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AGENDA – February 5, 2020

Called to Order:

Welcome

Attendance

Geoff Stewart

Gabe Amyotte

Lindsay Graw

Konrad Berg

Todd Esler

Tara Flannery

Jennifer Dustow

John Wilson

Brad Cydeyko

Jeremy Gough

Amanda Germain

Jamie Steer

Char Crooks

Stewart McLeod

Greg Schmidt

Orinda McCann

Jarett Finney

Raeanne Tangedal

Roy Bowlby

Karla Helm

Josh Esler

Daron Dumanski

Carolyn Berven

Glenn Walker

Graeme Sloane

Dean Laliberte

Alicia Derksen

Motion to accept the minutes from January 8, 2020 as presented was made by Konrad B and seconded by Brad C. All in favor. Carried.

Reports

President – Geoff

- Corona Virus memo from HA- will be posted to OMHA website
- Fake emails- Please check the email address before you open anything from Geoff
- Please let the Executive know if you are planning on returning before the April meeting
- Executive will be looking to get feedback from the Directors for pros and cons
- The Executive will review our processes

VP Coach/Player Development – Josh

VP Programs – Gabe

- playoff push, lets remind our teams of their behaviors
- looking into evaluation program (cost of \$5/player USD) no spread sheets, less time for directors and Jamie
- looking at a development plan - off ice. Dryland type of development
- Affiliation - rules are changing for next year



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Mental Health Initiative – Roy Bowlby

Former President – Jeremy

Treasurer – Amanda

Secretary – Karla

- Thank you to whoever is taking these notes 😊
- New Tournament Sanction Policy, please make sure all managers are aware in case they are hosting a tournament, includes the upcoming Intro to Hockey tournament
- Coach the Coach – Kidsport
 - KidSport is celebrating our 25th Anniversary in Albert in 2020 and as part of that are doing a challenge called Coach the Coach. We are asking teams to raise a minimum \$100 for their local KidSport chapter (ie KidSport Okotoks) and in return for doing that they get to coach their coaches for the last 5 minutes of a practice. We are asking them to video it and post on social media to encourage others to do it as well.
 - The program is explained on our 25th Anniversary landing page: kidsport25.com
 - -click on "Get Involved" button on the top right and then scroll down to Coach the Coach
 - The Bantam 2 team did the Coach the Coach challenge and raised \$655 for KidSport Okotoks. The video link is below and we would ask if it is possible to post it on the OMHA Twitter and Facebook pages.
 - <https://youtu.be/3JZTIFJFa3I>

Equipment – Roy/Jeremy

- Initiation Jerseys; After numerous emails Tim Horton finally got back to us regarding Jersey Program, we can go through the Alberta Tims Rep. or our local store owners Brad/Jeff Woolcott. They can provide jerseys every 3 years. Would the exec and director like to meet with them regarding the entire sponsorship?
- Atom Jerseys; Thanks to Harold M & Ryan K. for assisting and completing the order for the jerseys.
Order Summary
 - Jersey Style: Option 1



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- Sets 10
 - Number of Skaters: 17
 - Number of Goalies: 2
 - Logo Details: Logo on File
 - Association Comments:
 - Set Breakdown: Green 10 standard
- Retirement Jerseys: We have received list from Lindsay and bundles of Jerseys are 99% complete only 2 jerseys need to be added to the request. They are all bundled and waiting in S.R.Storage unit# A07.
 - Jersey Bags: we have replaced 4 jersey bags for teams.
 - Jersey Replacement: we have replaced 2 jerseys for Atom 1 team.
 - Atom Goalie Equipment: We have a request from a parent who player is going into Atom next year and they are wondering if OMHA can supply goalie gear until their player determines if they want to commit to the position? (we do have some gear that was donated and would fit Atom players)
 - Donated Goalie Gear: Geoff S. is there and update on the goalie gear that Peter Dekok has offered to donate? (email Nov 19, 2019)
 - Jersey Racks in Pason Storage - Need to build racking into the storage area in Pason, can we meet with Geoff at the space to explain our request for estimate?
 - EOY Jersey Return: Would like to distribute a sheet to Teams/Managers to have them COMPLETE BEFORE Jerseys are returned into storage. Sample below, will send an actual document if approved.

Black bumbers need to be replaced or repaired or can they use the third set of boards for initiation practice

Add a line for goalie equipment and stick



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OMHA Team Jersey Inventory						
Division:			Date:			
Team:			OMHA Rep:			
Head Coach:						
Manager:						
Jersey Number	LIGHT Jerseys			DARK Jerseys		
	Jersey Size	Returned (Y/N)	Repairs Needed (Y/N)	Jersey Size	Returned (Y/N)	Repairs Needed (Y/N)
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Other						
Other						
Other						
Comments:						

Admin – Lindsay

Operations – Jamie

- On Friday and Saturday I attended the membership meeting in red deer. They invited the 18 biggest associations and 16 of them showed up. Only Cochrane and Beaumont were absent. Most were attended by their GM's and/or presidents. It was a great meeting and lots was discussed. Because I am missing our board meeting as I am in Phoenix here are some notes,
 - First of all, Okotoks has to be in the top 2 or 3 for what we are doing and have done, in regards to evaluations, volunteer structure, coaching, Game and conduct, financial stability, bylaws, policies and so much, much more. Hearing so many issues that we didn't have was nice. Probably a little below average in mentorship and sponsorship, definitely not bottom



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but there are associations with better mentorship set up and lots work hard on their sponsorship. Although sponsorship across the province has been hard in the last 5 years.

- A real good workshop on how Hockey Alberta can make it easier on us, we are not alone. Many suggestions given and taken.
- Talked about the new U11 Atom project. They want it to start next season but it is going to be a lot of work so there will be some leeway the first season, like Novice was.
- Affiliations rules changed a bit, I pushed for goalies to be able to be affiliated to more than one team. everyone would love that so they said they can look into it. we aren't the only ones filling out emergency goalie forms weekly.
- Player fees up \$2, team fees unchanged.
- Setting up a big association blog, where myself or say Geoff can go on and ask other big associations simple questions, like who do you use for evaluations? How much you charge for team sponsorship? How much is your ice cost? This was almost demanded. Jokes went around about a closed Facebook group but several have no idea nor want to be on social media, they are going to look into this, and I think it would be helpful.
- Hockey Alberta has been dealing with more coach concerns/complaints in the last 2 months than they have in the last 2 years, they attribute this to the Bill Peters thing. Lots of discussion on whether a loud coach is bullying or is he coaching, I told Gabe this Josh but a lot of associations make coaches sign a code of conduct to the association. It definitely makes it easier to remove them if they don't follow the guidelines we want followed.
- Novice discussion on referees, pushing towards having more mentorship. All associations are willing to pay a little more to have these first-year officials mentored. Suggested for the first month of the season every game have a mentor on the ice. fees are now \$40 but no one balked about making them \$60 and giving the mentor \$20 for the first month or 2. There are several associations doing this already.
- 3 AAA leagues will merge into one. One name, one website, one board. It is time to do it as it makes sense. Some push back from the old leagues because those old boys have been running those leagues since I played in them
- All divisions will be U11, U13, U15 etc. next year. They mentioned it will take years to change everything though. They used the USA as an example, they changed 10 years ago and it still says in lots of their policies U18(Midget) example because they dint want tic infuse people. I know personally I am going to have a hard time adjusting,
- They want to have these meetings yearly if they can from now on. That would be good

Safety Director – Orinda/Raeanne

Fundraising – Geoff/Gabe



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Game & Conduct – Kevin/Glenn

Web Admin – Graeme

Goalie Liason – Jarett

Okotoks Ref Assoc – Greg

Rec League – Tara

Pond Hockey – Dean

Female – Jenn/Graeme

Initiation – Char

Novice – Carolyn/Konrad

- Tournament Update - Teams, Divisions, Fundraisers
- Need 5 initiation SR teams, 2 Jr teams still needed for the tournament
- Damage to 1/2 Ice Boards and Missing Helmets (Reason for OMHA locked cage)
- Development Nets
- JAG Development - Session Update

Atom Travel/House – Daron

Pewee Travel – Todd

Pewee House – Renee

Need to order a Pewee House trophy

Bantam – Stewart

Midget – Glenn

Questions:



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Meeting Adjourned:

1st Glenn Walker

2nd Stewart McLeod

APPROVED