



Okotoks Minor Hockey Association

MINUTES – JUNE 13, 2017

Attendance

Jeremy Gough
Gabe Amyotte
Lindsay Graw
Lee Kennedy
Rob Albers
Trevor Forbes
Tara Woodgate-Small

Geoff Stewart
Amanda Germain
Jamie Steer
Jenn Zaffino
Stewart McLeod
Mel Crowson
Kerry Rawson

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

Absent

Jennifer Dustow
Jason Kreuger

Called to order 7:14 PM

OOAA Monthly meeting July 25th, 2017

Geoff – potential to go to each other's meetings so that everyone can communicate better; OOAA fall under OMHA; Setting first meeting to discuss OMHA involvement

New email addresses

- Tammy said to contact her directly if you are having any issues; working on setting up a shared calendar to ensure everyone has correct dates, times, locations
- Email addresses that I did not receive confirmation from and are having troubles setting them up:
 - jgough@okotokshockey.com
 - lkennedy@okotokshockey.com
 - atomhouse@okotoks.com

Evaluations

- Goalie evaluations – changing it or leaving it status quo (need to decide)
 - Have goalies grouped like players and move groups like players. More emphasis on games (weighted more) – Gabe to look into further options and pricing
- Evaluation procedures – having young officials practice or use our skates as conditioning – thoughts – not feasible as the ref clinics are not until Sept 23-24 unless we wanted 2nd year officials – decided this was not going to work



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- Gabe - Groupings – standard across all divisions – where do graduating tier 1 skaters fit when making the groups – consistency –
 - Each group has different numbers and in order to keep the positive upward movement during evaluations, this cannot be the same for each division. These numbers are based on returning players, who makes AA/AAA and who plays in house or drops out
- Karla - Schedule dates for equipment pick up next year? Easier for people to adjust schedules to ensure they work and allows everyone to plan accordingly
 - Ryan said that yes, this may work
- Gabe - Concussion baseline testing – are we looking at this any further?
 - Trouble is this is unsupported, some doctors agree and some don't
 - Need to educate parents and coaches, what does HA say?
 - Trevor said that his team has previously brought in a physiotherapist to discuss injury prevention instead, they also go over concussions
 - Talk to coaches at coaches meeting to have someone out to educate their team
 - Try to find someone who both agrees and opposes for concussion baseline testing to speak at coaches meeting
 - Shannon (ER nurse) says that the population is actually quite aware of concussions and are always coming in to ER
- Girls Program – what, if any, communication or information do we need to share or get??
 - We need a new rep from OMHA to attend RMFHL meetings, Carrie always went as she was also there for RMFHL

Bylaws/Documents/Policies Review and Update

- Geoff - Policy review
 - Advertising, use of RAMP, trying to create a system on what is allowed and what is not
- Game and Conduct
 - Updated last in 2015, need to update it, working on that this year
- Roles and Responsibilities
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- Bylaws
 - Need to add social media
 - Should be updated every 5 years, ours was last updated in 2010
- Directors Manual
 - still updating but basically intact, Gabe encourages directors to familiarize themselves with this

Committee

- Game and Conduct / Executive Governance – discussion on suitable candidates, 2 were agreed upon, trying to decide on 3rd
- OOAA/Community Liaison – Gabe, Jeremy, or Geoff



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- Bylaw – Bylaw committee appointment with the instructions to revise bylaws – Executive governance, would like to have the updated bylaws to vote on for the IGM
- Tournament Committee
 - Last year we learned a lot, wrote policy
 - Reviewed policy, says that the tournament will have 2 co-chairs, appointed by director; divisions where there are 2 directors, each of them pick one
 - Ultimately the director is responsible for tournament, suggest they pick someone who is responsible
 - Was nice, last year we were able to report on the finances/success of the tournaments at our AGM
- Fundraising/Sponsorship Committee
 - Would like to set up some sponsorship packages
 - Once Pason II is available, we have the option to sell advertisements on the boards – certain percentage goes to town
 - Last 2 years, coach and player development has had no funds to actually bring in extra programs

Reports/Notes

- Female Info
 - During registration they can select whether they are interested in Female travel or Female house, girls can move to boys if there is not enough interest but this allows us to know who would like a Female house team
 - Daron - Can female atom rent/use goalie equipment to try out being a goalie for camps this summer to see if they like it enough to be a goalie this season?
 - Likely not OMHA's as that is wear and tear and we only have just enough, look at it in future though
 - Jamie has a set we can look at renting out, deposit will be required
 - After registration, send email to see if there's anyone that has any extra equipment they can donate for a goalie trial?
- Geoff Stewart
 - Information for new directors - Coaches applications, they need to apply, and approximately 1 week after the application deadline, we will look at booking meeting space/times for interviews
 - Maybe a new process for picking coaches, is there a way to shortlist the interview list as some divisions have way too many coaches and can take days to complete the interviews
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 - Geoff – more so eliminating the ones that have had multiple suspensions/issues/notices or game and conduct
 - Golf shirts – start to brand the board members so that we are seen in the community
 - Lets new directors normally that there is attendance, and general info is shared at meetings, then everyone reports what they have, so that new directors will come prepared for future meetings



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- Jamie Steer
 - If directors have any questions, don't hesitate to ask
 - If once you start receiving the registration list and notice that something isn't looking right, like not enough goalies/defence, or too many, then ask so that we can be proactive
 - You will know for sure once you receive your final list on July 16th
- Lindsay Graw
 - Thank you to everyone that submitted golf shirt size
 - Coach clinics, are we hosting and when. We will need to book them with HA so we get them in Okotoks this year.
 - Agreed that we need to start booking these now as last year there were no one from HA because they were already booked elsewhere
 - Coach I, Coach II, and Checking
 - Summary of registration to date. Including payment plan
 - 404 already registered, 200 chose payment plans the other 204 paid in full
 - We have accepted High Country's bantam and midget players into our association in exchange for ice use
 - Checking Clinic
 - Look at running mid-season refresher checking clinics
 - Female clinics – will know more after Mel, Jenn D. and Carrie meet, Jamie will talk further about whether the female clinics will be combined with mixed clinic, or if they want a larger group to run one
 - No cost for clinics, and could not add this option to RAM, won't work this time
 - OMHA Stickers – Martinson Signs or Flare Graphics
 - Do a proof, and if colors are good then place order
 - Conditioning camps
 - Usually fill up 1 week before date
 - Run conditioning for atom, peewee, bantam/midget, checking, goalie, atom/peewee female, bantam/midget female
 - OAAA is opening their registration Jun 15th
 - When do directors want final registration numbers?
 - June 30th and July 17
 - Tries to catch players in wrong division before sending to directors, but it can happen (ie. Female in mixed, male in female, atom registered in peewee)
- Kerry Rawson
 - there will be a new rep for ORA, this will be Kerry's last meeting and will be sending Greg Schmidt's contact info for future communications
 - reffing clinic will be Sept 23/24 this year
- Jeremy Gough – Golf Tournament
 - Will take place Jun 22 at Heritage Point in support of OMHA's hardship fund
 - Started with a goal of 18 teams, now there are 30 registered



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- Lots of sponsors, still looking for 2 volunteers
- Roy Bowlby
 - Good job to Daron on engaging the members about the goalie gear, we as a board, need to continue to listen and seek answers
- Lee Kennedy
 - Can Lindsay tell if the new to Okotoks players if they have played hockey previously?
 - Yes, if they have played previously then they already have a card in HA
- Stewart Macleod
 - Any news on the software program, Accelerate?
 - Not cost effective, last contact was Jamie asking if they could do a certain task, and it could not, no reply since

Meeting Adjourned 8:58 PM