

Owatonna Youth Hockey Association

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday February 23, 2026 7 p.m.

Four Seasons, Owatonna, MN 55060

Board of Directors (X= present and E= excused, A=absent, unexcused)

President – Steve Rick	X	Mikel Akers	X	Nick Lewis	X
1st Vice President – Eric Standke	X	Jen Culligan	X	Brandon Lubich	E
2nd Vice President – Ricky Magana	X	Nick Flatgard	E	Scott Mohs	X
Secretary – Andy Winkels	X	Chad Hacker	E	Alex Peterson	X
Treasurer – Chris Teeters	X	Cassie Johnson	E	Colleen Rehman	X
Non-Board Member - Admin. Director - Mary Kelvie			X		

1. Call to Order- Steve R. called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
2. Roll Call-
3. Guests- N/A
4. Review and Approve current agenda. Motion was made by Scott M. and seconded by Chris T. to approve the current agenda. Motion carried.
5. Review and Approve January meeting minutes. Nick L. made a motion and seconded by Scott M. to approve the January meeting minutes. Motion carried.
6. Financial Report - Discussed financial report. Home Tournament Expenses will be higher with the additional costs/expenses for Olmstead Medical and having their reps at the home tournaments. Ricky M. made a motion which was seconded by Mikel A. to approve the financial report. Motion carried.
7. Gambling Report - Colleen shared the Gambling Report. We had another good month and it has been busy. We have a few additions on expenses. For the pre-approval on the March gambling expenses, we had SpareTime request for donations: \$250 for soccer, \$1,000 for youth bowling and \$5,000 for Cedar Lake Association.

8. Old Business

Sponsor Update - Alex P. shared sponsorship updates. 97% of sponsorship invoices have been collected. They reached out to all the teams about doing a video. Alex P. met with OMC today about trying to work out a sponsorship deal with also staffing athletic trainers. They asked for our tournament

schedule for next year. Steve Nelson expressed some interest in helping with Let's Try Hockey here in Owatonna.

Tournaments - U12 Districts went great. People were overall very pleased with how things went.

Ideas to increase numbers of players. There is a subcommittee that has been working to brainstorm some ideas. The subcommittee meeting, Feb. 18th. Alex P. provided an update from the subcommittee meeting. They explored different areas like a lower barrier to entry option below mini-mites and making mini-mites more approachable. They thought about trying to do a spin off floor hockey option as a way to on board some kids into hockey. He reached out to Dash Sports about that. They also discussed how to better leverage Let's Try Hockey to see if there is more we can do. Perhaps have more structure and provide parents some more collateral. Educate parents more on what hockey is. They also talked about trying to offer Let's Try Hockey closer to the season and maybe during the season too. They discussed reaching out to OFS to talk about Learn To Skate to see if we can leverage that. Also discussed ways to make equipment easier for families. Discussed different weekends to do registration. Also discussed creating a brochure to mail out to families.

Mite Update. - Jamboree. 26 teams came to the jamboree. We did well at the concession stand.

Gambling Pay Increase - Steve spent a lot of time talking to Colleen about her duties and Laura's duties. Amy's bookkeeping piece is higher as well. There are added duties to their workload that weren't factored into the year. They feel the work is sustainable. Colleen was asking for \$750/mo, Laura \$150/mo and Amy was \$200/mo. Alex feels we should wait until the next budget cycle to address and after we can do a full analysis of our gambling sites and what we are making. We need a full report from Colleen to fully explain better our gambling expenses. From last year to this year, our total gambling income is up but the gambling expenses are outpacing last year's expenses. Scott M. would be happy to sit with Amy and Colleen to understand those gambling expenses.

9. New Business:

Hockey Director Report.

Teams to Regions: BA, PWA, U12A.

Coaches contracts. They have not all been signed yet so checks haven't gone out yet.

Summer Camp. Reached out to Nick Adamek and something will be coming out from Hawkeye this summer.

Chad H. is still working on a new Hockey Director. He is willing to assist after this year if we are unable to find a good fit moving forward.

Mite - Goalie Gear received 2 sets - requesting 2 more sets - smaller sized. We ordered two sets of goalie gear for the Mites. In the next budget cycle, we would look to replace two more sets.

Admin Director Report.

Concessions - fridge, freezer, pretzel machine, cost analysis, costs up / profit down. We should start to consider budgeting or putting money aside for a new fridge and freezer as they are getting older. We will start to look at some of the pricing at some of the food items for next year.

Practice Jerseys - We will let the kids keep them. If we get new ones, they would be about \$40.

Regions - workers. Marcus Johnson took all of the Sunday scoreboard shifts. We need people for stats/announcing.

Raffle Tickets. Mary needs to send a reminder that raffle tickets are due. There are still about 9 books that we need to sell.

DIBs - not completed (84 hours - 35 hours not started = 49 hours). A few families have not yet started their shifts.

Preparing for next year -

Open board positions - terms expire 2026 - Standke, Peterson, Lubich, Mohs, Lewis (need 5 or 6). Mikel A. will also be resigning his position after the season.

Executive Board positions - Steve R. let Mary know that his availability has changed significantly so he does not intend to be President or on the Exec Board after this season. We will need to have a President voted in prior to the Board meeting. Next month, we will need to vote a President-Elect.

10. Adjournment: Motion was made by Scott M. and seconded by Ricky M. to adjourn. Motion carried.

11: Next Board Meeting - **March 23, 7 p.m. Four Seasons**