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AGENDA – March 11, 2020

Called to Order: 7:00 PM

Welcome

Attendance

Geoff Stewart

Gabe Amyotte

Lindsay Graw

Konrad Berg

Todd Esler

~~Trevor Forbes~~

Tara Flannery

Jennifer Dustow

~~John Wilson~~

Brad Cydeyko

~~Jeremy Gough~~

Amanda Germain

Jamie Steer

Char Crooks

Stewart McLeod

~~Randall Bambrick~~

~~Greg Schmidt~~

Orinda McCann

Jarett Finney

~~Raeanne Tangedal~~

Roy Bowlby

Karla Helm

Josh Esler

Daron Dumanski

Carolyn Berven

Renee Vink

~~Glenn Walker~~

~~Graeme Sloane~~

Dean Laliberte

Alicia Derksen

Motion to accept the minutes from February 5, 2020 as presented was made by Daron and seconded by Konrad. All in favor. Carried.

Reports

President – Geoff

- Thank you to everyone
- New nomination process – try to gather a list of potential candidates if you do not plan on running for the next year
- Outgoing Directors – share your knowledge/suggestions for next season
- There has been talk of other associations joining us but they are financially okay because they have grants; HR has asked that Black Diamond maybe join them to bolster numbers instead of joining Okotoks

VP Coach/Player Development – Josh

- Directors, send out new links for Coach and Manager of the Year
- Development tools are arriving, will be accessible in lockers at Murray and Pason Gold
- Will run sessions at the beginning of the year for coaches on how to use

VP Programs – Gabe

- Thanks to Directors, most have let me know if you are coming back, if you haven't, please let me know



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- Also asked other questions in the Directors email, please submit feedback
- Possibly split Intro to Hockey into Jr/Sr

Mental Health Initiative – Roy Bowlby

- Amy sent out the survey again, haven't got together yet to discuss; 168 surveys completed, trends showing
- Potentially have Amy work with coaches on anxiety, etc., certain kids/families
 - Orinda to involve her at Coach Safety talk/seminar night
- Victory Lap – hesitant to get back to them until we know what we are doing with it yet

Former President – Jeremy

Treasurer – Amanda

- Reminder to novice/initiation tourney to get info to me in next few weeks
- Reminder to directors to let teams now I need final accounting of year as well as who to pay deposit and where to send

Secretary – Karla

- New nomination form and process to be sent out soon, just working on the final details

Equipment – Roy/Jeremy

- Retirement Jerseys handed out except for 1 team 1 player (Tracey Ward)
- Eval jerseys in dressing room #4
- Pason Storage has been cleaned out and reorganized, Racks for Initiation, Novice Atom & PW have been constructed.
 - Temporary, BT/MT at Sheep River
- Black Bumpers - cost to repair vs. new. (~\$130) – old ones not sure if it is better to replace or buy
 - There are a bunch of brand new ones that it looks like parents didn't see/use

Admin – Lindsay

- Hockey Alberta Coronavirus update – Directors send to teams please

Operations – Jamie

- CAHL
 - It's been 17 years
 - BT4 and lower no contact
 - Motions for: No games on Family Day weekend but then pushes play-offs and/or less games; Shake hands before, not after;
 - Looking at adding a female CAHL



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- Presentation by Kainai, who is on probation – it was a good presentation but they have work to do
- Not sure if Trevor will be back as VP, Midget, it is good to have if we can find someone else to run
- HA meeting
 - Looking at having a semi-annual membership meeting, this is a good idea, it was a good meeting, best ever
 - Okotoks is doing really good, other associations are stealing ideas/policies from our website; are calling to see how we are doing things
 - AB Cup still on but be ready for it to be canceled
- Ice scheduling
 - Good relationship with Black Diamond, hope to use that more
 - Last schedule on Monday

Safety Director – Orinda/Raeanne

Fundraising – Geoff/Gabe

Game & Conduct – Kevin/Glenn

Web Admin – Graeme

Goalie Liason – Jarett

Okotoks Ref Assoc – Greg

- Executive meeting is at the same time today so I won't be there but wanted to share a few things:
- We have hired a new assignor and she will be in place for the beginning of next season. She is not from Okotoks and has assigned hockey. Name will be forth coming however we have not made the announcement to the membership yet so as soon as we do that I will provide another update
- All provincial tournaments are being handled by the Central Region. We have submitted names to the region of qualified officials. From looking at the schedule for PeeWee 1, there is a mix of officials from Okotoks and Calgary
- Crazy season is almost over, so far only a few hiccups mainly in rec & atom, however nothing major
- Will provide update on any changing ORA executives next meeting
- Bantam B Female Gold won the most sportsmanship team this year. Presentation to the team TBA
- Reminder for tournaments that schedules need to be received 30 days in advance and payment in order to have officials on the ice

Rec League – Tara



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Pond Hockey – Dean

Female – Jenn/Graeme

- Female JR
 - Novice is finished as well however Konrad Berg would have more detail on them.. I am more than happy to return next year as well for my position if I'm wanted!
 - Atom 1 female team is still in the CAHL semi final playoffs, both atom two teams have finished with decent years and definitely much better than what happened last year in the RMFHL
- Pee wee
 - Pee wee- 3 of the 4 teams have completed their seasons. All teams have had great success Thanks to the teiring of RMFHL this year our teams were able to develop in divisions that were suited for their teams.
 - Pee wee 3 Gold finished 5th in the 6 team division with 4 wins in 18 games played. With the only 3 losses with a 4 or more goal spread. They concluded their season after the 1st round of playoffs with Lethbridge with 1 loss and a tie to them.
 - Pee wee 3 Green finished 6th in their division 3 wins and a tie in 18 games played. Okotoks green started off the season with some goal differentials but as the team developed by December they ended the season within 2 or 3 goals. They concluded their season in the first round of playoffs with 2 losses to Prairie Thunder in a 4-1, and 5-4 games.
 - Pee wee Green and Gold had great games against each other with games 2 goals with the exception of 1 game where Gold was short players and lost 9-0. 2 even teams.
 - Pee wee 2- Finished 1st in their 5 team division with a record of 12 wins, and 2 ties in 18 games. They concluded league this weekend loosing the series to Olds in a 2-0, and 3-1 games. Pee wee 2 is headed to Provincials March 26th in Vermilion after defeating Lethbridge in a 2 game series to become zone 5 champions.
 - Pee wee 1 Gold- Finished 4th in their Tier 4 CAHL division with a 7 wins and 3 ties in 16 games. They concluded their season last week after 2 rounds of playoffs with Chestermere forcing them to 3 games with the first 2 games ending after exciting double OT.
- Bantam
 - Bantam B Gold-Finished 3rd in their 10 team division with 12 wins and 2 ties in 18 games. They concluded their regular season after 2 rounds of playoffs. Loosing to Camrose with a 4-2 loss and a 3-3 tie.
 - Okotoks Gold finished 3 rounds of Provincial playdowns and will be attending provincials as RMFHL zone champions March 19th in Cold Lake.
 - Bantam B Green- Finished 1st in their 10 team division with 15 wins and 2 ties in 18 games. They concluded regular season after the 1st round of playoffs with Lethbridge with a 3-1 loss and a 1-1 tie.
 - Okotoks Green lost 1st round of Provincial playdowns to Okotoks Gold.



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- In regular season Green and Gold had great games against each other within 1 or 2 goals. 2 even teams.
- Bantam A- Finished 1st in their 7 team division with 17 wins in 18 games. 1 loss to Red Deer.
- Bantam A is concluding league next weekend in the 2nd round of playoffs with Olds. They are leading the series with a 3-1 win over Olds March 8th.
- Bantam A finished 3 rounds of Provincial playdowns and will be attending provincials as RMFHL zone champions March 19th in Red Deer.
- Midget
 - Midget B Gold- Finished 8th in their 10 team division with 6 wins and a tie in 18 games. Majority of games were within 4 goals, with the exception of games with Invermere beating them 6-1 and 7-2 but Okotoks was short players. They concluded league in the 1st round with a 4-6 loss and a 4-2 win. This series went to OT and Gold lost in OT.
 - Okotoks Gold lost in the 1st round of Provincial playdowns to Okotoks Green.
 - Midget B Green- Finished 3rd in their 10 team division with 7 wins and 4 ties. All games were within 1 or goals with the exception of a few 4 goal spreads. They concluded league after the 2nd round of playoffs losing to Red Deer with a 3-3 tie and a 4-2 loss. Midget B Green after 3 rounds of Provincial playdowns will represent as RMFHL zone champions at Provincials March 26th in Cold Lake.
 - Midget A- Finished 2nd in their 8 team division with 13 wins and 1 tie. They were competitive in their division with most games within 3 points. They concluded regular season this weekend as league champions after 3 rounds of playoffs defeating Olds 1-0 and 2-1 in OT.
 - Midget A will be attending provincials in the RMFHL wildcard spot after being defeated by Olds in a 2 game series in the 3rd round of provincial playdowns. With a 2-2 tie and 5-3 loss to Olds. Provincials is March 26 in Sturgeon County.
 - Okotoks Gold and Green had great games within 3 goals. 2 even teams
- In conclusion senior female teams had a succesful season and will be providing a strong representation for Okotoks Minor Hockey with 5 of our 10 teams attending Provincials. We still have some work to do with RMFHL as far as consistency with the rules and guidelines surrounding rescheduling of games, cancellations etc this caused teams so grief this year and Darcy Williams VP of RMFHL has said RMFHL plans to adapt CAHL's bylaws and hopes to see this done before next season commences in order to have grounds to deter teams from trying to take advantage of this gap currently in the league. I'm happy with the way the divisions were made in RMFHL this year, and felt that teams were placed where they were best suited for their overall development. (A huge Thank You to Jamie Steer and Darcy Williams for helping facilitate this with RMFHL) I hope to sit down with my coaches with Gabe/Josh in the coming weeks to get their feedback and look forward to planning for next season and will be throwing my hat back in the ring for Senior female.



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Initiation – Char

- Used novice nets for Intro to Hockey tournament – may need a few more of those? For where we are needing to replace
- Need 2 more sets for Piper and other possible Initiation locations

Novice – Carolyn/Konrad

- Extra set of Novice 1/2 ice boards are now located in the Southeast corner of the Piper.
- 4 Additional helmets were purchased for the board set up.
- 4 Additional 4'X3' development nets to hopefully be added, plugs are ordered
- Intro to Hockey Tournament
 - 44 teams, short SR til the week before and found 5
 - Event raised \$14,000 profit, great feedback was heard throughout the community
 - Vendors brought in \$1500
 - Used a Square, brought in about \$3000
- Maybe add in a volunteer fee and issue with some parents not showing up for their shift for the tournament?
 - Hard to do because the tournament is at the end of the year

Atom Travel/House – Daron

Pewee Travel – Todd

- PW 1 - did not make playoffs, OMHA is hosting provincials March 26-29
- PW 2- won CAHL Blue Division, currently in provincial playdown finals
- PW3 - lost out CAHL Yellow Division, 1st round
- PW 4- lost out CAHL Yellow Division, 1st round
- PW 5 - lost out CAHL Blue Division, 2nd round
- No coaching discipline or suspension notices issued by OMHA for any PW Travel Teams. 1 3 game suspension issued by Hockey AB to PW 2 Head Coach for incident during OMHA Big Rock Classic Pee Wee Tournament Dec, 2019.
- No reports to Game and Conduct related to any PW Travel team that the director has been made aware of.
- I did hear feedback by a few goalie parents related to their opinion of our Goalie Evaluation procedure this year. – lack of understanding how some kids evaluated
- I will be returning to OMHA for the 2020/21 season, hopefully as PW Travel director.

Pewee House – Renee

- Lots of work to do, only year 1
- Parent issues, not understanding



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- Hoping to grow for next year and go to 8 teams so that we can have A and B – maybe bring in some outside association teams
- Not going to be RHL

Bantam – Stewart

- All made play-offs, Bantam 4B is trying for the banner
- Good coaches

Midget – Glenn

- Midget Tier 1 played in CAHL Tier 1 Blue Division, finished 3rd (7 teams) in regular season with an 11-6-1 record. Qualified for playoffs, lost in 2nd round 2-1
- Midget Tier 2 played in CAHL Tier 3 Blue Division finished 7th (7 teams) in regular season with a 4-13-1 record. Did not qualify for playoffs
- Midget Tier 3 played in CAHL Tier 4 Red Division finished 2nd (7 teams) with a 9-2-7 record, won their Division Banner defeating Beiseker 2-1
- Midget Tier 4 played in CAHL Tier 5 finished 5th (7 teams) with a 8-10-0 record. Qualified for playoffs, lost in 2nd round 2-0
- I will run again next year for Midget Director.

Questions:

- To Jamie – For Midget tier 4, there is 3 colors and 3 winner all vying for 1 league banner this weekend, how will it work out if each team wins 1 game and loses 1 game? What is the tie-breaking rule for this situation?
 - Jamie to call and find out
- Carolyn – for money raised in Intro to Hockey tournament, can the funds be used for outside evaluations? NO, it has to be used for development
- Jamie – CAHL may end up going to a tournament weekend for play-offs instead of weekends; a lot of new rules for tiered teams now

Meeting Adjourned: 8:02 PM