



Okotoks Minor Hockey Association

MEETING MINUTES – SEPT 5 2017

Called to Order: 7:09 PM

Attendance

Jeremy Gough

Geoff Stewart

Roy Bowlby

Gabe Amyotte

Amanda Germain

Karla Helm

Lindsay Graw

Jamie Steer

Kurt Thomas

Lee Kennedy

Jenn Zaffino

Daron Dumanski

Rob Albers

Stewart McLeod

Shannon McQuillan

Trevor Forbes

Mel Crowson

Tara Woodgate-Small

Tammy Szilagyi

Jennifer Dustow

Absent

Ryan Klippenstein

Greg Schmidt

Jason Kreuger

Reports

President

- Sponsorship packages – working on them, 32 signs available for 10 years; talked with the Dawg's Assoc. to see how they have done it; recommend selling in 3 year chunks; goal of starting to sell by end of October, 2017
- Bylaw updates – working on timelines of completion, hoping within the next few months; will need a special meeting to vote on them as the AGM is already too long; first steps is to compare the bylaws to current procedures
- New arena update – puck drop date of Feb 1, 2018; need to get back to them discuss logo and walk-through; Jamie needs a dead time date so that he can schedule or there is the risk of the ice not being ready yet it's scheduled, or that the rink sits unused
- Game and Conduct update – Mike Reiber has agreed and will work to find a group that do not know each other to avoid conflict

VP Programs- Gabe

- Reminder not to send out emails promoting certain vendors, OMHA only does this with approved sponsors and it will be done via the newsletter, website and Facebook.
- Working on Bylaws, will review with counsel before it goes out?
- Working with Midget on what to do with players that come to OMHA for AAA, then have to go back to their home association for AA, but if they are released from AA, then they have to come back to our CAHL teams, how do we handle that
- Waiting for more info re: concussion



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VP Coach/Player Development – Roy

- Thank you to Directors for sending out HA clinics to your coaches
- Coach Clinics; Coach 1 & 2 & Body Checking have been posted on HA and coach have signed up, we are short on Coaches for the Checking Clinic (Directors please encourage your coaches to register, atom house too)
- New Clinic to register for:
 - October 18 – Practice Planning and Player Expectations (2 hour classroom)
 - November 4 – AJHL Game Day Clinic with Okotoks Oilers and Drumheller Dragons
 - December 11 – Instructional Stream Skills Clinic (1.5 hour classroom, 1 hour on-ice)
- Coach Interviews well under way: 87 HC 125 AC
- Initiation & Novice Cross Ice Update: Rink Boards will be ready by this Friday, Sept 8. Promotion of small area games and drills for practices? OMHA Promotion of the Cross-Ice. Our Initiation Coaches will be moving up to Novice as will the players, 4 years of Cross-Ice development. Monitor some of the players for development???
- Cross Ice practices and games in Novice C this year as a pilot – yes
- HC will be mandating Novice Cross Ice in the 2018-19 season
- Will need more boards, look at division sponsors and other known supporters to help with cost

Past President – Jeremy

- Golf update – booked next year, of proceeds from last year, donated some to ORA development/scholarship; total raised was over \$17,000

Evaluations – Jamie

- Ensure all Directors have their questions answered by Sept 12
- All will be picked before the 30th with the first division on the 19th

Administration – Lindsay

- Busy carding and registering players, need goalies in Atom
- Need to work on kinks for next year's payment plans, way too many CC payments didn't go through on the subsequent dates, having to chase people down – looking at a way to add in an NSF fee for next year, add in a note on the preauthorized payment section as currently it states you can only charge for what is listed exactly
- Players can't hit the ice if they are not paid up

Referee Association – Greg (absent)

- Can we get a confirmation of number of teams for each category? Jamie sent in a separate email
- Geoff, Last year we did a round table mid year with 3 members of the executive and then 3 from the referees association. We found that this was beneficial and we wanted to extend to doing one at the beginning of the year, and one mid year just so we do not go to long without one. So if you are open to this if we could set something up within the next 4 weeks that would be excellent – yes please!



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- for the Rec league this year can we get a copy of any special rules that their might be. We did not know about the 3 penalty rule, so anything like this would be helpful that we can pass along to the membership, Jamie/Tara has printed copy as that is all we have, will send to Greg
- Confirmation of Managers / Coaches meetings for us to attend (need dates and times) – Coaches Meeting Oct 4, Seaman Sports Rink upstairs, 7-9; Managers Meeting Oct 11, Seaman Sports Rink Upstairs, 7:30-9:30

Treasurer – Amanda

- Casino is moved from Q4 2018 to Q3. Should get a more definite date in Feb next year
- 5 sets of Atom jersey's ordered through Canadian Tire – 2 mixed and 3 female

Secretary – Karla

- Newsletter Items – send by 2nd-3rd week
- Updating Evaluation Procedures document, you will have to update your links in your emails/website page...we will let you know when it is changed online.
- Empty volunteer positions, should have put that in the newsletter...can we put it on Facebook? Yes to both
- Confirmed - Coaches meeting on Oct 4 and the Managers on Oct 11?
- Confirmation of all board members – who is applying to coach and which divisions
- Anyone not sure on what types of questions to ask for interviews, I have a generic list I start with if anyone wants to see it

Equipment – Ryan

- Questions about equipment use for evaluations?
- Jersey pick-up – as early as Saturday September 30th from 9-11? We could also do Sunday the 31st as well? Looks like a couple of divisions would be ready by then correct? – Sept 30 weekend, Rec leagues/Initiation, Oct 5/6 for Novice/Atom/Female Jr...dates for Peewee, Bantam, Midget and Female SR

Initiation – Kurt

- 105 brand new kids, 11 teams
- Looking at a date for the coaches to do their draft – possibly Sept 28
- Initiation managers meeting around Oct 18, 2017

Novice House B/C - Lee

- Lots of help
- Discussion on cross ice for Novice C

Novice Travel/House A – Jenn Z.

- Lots of potential coaches, good process, 15 per travel team



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- Tournament dates set – last year they ended up with surprise sponsorship due to misunderstanding with hotel sponsorship – if you use them as the primary hotel booking they donate 10% to you – downside we are not supporting local hotels even if they cannot host a full tournament of guests

Atom House – Rob

- Looking for assistance during his evals as he is working – Jeremy and Mel both volunteered

Atom Travel – Daron

- Interviews are done, just looking for info on goalie evals and what to do with injured players who can't participate in evals

Peewee – Stewart

- Just waiting on PWAA cuts, already discussed groups with Jamie, still has too many goalies

Midget – Trevor

- Struggle to find coaches
- Won't know #'s until AAA, AA, M15 and Foothills AA is decided

Recreation League - Tara

- RHL – working on peewee coaches, starting league possibly right after Thanksgiving
- Schedule is posted

Website – Tammy

- Bring in a bylaw/social media release to post online with other game and conduct pledges

Female Jr – Mel

- Atom – 1 tiered in CAHL Tier 5, 2 in RMFHL and 1 house

Female Sr - Jenn

- RMFHL – meeting on Sept 12, will hopefully know more then
- 2 of 4 goalies expected to make elite in Bantam, leaving us 1 short as there is 3 teams

Bantam – Shannon

- Good for goalies, 2/team
- Sent out coaching interview schedule