

## Owatonna Youth Hockey Association

### Monthly Meeting Agenda

Monday, August 25, 2025 7 p.m.

**Sparetime**, Owatonna, MN 55060

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

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

1. Call to Order- Meeting - Steve Rick called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
2. Roll Call-
3. Guests- Mike Lawson from Ron's Repair.
4. Review and Approve current agenda. Motion was made by Ricky M. which was seconded by Scott M. to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
5. Review and Approve July meeting minutes. There was one clarification from the July meeting minutes. Regarding Mite ice time, we are clarifying that it is two additional ice sessions. With that revision, Scott M. made motion to approve the July meeting minutes which was seconded by Nick L. Motion carried.
6. Financial Report - Steve R. wanted to highlight a few things. On the statement of activity comparison between last year and this year. Sponsor income is down significantly. We have a delay in sponsor checks coming in. Player registration income is showing higher because we took credit card payments this year versus last year so the income was received quicker. Ricky M. made a motion which was seconded by Eric S. to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried. We need designated signers. Eric S., Steve R, Mary K and Chris T. are approved as OYHA signers.
7. Gambling Report - Colleen R. shared we are up with revenue in July. Expenses are up a little bit but revenue continues to approve. Scott M. made a motion which was seconded by Ricky M to approve the report and preapprove the September expenditures. Motion carried.

### **8. Old Business**

Treasurer. Mary Kelvie has officially resigned from the Board with her new position/appointment. Ricky M. made a nomination of Chris Teeters for Treasurer. Chris accepted the nomination. No other nominations for Treasurer were made so Chris T. was appointed Treasurer.

Mini-Mites - splitting up into 2 sessions. Parents can officially start registering for sessions. To date, no kids have signed up for only one session. The dates are Session 1: Oct 29-Dec. 24 and Session 2: Dec 25-March 1.

## **9. New Business:**

Mini-Mite and Mite registration - Sept 2 - 6:30-8:30 p.m. All hands on deck. Equipment rental is the biggest thing with that.

Sponsor Update. As a business sponsor of OYHA, Mike Lawson wanted to share concerns primarily about mini-mite jerseys. Other area programs offer nicer and better quality jerseys for mini-mites. Court Sports offers a nicer jersey than we have now and, with socks, would run about \$100/each. Mike found a vendor outside of Owatonna that can make nicer jerseys for \$35/each. Mike favors the idea of splitting up mini-mite and mite jersey sponsors. Scott M. raised concerns about having to find that sponsor each year if going that route to consistently find a business to sponsor those jerseys. Mike also has concerns about having to participate in DIBS hours with sponsorship levels. Mike would also favor us looking outside Court Sports for more inexpensive jersey options. Steve R. expressed thanks for Mike coming and sharing.

Alex shared with joining the Sponsorship committee, he wanted to connect with all sponsors directly. With larger sponsors, they want their feedback to be heard more thoughtfully. Some had specific feedback and some had generic feedback. Some sponsors felt that they shouldn't be compelled to do DIBS on top of sponsorship dollars they are giving. We are without a center ice sponsor. Trailo is not participating at all this year as a sponsor. Every other on-ice sponsor has renewed.

They reached out to all sponsors that contributed in excess of \$750 and those communications generally went well. He has several recommendations to help improve the sponsorship experience. Wants to see if we could offer DIBS credit for certain dollar sponsorship levels. Steve R. mentioned we need to do more research in this to see the financial impact to OYHA if we don't have someone working those volunteer hours. The business/sponsor side and the parent side of DIBS are separate and shouldn't be looked at through the same lens. Alex had questions about if sponsors want funds earmarked to certain things. Steve R. noted we need to be careful with that because it becomes too difficult to track those things. Nick L. mentioned we as an association need to do a better job of recognizing team sponsors during games.

USA Hockey Volunteer Registration / board spreadsheet update. As Board Members, we have to get the volunteer USA hockey number and be SafeSport certified.

Hockey Director Report. Chad H. and Eric S. met with the Owatonna AD and hockey coaches to discuss continuity between the association and high school programs. The coach meetings has been set for Sept. 15. Coach James Waggoner has agreed to run the OYHA Fall Camp and he has the schedule. He is also going to be conducting our skills nights which will be a couple times a week. Additionally, he is going to do some morning skates. Waivers and Opt-Ups update. Faribault does not have a Bantam team. Three Faribault Bantam kids so far have signed up. We do currently have more Pee Wees than we do Squirts but part of that is not having as many Mite opt-ups to Squirts. Brandon L. suggested keeping continuity Mites through

Bantams and that Mites would get the same jerseys that they do at the higher levels. Steve R. mentioned possibly creating some kind of form on the OYHA website if people wanted to complete.

10. Adjournment: Eric S. made a motion which was seconded by Scott M. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

11: Next Board Meeting - **Sept. 22, 7 p.m. Four Seasons**