



OYHA Board Meeting Minutes September 27, 2023

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:30 on Wednesday, September 27, Edge Ice Center

II. Roll Call

Present: Andy Weaver, Courtney Burton, Matt Madej, Shelley Barber, Brad Sheward, Ashley Everly, Erica Selby, Jason Koger, Mike Aldrich, Chris Gendek

Absent: Kaci Coomes

III. Approval of Minutes

Kayla motioned to approve minutes of August 30, Mike seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved

IV. Order of Business

Reports of Officers and Committees

- Treasurer's Report-Report appended to end of these minutes
- President Report-None

- Coaches-in-Chief Report-House issues will be discussed under later agenda items. Numbers improving for fall House League. Some organizations are doing October-December and January-March house league.

Unfinished Business

- None for this meeting

New Business

- Revisit drug test policy-Erica-If Bantam is going to be added to drug testing policy, needs to be in writing for next season, communicated to team, and posted on team Crossbar site. Info for cost would need to be sent to current Treasurer as part of OYHA Board changeover. Courtney Burton made a motion that **“all rostered Bantam and HS travel team players will be required to adhere to the OYHA Drug testing policy in the 2024-25 season and beyond.” Ashley seconded. 10 in favor, 1 against. Motion passes.**
- Required attendance for board members at OYHA functions-Shelley, discussion and concerns about getting board members to share more load.
- Adding house dues into travel dues, driving distance exception-Jason-need further discussion about whether to add travel dues into house or policy change to formally require house league participation
- 2024-2025 House league-Jason, tied into above
- New Mid-Am/USAH regulations-Shena and Ashley-Shena Link made presentation-2 big changes from USAH that associations are required to be followed. 1) If someone is pulled off ice because of a suspected concussion might have happened, a player may not step on ice again until parent, physician or family practitioner specializing in brain injuries/concession, has filled out the USAH return-to-play protocol and signed. Coach is simply acknowledging that they read the form.

2) Locker room monitors-MidAM carries highest SafeSport load in district largely because of locker room protocols. Every head coach before every game has to have someone designated in charge of a locker room. That person has to have a background check and SafeSport. That locker room monitor has to be circled on scoresheet. If player is sent off, someone has to be near locker room with door propped open. For co-ed teams, would have to have two locker room monitors. Coach needs to be in locker room when players first have arrived.

3) 25% of disciplinary hearings resulting from hateful language anywhere before, during, after game. Hard enforcement from USAH and Mid-Am this year.

4) Spectator policy should be in force for all associations. OYHA policy will be discussed later in meeting. Expecting game monitor for spectator policy for all games.

Need to have coaches meeting with Shena Link and board coach-parent meeting

- Spectator policy - Ashley - Would like to require a board member to be at each home travel game, that are non-related to the team, so that this policy can be policed correctly. Kayla suggests having a Google document where each member can sign up for a different home game to attend and be the board monitor.
- Renegotiating rink contract without pro shop-Chris-deferred to next meeting

C. Summary of votes taken

- Courtney Burton made a motion that **“all rostered Bantam and HS travel team players will be required to adhere to the OYHA Drug testing policy in the 2024-25 season and beyond.”** Ashley seconded. **10 in favor, 1 against. Motion passes.**

D. Business for next meeting

- Adopt Spectator Policy, Return to Play forms
- Renegotiating rink contract without pro shop
- **Closing**
General Board meeting to be held on XXX



Treasurer's Report - Courtney Yerington Burton
09.27.23

General (OYHA) Fund

Account balance: \$25,928.97

Total encumbered: \$525.00 - Dasherboard Sales to send to Players/teams
\$2,970.00 Dasherboard Sales % due to City of Owensboro
\$21,095.00 - Fall House league budget
\$69.00 - Crossbar Monthly Fee
\$125 - DMC Graphics - Printing for dasherboards
\$130 - Nest camera for ProShop
Total Encumbered: \$24,914.00

Balance \$1,014.97

Other Projected Income: BEI Dasher Board Sales

Other Projected Costs: Printing costs for BEI Dasherboard

Pro Shop

Account balance: \$1,775.42

The funds used from the general account to buy inventory needs to be returned from this account to the general account once the account has increased after sales of new items occur.

Sample Policy for Associations:

“Your Association’s” Zero Tolerance Spectator Conduct Policy

This Zero Tolerance Spectator Conduct Policy (hereinafter “Policy”) aims to eliminate inappropriate, disruptive and abusive behavior by spectators directed at game officials, players, coaches, spectators and other participants during “Your Association’s” sanctioned events.

A spectator shall include any parent, sibling, family member of a participant or fan of a “Your Association’s” team or Association (hereinafter “Spectator”). Should any Spectator be removed from a USAH sanctioned event or later be found to have used inappropriate, disruptive and abusive behavior (described below in Items 1 through 3, hereinafter “Abusive Conduct”) towards officials, players, coaches, spectators or other participants at a USAH sanctioned event, that Spectator shall be subject to disciplinary action as prescribed below.

1. Use of obscene, profane, or abusive language or gestures towards officials, players, coaches, spectators or other participants.
2. Taunting of officials, players, coaches, spectators or other participants by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
3. Throwing any object in the spectators’ viewing area, players’ bench, penalty box or on ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.

Spectators shall be subject to the following disciplinary action whether the removal is by a game official, security personnel, facility personnel, or Association personnel, or if the alleged Abusive Conduct is investigated after the fact by the Association and or USAH and found to be true in accordance with the following evidentiary standard. If, after removal or upon investigation after the fact, such alleged Abusive Conduct is found to have occurred by a preponderance of evidence, the following disciplinary action shall be imposed on the Spectator(s) that were removed and/or found to have committed Abusive Conduct during a USAH sanctioned event.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

First Offense - a suspension from all events involving the Association for a minimum of fourteen (14) days to a maximum of thirty (30) days;

Second Offense - a suspension from all events involving the Association for a minimum of thirty (30) days to a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) days

All suspension periods shall run from the date of the incident in question.
DESIGNATION OF SPECTATOR MONITOR:

Each Team in “Your Association’s” shall be required to designate a volunteer(s) to serve as a parent/spectator monitor during all USAH sanctioned events. This designated monitor will address inappropriate spectator behavior prior to the situation escalating to the point it has an impact on the game by notifying security personnel and/or facility personnel.

This designated monitor shall have the full support of “Your Association’s” may call on facility management and/or game security to remove any spectator in violation of this Policy.

The team manager shall be responsible to oversee the parent/spectator monitors for the Association.

REPORTING: Allegations of Abusive Conduct shall be reported using the attached Incident Report Form. The identity of reporters will be kept confidential. However, reporters must provide their name and valid contact information. Anonymous reports, especially those presented without corroborating evidence such as video, may not be to be acted upon at the sole discretion of “Your Association’s”.

The “Your Association’s” will forward all Spectator Incident Report Forms to the Mid-Am District (administrator@midamhockey.com) for establishment of a record regarding the incident alleged.

Sample of Spectator Incident Report Form:

“Your Association’s” Zero Tolerance Spectator Incident Report

Date/Time of Incident: (Rink) Location:

Game #:

Team (Home):

Team (Away):

Security on Site (if applicable):

Description of Incident (please provide a detailed description):

Did incident involve a player, coach, spectator or referee?

Were the police called? Anyone injured?

Individuals involved in Incident: Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

If so, what is the report number? Was an ambulance called?

(For each Individual)

Individual reporting Incident (shall remain confidential): Name:

Email:

Phone Number: