



Okotoks Minor Hockey Association

MINUTES – December 12, 2017

Called to Order: 7:16 PM

Welcome & Roll Call

Attendance

~~Jeremy Gough~~
Gabe Amyotte
Lindsay Graw
Lee Kennedy
~~Rob Albers~~
Trevor Forbes
~~Tara Flannery~~
Jennifer Dustow

Geoff Stewart
~~Amanda Germain~~
Jamie Steer
Jenn Zaffino
Stewart McLeod
~~Mel Crowson~~
Greg Schmidt
~~Jason Kreuger~~

Roy Bowlby
Karla Helm
~~Kurt Thomas~~
~~Daron Dumanski~~
Shannon McQuillan
Ryan Klippenstein
~~Tammy Szilagyi~~
Jenilee Hemsing

Missing: Jeremy Gough, Amanda Germain, Kurt Thomas, Lee Kennedy, Jenn Zaffino, Daron Dumanski, Rob Albers, Mel Crowson, Tara Flannery, Tammy Szilagyi, Jason Kreuger

Motion to accept the minutes from Nov 16, 2017 as presented was made by Geoff Stewart and seconded by Roy Bowlby. All in favor. Carried.

Reports

President – Geoff

- New arena update –looks great, working on dressing rooms, ordered furniture, ready for Jan 31. OMHA might have access the beginning of January. Hoping to run ice on Dec 18. Names for arenas: Old arena – Pason Green; New arena – Pason Gold
- Funding for arena – money from Jerseys and Jeans will help pay for equipment storage/cages, additional furniture, TV, development tools (parachutes, etc.)
- OAAA Storage – looking at options; going to put cages in Pason, use deodorizers for equipment, etc.
- Game in Conduct – will be getting update from committee regularly but just summaries. Looking at having it a 2 year term, staggering positions.

VP Coach/Player Development - Roy

- Who is responsible for the Officials' Pledge? Has anyone had this signed by an official? It is in the Game and Conduct – Greg, do you get them to sign this?
 - This is discussed at the clinics and ensures that it is understood
- Bantam Drug presentation – Det. Mike Sushelnitsky
 - booked for Dec 6th, 12th, 19th. One session has been completed and received very well from players and parents. Have had request to include Midget teams, and OAAA. Will discuss with Mike and if he agrees will forward Mike contacts to individual Midget teams to



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contact and set up – offered Dec 19 to midget teams – 7:30-9:30 @ multi-purpose room at Centennial

- “I just wanted to say thanks for the meetings no it was really informative and another great intro to more conversations.Thanks for setting it up.”
- “Thank-you to you and the OMHA executive for your proactive work to bring in Detective S. in last night to share his proactive insight for Bantam aged hockey players and parents. It created a great opportunity for conversation in our home!”
- “Good morning Roy, thanks for organizing the presentation last night, thought Mike had a lot of powerful things to say to the boys. I was telling Kelly Owerko and our manager Tamara Ford about it this morning at practice, and we thought it would be great if there was a way Mike would be able to talk to our Midget kids.”
- Discussing with a psychiatrist on ways to help kids handle evaluations – working up to parents
- Coach Mentoring
 - Hi Tek
 - Had a few coaches reach out to him early in the season.
 - No major roadblocks, has made touches to most of the teams.
 - Feedback from Midget House team: “by far the best I have ever had come out with any of my teams in the past. Contacted me well in advance, asked what I would like or how he could help, brought exactly what I was looking for and the players responded very well to him. Great job!”
 - OMHA
 - Had been out to see some of the teams and assisted coaches through emails and phone calls.
 - Believe we need to review any roadblocks that may be in place. Review with JS after meeting. – Jamie is trying to get caught up, some teams weren’t available on days he had
- Drug/Alcohol Policy
 - Did not have a policy in place, drafted a policy and presented to Executive for review (v1.3). Should we update into Game & Conduct, when draft is approved?

VP Programs – Gabe

- Novice C – development – treating them same as A & B now
- Novice half ice introduction/implementation – will have to possibly tier novice next year and CAHL will still be full ice next year – focus on novice in the new year
- Atom girls are sorting it out
- Bylaw update – can’t use Southwest bylaws now, looking at using Ponoka or St Albert as recommended by Hockey Alberta

Treasurer – Amanda

- Female tournament – reminder to make sure that I have your tournament end summary by mid-Jan. Novice Tournament is this weekend, please come out and support the young kids.



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- Have had a few teams not understand the requirements for AGLC. If they have any questions at all regarding the use of the funds, what needs to be displayed on their ticket, how to apply for a licence etc, please have them reach out to me. – **GET AMANDA TO MAKE COLES NOTES SO THAT WE CAN DISTRIBUTE**
- Enmax money is in. They are supporting our Novice teams in the amount of \$500, plus providing \$1,000 sponsorship toward the Tournament (plus prizes, swag for the tourney)

Secretary – Karla

- Infographic – what stats could we start assembling
 - 1: Demographics
 - 2: Marketing – area of sale, info on how many families come to arena, where are they coming from, projected increase of viewership over the next few years, growth, average age in Okotoks is 19
 - 3: Compare Okotoks to other cities such as Lethbridge
- Talking with Tammy about putting together a video/tutorial for clock like what High Country did
- Look at new schedule for meeting locations – may be able to use our OMHA room for January meeting

Equipment – Ryan

- New jersey order – conditions of current jerseys
 - Midget and bantam
 - Could definitely use another set or two per division
 - These are the brand new jerseys.
 - Pee wee and atom travel
 - The older style jerseys. We have lots of them and they are in good condition. Could definitely be used for another year or two.
 - Atom house
 - Atomic program. Big fan
 - Novice house
 - As you know, big issues. Hopefully we solve this in the new year.
- Add equipment notes section to newsletter
- UFA is interested in being a division sponsor or give money
- Need to get better at forecasting jersey and team numbers, take a better look at budget to match for years ahead
- Some Calgary teams use AtoMC jerseys for all atom teams but get them sublimated with their colors

Web Admin – Tammy

- Any issues with your email from the upgrade can generally be fixed with a password reset. Contact Tammy if you are having issues. Email (webadmin@okotokshockey.com) or text (403-200-5812)

Operations – Jamie



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- Need to remind coaches at the lower levels that you have to have a helmet at ALL TIMES while on the ice
- CAHL using balanced schedules – some teams play 21 others 14 – doesn't agree with it, not all play each other equal
- Provincials deadline – Jan 5-7 – can still opt out after seeing the draw – playdowns start Jan 21
- Working on getting all of the January ice schedule out – 1st week of January everyone will have 1 practise, some may have 2

Okotoks Ref Assoc – Greg

- 180 officials, 50 are 1st years
- Ref wall of fame will be up in the New Year
- All assigning is complete until Jan 7
- Would like to set up round-table – mid January – Geoff away til 8th and will touch base then
- Reminder to send complaints according to protocol – not straight to them, send to Jamie
- 2 FYI's so far and 2 formal complaints, 3 coach ejections, 2 fan ejections and 2 timekeeper ejections

Atom House – Jenilee/Rob

- Games are even with 1-2 goal difference
- JNJ – looking at fieldhouse for location but because of the type of event, will need drivers. May be changing the date

Peewee – Stewart

- split teams are even

Female – Jenn/Mel

- going well, Atom C is going good
- look at Peewee next year – RMFHL may tier A & B. Calgary said they would come back if they tiered.
- may have to remove female team for CAHL for 2018-2019 team – not sure if there will be same caliber of players as we have this year

Bantam – Shannon

- nothing major, tier 1 concerned with affiliating to AA
- need exec to meet with OOAA to discuss on when affiliates are needed vs when they are wanted – do they expect OMHA to play short when they have full roster with affiliates? Then OMHA has drop down effect for affiliates and the bottom teams don't have many players already

Midget – Trevor

- goaltending is excellent
- team 1 is struggling, teams 2 and 3 are good

Meeting Adjourned: 8:41 PM