP or hockey director to make sure they are ready for Mites. This year we had the skill level to have this new mighty mite team and are looking at next steps to move these kids up to play 3 years of Mites if they are ready to play Mites. Would backfire if we move a kid up who is not ready to play at a higher level, you really want the kids to be confident, have fun, and come back. The board will look into this and regroup.
 - C. Mark B - asking the public to vote for the board and then to have the board appoint commissioners. He doesn’t feel this is a good idea. It would be better to let parents choose. Response - we understand in the past the membership had the right to vote, we felt as a board it is now time to have 7 board members and they would then elect the commissioner. The commissioner would apply and be interviewed by Sarah and Christian. We are wanting these appointed commissioners to be held accountable and if the OHC community feels they are not accountable, we would discuss with the commissioner and try to resolve the issue or find a new one without needing to get the majority vote to do so. We always ask the OHC members to join online and be a part of these meetings. We are a member run organization, the members would elect the board and trust the board to make the

decisions to select adequate commissioners. We all want everyone to be accountable and we realized we had this revolving door of directors and we didn't get any organizational momentum and the club changed each election. Trying to find a balance of parent and member involvement. We need to get better at running the programs and with the board holding these commissioners accountable, we can make sure duties are getting done. The board will have the same amount of "power" as always, we have 7 board members now and would still have 7 at large board members. By having paid positions, it helps with the turnover of the board each election. These paid positions can keep the balls rolling when new members come on and help with training to make sure items don't get forgotten for the kids. We need to get to a point where we can keep people on the board and not have a major turnover every election. The old way, each director only wanted to be a part of the OHC board for their program and didn't worry about the other areas. With the new proposal, the board would be overlooking the whole organization. The OHC members still elect the board members. The seven people being elected will be holding the paid employees accountable. The board will have the right to "fire" commissioners without having to vote them off if they are not performing their duties.

VII. Next Meeting will be Apr 29, 2025

- Motion made to end the meeting by [Troy Troshynski](#) , seconded by [Drew Peckenpaugh](#). Voted and approved.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm