



## Okotoks Minor Hockey Association

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# MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 16, 2017

Called to Order 7:07 PM

### Attendance

Geoff Stewart

Amanda Germain

Jamie Steer

Jenn Zaffino

Shannon McQuillan

Tammy Szilagyi

Tara Flannery

Roy Bowlby

Karla Helm

Kurt Thomas

Daron Dumanski

Trevor Forbes

Jennifer Dustow

Gabe Amyotte

Lindsay Graw

Lee Kennedy

Stewart McLeod

Mel Crowson

Jenilee Hemsing

### Absent

Jeremy Gough

Jason Kreuger

Rob Albers

Ryan Klippenstein

Greg Schmidt

### Reports

President – Geoff

- Thank you to all of the volunteers
- New rink on schedule for Feb 1
- Discussion to happen soon for sponsorship for new rink
- Tara Roe - \$750 came

VP Programs – Game

- Thank you to all of the volunteers
- Remind managers to let teams know to respect officials
- No one is allowed inside the officials room

VP Coach/Player Development - Roy

- Thank you, it seemed especially hectic this year
- Would like contact info for all of the division coaches – directors please send
- Bantam drug presentation – please send out – Det. Mike Sushelnitsky
- Discussion on mid-season survey – allows for feedback about coaches throughout the year
- Would like to add in a section about managers, would like to start collecting feedback for manager mentor's committee
- Need to arrange a feedback on evals –lessons learned
- Reminder to coaches to wear chin straps or they'll be removed



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### Operations – Jamie

- CAHL – tournament submission reminders to teams; for tiering meeting, please have your managers submit a recap to him so that he know's where you want to be at in the event there is a discussion on where your team would like to be placed – would recommend managers keep their phones close by
- Evaluations – starting to calm down now. Discussion on steps if a director thinks a player fell through the cracks or parents won't let it drop
- Ice schedule until Dec 21
- Pictures to be after Nov 16 – looking at not using ice so there can be practice that night

### Treasurer – Amanda

- Calgary Flames fundraiser – added new dates
- reminder for directors on use of OMHA logo – if a tournament needs it, ask Amanda and she will send it
- Team budgets and equipment deposits – reminder to have in by the end of October or they lose ice
- Budgets need to make sense – especially with gaming revenue, this will be checked
- Reminder that raffle money cannot be used for clothing; it can be used for tournaments in Alberta, ice, meals while away, etc
- Reminder that teams need to finish their AGLC reports or they put the organization's casino at risk which brings in \$70,000
- Recommend that cash call be no more than \$200 without a fundraising revenue

### Equipment – Ryan (In absentee)

- Thank you
- Canadian Tire novice jerseys – still waiting for 3 sets for girls – talk of a different sponsor for next year, 15 sets in total
- Jersey pick up – went well
- Evaluations – pucks still missing after evaluations, happens every year, how to prevent it?
- Evaluation jerseys – directors please have back in Murray by Nov 15, including pinnies
- New jersey order – will need to order more Midget for next year, along with Bantam
- Will get a jersey condition update to determine the order for replacement
- If a team needs a new jersey bag, or it needs repairs, please contact me

### Secretary – Karla

- Jersey's and Jeans – stepping down, looking for new committee – Jenilee Hemsing and Laurie MacDonald to take over
- Driving waiver – have parents sign off on actual policy, create new form
- Oversized teams
- Infographic



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### Admin – Lindsay

- All players are carded, now checking coaching qualifications
- Thanks to Roy bringing in the Hockey Alberta courses – far less outstanding so far
- Police checks – a lot are now coming due; if you want to do it online, ask Lindsay and she will send you a link
- CAHL – got all of the coaches in, the next 2 weeks will be working on affiliates
- No affiliates for initiation/novice/atom house – CANNOT affiliate to travel
- CAHL teams – reminder to contact Lindsay to ensure they're on the roster otherwise Coach can get indefinite suspensions
- Female affiliate to boys Bantam team –contact female counsel each team

### Referee Association – Greg (In absentee)

- First full weekend of Hockey completed. It had its challenges with a low number of officials available, however no games were cancelled and we are now in the full swing of the season
- I still need a copy of any special Rec hockey rules so that we can send them out to our membership, so we are aware of any special rules that there might be...i.e. 3 penalty rule – Hockey Alberta rules apply
- Thank you for the invite to the coaches and Managers meetings
- Novice House Issues:
  - Coaches do not go on the ice with skates for warm up
  - Incident where the coaches were trying to instruct the first year linesman to only call an offside here or there to let the game go. They did not want all the stoppages to interfere with the flow of the game. They wanted the officials to let the offsides go so the game flowed better. We understand everyone is learning, but having an adult tell a 12 year old to not follow the rules, and let things go this early is concerning as we want everyone to learn the right way
- We had another issue with time keepers in a midget game this past weekend. As per my mention at the mangers meeting that they need to be impartial and are part of the officiating team.
- Social Media – Can you please send me a copy of the policy? Please remember that if you are using social media that you keep it respectful when using a team account or even your own. Calling out officials on twitter etc. should not be acceptable. Saying the team received a penalty is ok, and doing play by play is ok. – Karla to send
- Does November 2 say 7pm work for a round table between OMHA and ORA? Looking for 3-4 Members to have a round table discussion?
- We have over 40 first year officials under the age of 16 this year, and we are trending at roughly to have 175 members (remember this will encompass all of our areas). We won't have final numbers until middle of December when all the clinics are completed. We have lost this year a large number of the 18+ group so we will be short at our Bantam Midget levels as of right now.



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- Reminder for any tournaments that all Scheduled tournaments need dates / times of games to be received 30+ days for us to guarantee you will have officials for all games covered.
  - UPDATE:
    - Just a couple of updates for this as things were coming in from the weekend.
    - Looks like the novice piece has been dealt with so everything is good their. No need really to bring it up.
    - As for the round table Doug has to head out of town now that day so proposing Monday October 30 as the day of the round table. Same time at about 7.

### Female Jr – Mel

- Evals were good
- Atom team that is in CAHL started in tier 5, the team that is in RMFHL starts this weekend

### Female Sr – Jenn

- Going good, some losses this weekend

### Initiation – Kurt

- We're good, 11 teams
- Boards are good, ordering new lighter pucks
- Asking for extra time for flood, takes a while for boards to put away – maybe a mat or something to help move boards?
- Novice evaluations – discussion on why/why not goalies are allowed to evaluate as goalies
- Look at adding conditioning camps for initiation only so that all players have at least skated before evals – a lot of time is spent on kids that can't stand or skate – maybe a pre-requisite?
- If looking for a sponsor, the Brick may be interested

### Novice – Jenn Z and Lee

- B has 4 teams, 2 female and 2 Foothills
- C has 3 teams – they are unhappy, had meeting with Roy
- Tournament is full, account is set up

### Atom House –Jenilee

- Well done, it is good

### Atom Travel – Daron

- Good, a few issues but they are fixed
- World Pro was good
- There was a sponsor for pucks, we should be using them – Ryan to find these pucks and make sure they are being distributed



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### Peewee – Stewart

- 6 teams – all good
- Moving player from house to travel - approved
- Sociologist at Mount Royal University. Last year she ran a free event for soccer player called "Building Resilience in Kids Through Sport Event" and this year she would like to do the same with hockey.

### Bantam – Shannon

- Teams good, 2 suspensions already
- 5B – not enough players, looking to affiliate from female

### Midget – Trevor

- Life is good, goalies worked out and coaches are happy

### RHL – Tara

- Had to use the 24hr rule a lot this year
- Midget is good, peewee and bantam are not – too many requests

Ended 9:03 PM