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MINUTES – March 13, 2019

Called to Order: 7:00pm

Welcome

Attendance

Geoff Stewart

Gabe Amyotte

Lindsay Graw

Konrad Berg

Todd Esler

~~Trevor Forbes~~

Tara Flannery

Jennifer Dustow

~~John Wilson~~

~~Tamara Ford~~

Dave Barton

~~Jeremy Gough~~

Amanda Germain

~~Jamie Steer~~

Jenn Zaffino

Stewart McLeod

Mel Crowson

Greg Schmidt

~~Jason Kreuger~~

Orinda McCann

~~Renee Vink~~

Roy Bowlby

~~Karla Helm~~

Kurt Thomas

Daron Dumanski

~~Shannon McQuillan~~

~~Ryan Klippenstein~~

Brenda Nagy

Graeme Sloane

Glenn Walker

~~Brad Cydeyko~~

Motion to accept the minutes from February 5, 2019 as presented was made by Jen Dustow and seconded by Lindsay Graw. All in favor. Carried.

Reports

President – Geoff

- Hometown Hockey - \$15,000 from ScotiaBank, ~\$1600 50/50, other small amounts.
- Game and conduct – extremely busy month, many steered away but still more coming in. Not as many, but more severe.
- Jersey and Jeans update – Anything we can to push for ticket sales, not sold out yet.
- May AGM and who is considering to run again
 - thank you to everyone for this year and are welcome back.
 - Jason Kreuger looking for replacement next year.
- Storage units for May at Pason Green
- Reminder new cell is 403-333-7839

VP Coach/Player Development – Roy

- Coaches and Managers surveys
- Coach/Manager of the year links are on website this year
- RHL/House survey results [RHL Survey](#)



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- Mental Health Update: MRU Ethics has approved the survey. Questions will be entered into Survey Monkey and sent to OMHA for final approval before distributing to membership.
 - Fundraising to support OMHA Mental Health
- Coach of the year link: <http://okotoksmha.msa4.rampinteractive.com/form/2074>

VP Programs – Gabe

- Update on Bylaws
 - complete for revisions at the executive, with the lawyers. Special Meeting likely in Q2.
- Fair play policy
 - Updated policy in circulation for review
- Concussion Clearance policy for AGM
- Revamped goalie evaluation process for AGM
- Coaches book – everyone I spoke to liked them
- Provincials
 - Atom AA this weekend
 - Volunteers needed for penalty box
 - Female Bantam Next weekend

Former President – Jeremy

Treasurer – Amanda

- End of year final accounting due end of April – if not received then volunteer credits and equipment deposit is withheld – jersey's need to be washed and dried, include pucks and First Aid

Secretary – Karla

- Remind Directors to tell Managers that Coaches and Managers surveys are confidential, I am hearing a lot people (younger divisions) that are worried that their name will be associated with their negative opinion of coaches (Initiation and female) and therefore will not be submitting their surveys

Equipment – Ryan

- Equipment pick-up times

Admin – Lindsay

- Volunteer Credits
 - Deadline is end of March.

Operations – Jamie

- REQUEST TO START MEETING IF IN ATTENDANCE SO THAT HE MAY LEAVE FOR NOLAN'S GAME
- CAHL meeting



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- 2 teams were removed from play-offs this season using the competition rule. Good on the league and it makes associations accountable to make sure they put their teams in the right Tier and not try and sand bag tiering to win a banner
- Progress is being made on the 15 year old division in CAHL next season. Hockey Alberta has given their approval and a vote was taken at the meeting that if the league can make it happen the associations are all in support
- Novice transition. League is waiting for the final draft to be released. It will then do what the members want to help facilitate a division for everyone. But no discussion until the final document released
- Another reminder to follow proper communication protocol. Recently several calls have been made directly to president from coaches/managers and even parents. It was not Okotoks. But a reminder that communication is manager (team) to governor, that is what they are there for. But all other communication above that needs to come from the President or the CAHL Director (Jamie).
- They are discussing a trial for 2019-20 Atom division. They will extend the season and try and have tournaments for play-offs similar to the SCAHL league. This is what Hockey Alberta wants and they are going to see if they can make happen. Keeps more players playing longer.
- A polite request that they have had numerous complaints on music come to the league from concerned arenas, fans and opponents. Teams need to monitor this and common sense used on what is being played in a public place
- Cranbrook made a bid to join the CAHL. They would only be looking to put their top team in at the Atom to Midget levels. From exhibition they figure their top teams would fall in bottom of tier 1 to middle Tier 2. They have no opposition in the Kootenays for these players. They are NOT looking at tier 3 or lower because they have that back home. They gave a great presentation and are willing to make sacrifices to make it happen. They offered to play all tiering games on the road, for teams coming from north of Calgary meeting them in Crowsnest or Pincher Creek. For teams scheduled to play them twice making a weekend out of it with Saturday late afternoon or night games and another one Sunday morning. A vote to have them join will take place at the April 8th AGM. I would like to vote yes but I will solicit the board for their vote.
- We won the Bantam Tier 5 Banner, Dave Gilberts Bantam 4 Green. Still in the running for Atom Tier 4, Midget Tier 5 and Atom tier 1. All in the final series. On the female side Bantam A and Bantam B Gold are playing game 3 of the best of 3 this week to win, Bantam B and Bantam A tonight. RHL Peewee C won the banner and RHL Midget B and C in the running this weekend.
- Update on ice scheduling and finish of year dates



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- My ice contract with the town ends March 19th. After that I will only rent for teams still in Provincials or Play-offs. As it looks all teams will be done March 24th. Looks like no leagues will trickle on beyond that. Thank goodness!!!
- A huge thank you to the directors for being the messenger on ice schedules. I couldn't imagine if I had to deal with each team directly all year.

Safety Director – Orinda

- Safety binders from Lifemark?
 - Explore the option to see what they can provide.
- Concussion and injury guidelines
 - Will be posted on website for review
- Concussion clearance
 - Physician only
 - Chiropractor's can clear other injuries.

Fundraising – Konrad/Brenda

Game & Conduct – Kevin/Glenn

Web Admin/Goalie Liason – Graeme

- GSuite may be an option for email and data storage

Okotoks Ref Assoc – Greg

- 9.2's - abuse of official update
 - Significantly up this year across the board. Worse in Okotoks in years.
- Quick recap on the year
 - novice half ice
 - beginning was difficult, got it sorted through year
 - Atom
 - Lower level teams were issues this year
 - Pee wee
 - No issues.
 - Bantam
 - Teams were good and a lot of fun
 - c) Midget
 - beginning of year was challenge, figured out the problem and rectified.
- Time Keepers / Parents update
 - Fantastic this year, Atom 4 most fun. Only a few issues this year.
- Playoff / Provincial Updates



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- 99% of officials are from Okotoks
- Open Communication policy moving forward for board members

Rec League – Tara/Renee/Dave

Female – Jenn/Mel

Initiation – Kurt

Novice – Jenn Z./Konrad

- Novice/Timbits tournament is done, successful

Atom House – Todd

Atom Travel – Daron

- Provincial tournament (hosting)
- Teams in playoffs
- Teams in provincials

Pewee – Stewart

Bantam – Trevor/Glenn

Midget – Shannon/Tamara

Questions:

- Need a better definition of development for where funds are going.

Meeting Adjourned: Graeme, Konrad

8:10pm