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# OMHA INTERIM GENERAL MEETING



2021-2022

# AGENDA

- Roll Call of Officers and Directors
- Review of 2021 AGM Minutes
- Executive Reports/Financial Reports
- Operations Coordinator Report
- Division Directors Reports
- OMHA Referee's Report
- Open Forum
- Adjournment



# 2021 AGM MINUTES

## Review of the 2021 AGM Minutes

- Motion 1 - to dispense with the formal reading of the minutes since they have been posted on the OMHA website for all meeting Attendees to review
  - Second to the Motion
  - Vote
  
- Motion 2 - to approve the minutes of the 2021 AGM
  - Second to the Motion
  - Vote



# 2021 AGM MINUTES

## Review of the 2021 AGM Minutes

- Please refer to the AGM minutes handout on the OMHA web site
- <http://www.okotokshockey.com/default.aspx?p=meetingminutes>



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

## HIGHLIGHTS 2021

- OMHA Player Numbers
- Return to Play
- Volunteer support to start the season
- Fees for 2021/22 & Credits
- Continue to build on programs
  - Task committees moving into 2022
  - Safety & Mental Health Programs
- Future Development & Planning



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

## Future Planning

- Game and Conduct Committee expanding
- Stable Financial Plan for the Future
- Fundraising Opportunities
- Development
  - Player
  - Coach
  - Goalie - Goalie task Force



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

- OMHA Organizational Structure and Succession
- Growing concerns – Ice availability & Issues
- Continued communication and transparency
- Social Media
- Fundraising
- Sponsorship and Apparel Initiatives – We have a need for new equipment and Jersey replacement



# VP PLAYER/COACH DEVELOPMENT – Josh Esler

## Coach Selection

- ☐ Thank you to Daron and all the directors with getting coaches selected. We had an increase in coach applicants this season.

## Coach Clinics in Okotoks

- ☐ Hockey Alberta hosted private coach courses via zoom due to covid reasons.
- ☐ Hosted a Hockey Alberta Development I course at Pason
- ☐ introduction of the KLEVR coaching app

## Goalie Development

- ☐ Formation of OMHA goalie committee
- ☐ Purchasing 7 sets of goalie equipment for U11 goalies to help address the goalie shortages





# VP PROGRAMS – Todd Esler

## Season Kick Off

- **We are back and playing hockey! A personal note of gratitude to our membership for working with your teams and our facility staff for following entrance requirements to the facilities. Without your cooperation and support our season would not have gotten off the ground!**
- **All teams are well underway within their competitive peer groups. No significant delays or interruptions to schedules.**

## Ranking Sessions

- **Thanks to Directors, Evaluators, and all Parent Volunteers for keeping the Ranking sessions on schedule and without serious incident.**

## Work in Progress

- **Looking at improvements to the ranking process for RHL and House divisions: baseline group of evaluators for all sessions, making it a must do for potential coaches to participate as evaluators, providing a guidance document on what aspects of play to evaluate.**
- **Outflow of membership from OMHA-other leagues, other sports, Covid, ranking process. I am talking with parents that have left the association, inviting their feedback. If a player wants to play hockey, we want to be the association of choice.**
- **We have a wealth of untapped knowledge relating to organizing and hosting large scale tournaments within the membership. We need to leverage that knowledge and seek to host more Provincial tournaments**



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

## 2021 AGM Positions

OMHA Position	Current Board status for 2021 season	2022/23 season
President (3 year term)	Geoff Stewart (Second year of three year term)	Third year or 3 year term
VP Coach & Player Dev. (3 year term)	Josh Esler (Second year of three year term)	Third year of 3 year term
VP Programs (3 year term)	Todd Esler (First year of three year term)	Second year of 3 year term
Treasurer (2 year term)	Kelly Lush (First year of two year term)	Second year of a 2 year term
Secretary (2 year term)	Karla Helm (Second year of a two year term)	Second year of a 2 year term
Division Director – RHL Hockey (1 yr)	Rebecca Streit (U15), Nadine Neufeld (U18)	One year term
Division Director-U7 (1 yr)	Jenny Sekulich/Char Crooks	One year term
Division Director-U9 Travel (1 yr)	Blair Scott	One year term
Division Director-U11 Travel (1 yr)	Carolyn Bervan	One year term
Division Director U11 House (1 yr)	Michelle Barratt	One year term
Division Director-U13 Travel (1 yr)	Bruce Layte	One year term
Division Director-U13 House (1 yr)	Canice Wyma	One year term
Division Director-U15 (1 yr)	Jen Zaffino	One year term
Division Director-U18 (1 yr)	Glenn Walker	One year term
Division Director Female (1 yr)	Jen Dustow (Sr), Graeme Sloan (Jr)	One year term



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

2021 AGM Positions		
OMHA Appointed Positions	Current Board status for 2021/22 season	2022/2023 season
<b>Sponsorship Director</b>	Open	Appointed position
<b>Apparel Director</b>	Apparel Committee	Appointed position
<b>Game &amp; Conduct Director</b>	Kevin Paskak / Glenn Walker / Chris Fuhr	Appointed position
<b>Police Record Check Coordinator</b>	Lindsay Graw	Lindsay Graw
<b>Web Administrator</b>	Graeme Sloane	Appointed position
<b>Community Liaison Director</b>	Open	Appointed position
<b>Fundraising Director</b>	Geoff Stewart	Appointed position
<b>Jersey &amp; Jeans</b>	Open	Volunteered position
<b>Casino Chairperson</b>	Amanda Germain	Amanda Germain



# OPERATIONS COORDINATOR – JAMIE STEER

- We have 15 teams in the CAHL this season, 2 are female. We did a great job placing them as only one team moved after tiering. Regular season is off and running
- We have 10 teams in the RMFHL this season. Tiering is a lot tougher with not as many teams. But they are saying they will make changes during season if they can create better tiers.
- We have 9 teams in the RHL this season, 5 U15's and 4 U18's. All the teams are off to a terrific start
- We have a senior and junior level at U7 for 10 teams. We Have 3 levels of house at U9 for 9 teams, 2 levels of house at U11 for 6 teams, and just one level of house at U13 because we only have 5 teams. We hope to grow our house leagues when we put Covid behind us.
- Good luck to all teams in the Rocky, RMFHL, CAHL, and House leagues for the rest of this season.



# ADMINISTRATOR – LINDSAY GRAW

## Registration numbers

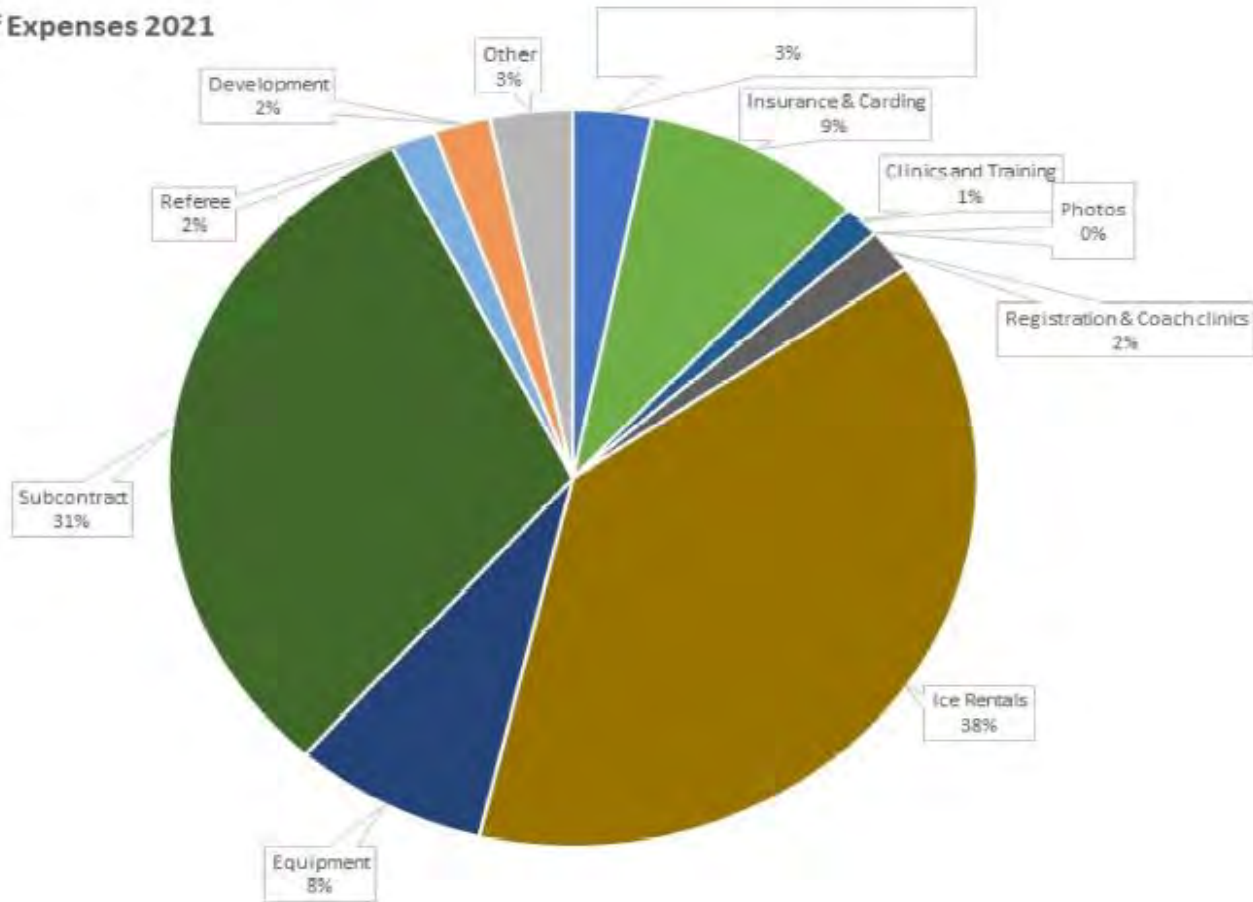
- Total registered 1214. This is down 180 players from last year.
- We had / we continued to offer a payment plan that was widely used by our membership. This season, we extended the payment plan options to give families more time to pay their fees.



# TREASURER - Kelly Lush

## Breakdown of Expenses May 31, 2021

Breakdown of Expenses 2021



## TREASURER – Kelly Lush

- Motion accept the audited financial statements of Okotoks Minor Hockey Association as at May 31, 2021.
- Second
- Vote



# ALL DIVISIONS – 1214 OMHA PLAYERS

Age Division	OMHA	OAAA	Total	# of OMHA Teams	# of League Teams
Female	203	17 (U13A) 38(elite) 12(AAA)	270	12	2 CAHL 10 RMFHL
U7	138		138	10	
U9	153		153	10	
U11	157		157	10	4 CAHL
U13	136	34 (AA)	160	8	3 CAHL
U15	120	19 (AA) 9 (AAA)	148	7	3 CAHL 4 RHL
U16	0	19(AA ) 10(AAA)	29	0	0
U18	119	19 (AA) 11 (AAA)	149	7	3 CAHL 4 RHL
<b>Total</b>	<b>1026</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>1214</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>32</b>





# RHL DIVISION

## Rebecca Streit/Nadine Neufeld

- Seventh year for the Rockies Hockey League (RHL) for Okotoks
  - 5 Bantam teams (Bantam is tiered)
    - 2 in Mountain division
    - 3 in Rockies Division
  - 4 Midget teams
- RHL is non-checking and the league is part of Hockey Alberta.
- Evaluations were successful overall.



# U7

## Char Crooks/Jenny Sekulich

The Initiation Division has 138 players:

- 10 teams -5 SR & 5 JR (including 1 female)
- teams have both female and male players

Evaluations went very smoothly, big thank you to volunteer evaluators!

Season going well thus far. Thanks to all our parent volunteers for stepping up. It takes a tremendous number of volunteer to make the division run smoothly.

OMHA Intro to Hockey Tournament being planned. March 4/5/6 2022



# U9 DIVISION

Blair Scott

## **U9 Division has 150 players this season.**

8 teams formed consisting of 18-20 players per team. Teams were placed into 3 tiers A-B-C with balanced teams within each tier.

Several Covid and other potential illnesses reported in this age group. Teams following Alberta Health safety protocols accordingly.

Coaches are focusing on goalie (recruitment/retention) and U11 prep as season priorities. Teams are running just under 2:1 practice to game ratio.

Some challenges finding coaches for lower tiers. We need to ensure they remain supported and develop accordingly for future seasons.

Thanks to our managers, coaches and team volunteers. The kids are the beneficiaries of strong support.

We continue to welcome feedback from membership to help improve our program.



# U11 HOUSE DIVISION

## Michelle Barratt

- The U11 House division is comprised of players playing in the co-ed hockey division. The players were placed on 6 teams, 3 in House A and 3 in House B.
  - House A
    - 3 OMHA teams involving 42 skaters and 3 goalies
    - G.O.A.T.S. won their first tournament they went to in Pincher Creek
  - House B
    - 3 OMHA teams with 44 skaters and 3 goalies

We welcomed players from High Country into the U11 house program this year.



# U11 TRAVEL DIVISION

## Carolyn Bervan

- The U11 Travel division is comprised of 60 skaters and 5 goalies
  - U11 Tier 1 Head Coach Jamie Birt (15 skaters + 2 goalies)
  - U11 Tier 2 Head Coach Trevor Snodgrass (15 skaters 1 goalie)
  - U11 Tier 3 Head Coach Dave Henzie (15 skaters 2 goalies)
  - U11 Tier 4 Head Coach Kyle Parkes (15 skaters 1 goalie)
- 94 players tried out for U11 travel which included 7 goalies.
  - 12 skaters and 1 goalie were released from the U11 Travel Program and into the House program
  - Individual goalie evaluations were done and also during skater evaluations (Ryan Fisher)
  - All teams are placed in their appropriate Tier within CAHL with the Tier 1 division being split into a north / south division and all teams are competing well within their respective divisions.

### Feedback from evaluations

- No issues during evaluation process. Thank you to Daron & Jamie for a smooth process.
- Utilized Bow Mark Oilers on benches during coaches skate which was a great hit and results in some U11 billet families



# U13 HOUSE DIVISION

## Candice Wyma

We have 84 players in U13 House making up 5 teams (A/B mix).

- Evaluations went smoothly. Teams assigned based on evaluation information with focus on providing evenly skilled teams.
- Goalie skill level is not equal. Initially causing some skill disparity among teams.
- Initially One team winning a large portion of games, one team is losing a large portion of their games. This has resulted in negative feedback from parent group. More recently all teams are finding the win column and greater parity among most teams.
- Negative comments from parent group center around team parity, mixed A/B skill level and reducing U13 Travel to 3 teams.
- Comment from all team coaching staff is that evaluation process for group needs to be improved:
  - Consistent evaluators
  - Potential coaches to take part in evaluations
  - Return to A/B designation



# U13 TRAVEL DIVISION

## Bruce Layte

- 52 players in CAHL and 34 players in OOAA
- Dropped one travel team in 2021/22 season. 3 travel teams placed in T1-T3 for tiering and stayed in same tier for regular season.
- Evaluations went very well. Comments were made to consider shortening the evaluation process.
- All players released from travel evals. were placed on one of our OMHA PW House teams.
  
- All CAHL teams have 16 skaters and 1 or 2 goalies (1G in T1, 2G in T2 and 1G in T3)

### ➤ U13 – Tier 1

Head Coach: Chris Brockman

Manager(s): Laura Vipond and Lee Kennedy

### ➤ U13 – Tier 2

Head Coach: Todd Esler

Manager: Karla Wingate

### ➤ U13 – Tier 3

Head Coach: Jason Akins,

Manager: Allison Bencharski



# U15 DIVISION

## Jenn Zaffino

- **CAHL is full contact for teams T3 and above. T4 and below are NON-CONTACT. OMHA teams are T1, T2, T3. Players were released to RHL through the ranking sessions.**
- **All CAHL teams have 2G, 6 D, 11 F**
- **Head Coaches:**
  - **T1 - Trevor Bueckert**
  - **T2 - Dave Hayes**
  - **T3 - Oakley Cooper**
- **We need to encourage more coaches to take their coaching certification. At the older age groups we have fewer qualified candidates for coach selection.**





# U18 DIVISION

## Glenn Walker

### 3 CAHL teams (32 Fwds / 16Def / 6 Goalies)

- Midget 1 - CAHL Tier 1 Head Coach: Roy Blowby
- Midget 2 – CAHL Tier 3 Head Coach: Chris Fuhr
- Midget 3 - CAHL Tier 4 Head Coach: Ken McAllister

Thank you to all the coaches and volunteers who have stepped up this season. Best of luck to all teams this season. Let's hang some banners!

### CHALLENGES

- Conflicting schedules between OMHA and Foothills U18 AA tryouts. More players were selected in Foothills than previous seasons (11 this season). We need to either work with Foothills more closely when scheduling tryouts or combine programs to have one or two teams. Over past 3 seasons more and more players are leaving to play Foothills AA.
- Had to release 2 goalies from travel to RHL after OOAA and Foothills rosters were finalized.
- I am retiring....with hopes of getting some applicants next year.



# FEMALE DIVISION

U15 & U18 SR. DIRECTOR – JENNIFER DUSTOW  
U9, U11, U13 JR. DIRECTOR – GRAEME SLOANE

- Tiering rounds have concluded, and regular season is under way starting last weekend. We have 13 female teams U9-U18 ( 7 Junior + 6 Senior).
- 9 female teams, U9-U18 playing in the Rocky Mountain Female League this year. RMFHL has structured the teams for the first half of the season and will take another look at the overall competition and development of the groups. May see some restructuring before the second half of the season starts in January.
- U13-A has transitioned to OAAA programming and is playing in tier 2 CAHL this year. U11-A is in tier 4 CAHL.
- The 14th Annual Okotoks Female Hockey Classic went off without a hitch on November 11-14<sup>th</sup> **at the 4 arena's in town. This year's event hosted 50 teams, 14 home teams and 36 away teams in 11 divisions. Overall the Okotoks teams had pretty good success with 9 of our 14 teams qualifying for finals. U18 A, U18 B green, U15 A, and U11 A all captured Gold medals, with U11B green, U13 A, U13 AA, U15 AA, U18 B gold capturing Silver medals. We had 3 barn burner finishes with U18B Gold and Green taking the final game to double OT which seen Green win it in a Shoot out. U15AA forced the Olds Grizzlies to an overtime shoot out, and our U11B green team also forced Lloydminster to an OT shoot out to capture the Gold medal.**



# Health and Safety

Orinda McCann and Raeanne Tangedal

## OMHA Hands on Safety Course

- Completed 4 Hands on Safety Course and trained 68 coaches
- Safety Binder handed out at the course. Expected to be returned at end of the year with all equipment.

## HeadCheck

- Concussion data collection system
- Still a few teams with no SC signed up for Headcheck. Need ASAP
- Raeanne Tangedal HeadCheck/Concussion resource-  
rtangedal@okotokshockey.com

## Mental Wellness

- Amy Snyder : [asnyder@okotokshockey.com](mailto:asnyder@okotokshockey.com)

December 13, 2021



# OMHA OOAA IGM Update

- Changes to the OOAA executive Kathleen Dengler was nominated/supported as the new Treasurer. Pat de Haas was nominated/supported for the vacated Secretary role.
- The newly formed female Raiders team is going well. They are in CAHL tier 2 after the tiering round.
- Looking at lessons learned during evaluations and looking for areas of improvement
- IGM date has not been set
- Will also look to review and update our policies and procedures
- The school program is going well. Looking to add the U18AA females in 2022
- Several teams have considered hosting provincials we are in the early discussion stages and will have a final submittal available for the end of the month



# Okotoks Referees Association

## HIGHLIGHTS

~80 Active Registered Officials (decrease of 58 from 19/20)

~31 First Year Officials (decrease of 9 from 19/20)

~698 games assigned, 1745 individual assignments

- 1 Formal grievance sent to OAAA from ORA
- No Formal grievances sent to OMHA from ORA
- 2 Informal discipline issues from OMHA
- 2 Formal discipline issues from RMFHL
- 1 Officials Suspended & Heavily Fined (>\$50)
- Continued Development Program for Officials to Elite / High Performance Hockey

## CHALLENGES

Retention of Senior Level Officials (18+ U15/U18 officials)

Retention of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Year officials

Retention and recruitment of Female Officials (4 total)

Recruitment of new officials 18+

## CHALLENGES CONT

Lack of 3 & 4 official games, due to low numbers majority of the hockey is going with only 2 officials. Impacts development

U9 Half Ice – officials less experienced now moving into U11

Lack of funding for development of officials from Central Region & Hockey Alberta

Lack of officials to help with the Mentoring & Supervision officiating programs, slowing down the development of officials moving into higher level hockey

Official Burnout is happening earlier due to increased number of games officials are working every week

Spectator and Coach verbal abuse

- Worse this year in the lower levels- need to achieve zero tolerance (U13/ U11 Levels)
- Affects retention of younger Officials and creates burnout of senior officials



# MEMBER Questions

