
OMHA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



2021

Date May 19th, 2021 – Virtual Zoom Meeting – 7:00 PM

AGENDA

- Roll Call of Officers & Directors
- Review and approval of 2020 IGM Minutes
- President's Report
- VP Programs Report
- VP Development Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Sponsorship Report
- Operations Coordinator
- Elections
- Open Forum
- Adjournment



2020 IGM MINUTES

Review of the IGM Minutes November 26th 2020

- Please refer to the IGM minutes handout on the OMHA web site
- <http://www.okotokshockey.com/content/meeting-minutes>



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- The Coaches, Managers, and other volunteers that made our season successful
- The Okotoks Referee Association
- The Executive Committee and Board of Directors
- Operations Coordinator – Jamie Steer
- OMHA Administration – Lindsay Graw
- Equipment Coordinator – Jeremy & Roy
- Casino Coordinator – Amanda Germain
- and Special Committees Safety, Return to Play & Game and Conduct



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Update

- 13.0 section on the bylaws – wording change prior to moving forward
- Registration Fee, date and understanding return to play
- Registration numbers for 2021-22 season?
- Collaboration with OOAA – Task force, amalgamation
- Atom / U11 hockey changes – combat HSL Atom 1 / U11 1



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CHALLENGES

- OMHA return to play
- Registration numbers / loss of players
- New Fundraising
- Covid_19 Concerns
- 2021/22 Season



ALL DIVISIONS 1257 players

Age Division	OMHA	OAAA	Total	# of OMHA Teams	# of OMHA League Teams
Female	214	31(elite) 6 (AAA)	257	11 plus 1 Cohort	1 CAHL 10 RMFHL
U7	127		127	10	
U9	158		158	4 Cohorts	
U11	155		155	10	4 CAHL
U13	176	34 (AA)	210	10	4 CAHL
U15	139	19 (AA) 9(AAA)	167	8	4 CAHL 4 RHL
U16	0	17(AA) 10(AAA)	27	0	0
U18	133	19 (AA) 10(AAA)	162	7	3 CAHL 4 RHL
Total	1102	155 *Okotoks boundary players only	1257	56 plus 5 cohorts	34



OMHA/OOAA PLAYER/TEAM SUMMARY

2018-2019

2019-2020

2020-2021 (Covid)

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u># Players</u>	<u>#OMHA Teams</u>	<u># Players</u>	<u># OMHA Teams</u>	<u># Players</u>	<u>#OMHA Teams</u>
Initiation (U7)	158	11	146	11	127	10
Novice (U9)	207	11	217	12	194	5 cohorts
Atom (U11)	291	18	255	16	183	12
Pewee (U13)	221	13	268	14	263	13
Bantam (U15)	188	11	189	11	175	7
Midget (U18)	175	11	201	11	223	6
Pond Hockey	29	1	13	1	n/a	n/a
RHL Hockey (PW,B,M)	174	10	140(B,M)	8	143 (U15/18)	8
TOTALS	1443	86	1429	84	1308	56 plus 5 cohorts



VP PROGRAMS – GABE AMYOTTE

- A year like no other. Return to play and adapt to ever changing restrictions was the bulk of the year for us. Making sure we kept everyone updated and made decisions focusing on the best scenario for our membership was priority number 1 all year.
- Covid 19 Return to play format is ready just in case, if we are clear, then we will return to a normal format. A slight change will need to be made however:
 - **1 Atom Tier one team - need to amend the Ranking procedure for that**
- Take a proactive approach to reviewing our bylaws. Updating them to make clearer the governance of the association
- **Lastly, A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone for the support over**



VP PLAYER/COACH DEVELOPMENT – JOSH ESLER

THANK YOU

The past season was one that nobody had experienced in the past and the coaches, managers, parents and especially the athletes involved pulled together to make the best of what we could make of a hockey season while following Covid-19 restrictions set out by AHS and facilities.

2021 – 2022 Season

- Increased budget to offer more development for the players through on ice development sessions.
- Hosting of Hockey Alberta Coaching clinics.
- Sunday night goalie clinics: Fisher Goaltending
- Jamie Steer: restructured Jamie's contract to provide more development from on ice assistance at practices to hosting coaching seminars.
- U11 Elite pilot project with Hockey AB – moving to one tier one travel team.



TREASURER – AMANDA GERMAIN

“Registration will tentatively open June 21 and will close tentatively close August 8. OMHA executive has determined that with the state of current restrictions that are in place for COVID-19, it is unable to set a registration fee for the upcoming season at this time. The registration fees and payment plan will be announced before registration opens.”



SPONSORSHIP REPORT - OPEN

Division Sponsors

Tim Hortons – U7 Initiation

Professional Skate & Enmax – U9 Novice Intro to Hockey

Program Sponsors

- Looking for people/companies to help out

Jersey Sponsors

- looking for people/companies to help out



OPERATIONS COORDINATOR – JAMIE STEER

TUNE-UPS AND CLINICS

Tune-Ups - 19th year that OMHA provided Tune-ups. This past season again though we only utilized them at the younger ages and house divisions. Thanks to K2 for the hard work.

Goalie Clinics – conducted Sunday night Goalie Clinics. This season we used Fisher Goaltending for the first time. Although we only had a couple of sessions the feedback was very good. Thank you, Ryan Fisher



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EVALUATIONS

Evaluators – For the 23rd season OMHA used hired independent evaluators in OMHA travel. Thank you for the grueling month of September. Also a thank you to all the volunteer evaluators at the House and RHL levels.

K2 - ran the on ice portion of the skills evaluations for the 7th season. They did an incredible and professional job.

Directors – thanks to all for their endless hours of Health checks and waivers during this time. Because of you we were still able to evaluate our 1400 players and get on to teams



OPERATIONS COORDINATOR – JAMIE STEER

TEAMS and SUCCESS

- This is the page where I congratulate our teams that won championships and banners and represented us at Provincials or hosted Provincials. Also recognized our House league champs.
- This year I am just going to recognize all parents, coaches, managers and volunteers for doing what we did to make sure we got our players on the ice safely. You all deserve and big Thank you for that.
- Let's hope next year this page is filled with Champions!



OPERATIONS COORDINATOR – JAMIE STEER

Huge Thanks to everyone that makes Okotoks Minor Hockey Run

Managers, Coaches and team volunteers

Executive Board and OMHA Board

Evaluators

Greg Schmidt, Brenda Honish and Karine Burriss and all our Referees

Serena Rowland, Sean Murphy and the arena staffs

CAHL, RMFHL and RHL for hosting our teams and their endless work



OPERATIONS COORDINATOR – JAMIE STEER

Volunteers we must have for our teams to play in our leagues and **THANK YOU**

- Trevor McFarlane (CAHLVP)
- Roy Bowlby (Hockey Alberta Coordinator)
- Jamie Steer (CAHL Director)
- Lindsay Graw (CAHL Data/ Roster Entry)
- Shallyn Schinnour, Konrad Berg and Andrew Calkins (CAHL Governors)
- Darcy Williams (RMFHL Vice President)
- Graeme Sloane and Jennifer Dustow (RMFHL Okotoks Directors)
- Crystal Bedier and Darcy Williams (RMFHL Division Directors)
- Tara Flannery (Rocky League Director)
- Jeremy Hein (Rocky League Governor in Chief)



DIVISION DIRECTORS

Recognition

Division Directors (* indicates first year)

- Charlene Crooks & Jenny Sekulich* (U7 Initiation)
- Carolyn Berven (U9 Intro to Hockey)
- Jeff Reinhart* & Michelle Barratt* (U11 Travel & House)
- Bruce Layte * Katie Rogers* (U13 Travel & House)
- Todd Esler (U15 Travel)
- Glenn Walker (U18 Midget)
- Graeme Sloane (Jr. Female Director – U9, U1, & U13)
- Jennifer Dustow (Sr. Female Director – U15 & U18)
- Tara Woodgate-Small & Nadine Neufeld* (RHL)



MEMBER – OPEN FORUM

Express Concerns



Provide Feedback

Ask Questions



EXECUTIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

Questions and Concerns:

- 1) What does OMHA do for in-season coach evaluations? Is there a coach mentor or other resources to identify when on ice time is not being used efficiently or their possible opportunities with coach development?
- 2) What is OMHA going to do about goalies' development at the younger ages? The development is poor at best.
- 3) Does OMHA make sure that qualified coaches at the necessary level, and how do the head coaches pick their assistants? Does OMHA look after that or have any input in the selection of assistants?



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

2021 AGM Positions

OMHA Position	Current Board status for 2020/2021 season	2021/2022 season
President (3 year term)	Geoff Stewart (First year of three-year term)	Second year of three-year Term
VP Coach & Player Dev. (3 year term)	Josh Esler (Second year of three-year term)	Third year of three-year term
VP Programs (3 year term)	Gabe Amyotte (Third year of three-year term)	Open position
Treasurer (2 year term)	Amanda Germain (Second year of a two-year term)	Open Position
Secretary (2 year term)	Karla Helm (First year of a two-year term)	Second year of a two-year term
Manager of Directors	Daron Dumanski	Appointed Position
Division Director- RHL (1 yr)	Tara Flannery / Nadine Neufeld	One year term
Division Director-Initiation (1 yr)	Charlene Crooks / Jenny Sekulich	One year term
Division Director-Novice (1 yr)	Carolyn Berven	One year term
Division Director-Atom (1 yr)	Jeff Reinhart	One year term
Division Director Atom House (1 yr)	Michelle Barratt	One year term
Division Director-Pee wee (1 yr)	Bruce Layte	One year term
Division Director – Pee wee House (1 yr)	Katie Rogers	One year term
Division Director-Bantam (1 yr)	Todd Esler	One year term
Division Director-Midget (1 yr)	Glenn Walker	One year term
Division Director-Female (1 yr)	Jennifer Dustow	One year term
Division Director Female (1 yr)	Graeme Slone	One year term

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OMHA Appointed Positions	Current Board status for 2020/2021 season	2021/2022 season
Director of Health and Safety	Orinda McAnn / Raeanna Tangedal	Appointed position
Sponsorship Director	Open	Appointed position
Apparel Director	Apparel Committee	Appointed position
Game & Conduct Director	Committee of four, three spots filled	Appointed position
Police Record Check Coordinator	Lindsay Graw	Lindsay Graw
Web Administrator	Graeme Sloane	Appointed position
Community Liaison Director	Open	Appointed position
Equipment Manager	Roy Bowlby / Jeremy Gough	Appointed position
Fundraising Director	Open	Appointed position
Jersey & Jeans	Open	Volunteered position
Casino Chairperson	Amanda Germain	Volunteer

VP Programs – Bruce Layte



My name is Bruce Layte, I am a Sr Sales Manager for a global pumping equipment manufacturer based in Denmark. I have been with my current company for 20+ years and transferred to the community of Okotoks in 2006. I played my minor hockey in Ontario and New Brunswick and have coached at various house and travel levels in both Ontario and Okotoks. I was the U13 travel director for the 20 / 21 season. I have also sat on the Game and Conduct Committee for the past two years.

My wife and I have 3 children all of whom are involved in minor sports in Okotoks. Two of my children play in OMHA/OOAA and my eldest daughter was a competitive figure skater for the Okotoks Skating Club and is currently coaching the CanSkate program in Okotoks. My family has been involved in various aspects of volunteering in OMHA throughout the past several years. We are extremely dedicated to supporting the youth in our community through encouraging participation in minor sports.

I have accepted nomination for the role of VP of Programs for OMHA. I am suited for this role because of the following points:

- I have been involved in OMHA in both the male and female streams as coach, director (male), Game & Conduct Committee member and as a parent. I have seen the organization evolve throughout the years and acknowledge the hard work and dedication committed to our children by the volunteers that run OMHA. I bring a perspective from both the male and female streams and as our female program continues to grow and evolve, it is imperative to have an executive that recognizes the unique needs of this group.
- Throughout my various roles in OMHA, I have had the need to communicate with the current VP of Programs and have gained an understanding and respect for this role. I know the past effort and dedication involved and I am certain that I too can bring this level of commitment to this position. In conjunction with what I have learned from the predecessor, I hope to offer fresh ideas which I feel can take our organization from what it is currently, to being an example MHA within the Hockey Alberta umbrella.
- For those that already know me, you are aware that I value honesty, integrity and hard work. I intend to carry these qualities with me should I be elected to the VP of Programs position. I intend to work along side and support the president and other executive and board members for the greater good of the Okotoks Minor Hockey membership.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I would appreciate your vote on May 19th.



VP Programs – Todd Esler

To the voting membership of OMHA, my name is Todd Esler. I am honored to have been nominated this year to run for the position of VP of Programs on the executive of OMHA. For the past 3 years I have been an active member of the OMHA board, taking on a variety of volunteer Directorships. Including this past season, my involvement within our minor hockey community has also included being a committed volunteer as a coach for several of my kid's teams from Timbits up to U15 (Bantam). I am proud to be part of this community and in particular the close-knit ties that have contributed to a successful and exceptionally well managed association. Some of my free time is spent participating in various volunteer roles within the community baseball, and rugby associations. My family and I proudly call Okotoks home.

First, I need to acknowledge the exceptional work carried out over the past term by the outgoing VP of Programs – Gabe Amyotte. Gabe's passion for hockey and his uncompromising drive to better our organization has set the bar high. His leadership has helped our association navigate some contentious issues over the past few years such as half ice hockey, and most recently with developing the means to have a hockey experience despite the restrictions related to Covid. I know the sweat equity Gabe has given our board as well as the incalculable benefit our membership has received from it.

The position of VP of Programs is, in large part, the face of the organization to you, the voting membership, and responsible for the execution and roll out of the many and varied programs we offer through OMHA. My role as VP of Programs is to listen to membership and advise the executive based on what is not always a unified voice from members. At the same time, I am accountable to uphold the rules and regulations of our programs, ensuring we are offering programs that are accessible to all, and most importantly maintains the OMHA Mission statement - Respect, Sportsmanship and Skill Development. One of my focus points as VP of Programs is work to ensure that our sport is accessible to all that want to participate. Having players within OMHA I know the financial commitment required to have a player in hockey. I also know that as parents, we have choices and options for your child's activities. I recognize that there is work to do to ensure those that want to participate, have the opportunity to participate. Lastly, I want you to know that I will continue to advocate on your behalf. Last year, as director of U15, I was exceptionally proud to carry the message forward to our board from our parent's resulting in a change to the U15 program opening up the opportunity for more players to participate in our competitive stream.

Thank you again for providing me this opportunity to be VP of Programs. I very much look forward to continuing to develop and enhance our hockey programs that address the needs of, and provide opportunities, to our young players.



VP Programs – Glenn Walker

My name is Glenn Walker and I'm honored to be nominated for the VP of Programs role within the OMHA Executive Board. First and foremost, I would like to thank Gabe Amyotte for all that he has done during his time serving as your VP.

Volunteering in multiple roles and committees within OMHA and OOAA has allowed me the opportunity to work with some incredible people within our organization, gaining experience and knowledge in a lot of different areas that would be a great asset associated with the VP of Programs role.

Some key roles/responsibilities I've been a part of include:

Head Coach at PW level within OMHA

Several seasons at PW & Bantam levels as an Assistant Coach within OMHA

OMHA Bantam Director for 2 seasons

OMHA Midget Director for the past 2 seasons

After several years of volunteering on the board, the Executive board at OMHA recruited myself and another gentleman to form OMHA Game and Conduct. We were then responsible for reviewing all matters that required G&C to investigate. Over the years we have grown Game and Conduct and formed a committee of 5 members. The thought process of forming this committee was to have an independent group other than the Executive, to investigate, interview related parties, review and rule on matters where disciplinary decisions potentially needed to be addressed.

Three years ago, there was an opening for Director of Game and Conduct on the OOAA board. I was asked by members of the OOAA board if I would be interested in taking on that role. I interviewed with the Executive Team and was offered the position. I accepted because I thought it was important to have a consistent message in both OMHA and OOAA when matters needed G&C to be involved. Being part of G&C is not a role that a lot of people would be comfortable doing. Sometimes tough decisions need to be made to hold players, parents and coaches accountable for their actions in order to better our Association. I truly believe we have been fair with every situation, taking the time to fully investigate before coming to a decision.

I've always been a firm believer in being an active member of your community by helping where your peers feel that you can contribute and bring something to the team. Being part of this association has allowed my family the opportunity to form some great friendships, volunteering is one way to say thanks.

I'm excited for this opportunity and feel ready to take on a larger role to help continue the growth of our Association, developing our athletes by providing the tools to help them succeed, and having Okotoks respected and viewed as one of the best associations within the leagues we participate in.



Treasurer Candidates – Jenny Sekulich

I am a mom of four young sons and have been involved in OMHA for the past 4 years in manager roles, team treasurer and most recently, Director. This has provided me with a unique foundation to be able to see many facets of the organization and it now allows me build on the knowledge and relationships I have developed.

This is a major role and requires an individual worthy of the member's trust and confidence. I have many years' experience working for the provincial government and police services, and I intend to bring the same level of professionalism and integrity to this role.

My additional work experience as office manager for many different offices gives me a solid financial background and the extreme organizational skills needed for this position. I am a problem solver by nature and believe that communication is key.

I am of the opinion that a successful association is built with respectful, positive leaders coming together to support each other and our players. I would contribute to this vision by fostering open communication, constructive collaboration and ensuring all feedback and voices are heard.

I would be honored to be chosen to donate my time and experience to fill this position.

Thank you,



Treasurer Candidates – Kelly Lush

My name is Kelly Lush and I have been nominated and would be honored to hold the position of Treasurer on the Okotoks Minor Hockey Association board of directors for this term. A little bit about myself – I was born and raised in Okotoks and take great pride in calling this community home. I am a dedicated wife and mother to 2 young boys and am passionate about being an active member and volunteer in my community.

Being a mother of 2 boys and growing up in a “hockey family” it seemed inevitable that I would become a Hockey Mom, a role that gives me so much joy and a title that I am proud to hold! In a short amount of time, it became clear that being a Hockey Mom/parent was much more than hanging out in cold arenas, sipping on warm Timmie’s and cheering on my favorite hockey players. As we all know, it takes so much work and dedication from volunteers to make it possible for our kids to play this great sport and I knew that I had to be part of it! Since 2014 I have managed at least one of my son’s hockey teams every season and have loved being so engaged with the families in that role. In 2019 I was lucky enough to chair a small group of hard-working volunteers to organize the Big Rock Classic Pee wee Tournament, which was a huge success!

So now for the credentials – I attended university for my Bachelor of Commerce and worked at a financial institution for three and a half years where I became a certified Financial Advisor. The passion for this industry led me to the development of my company Platinum Bookkeeping & Personal Tax Solutions in 2005. A business that I solely own and operate, managing several client’s finances on all levels of the income spectrum. My dedication to the finance industry and my dedication to continue adding to my education will be an asset to my clients and hopefully now for the Okotoks Minor Hockey Association.

I believe that with my extensive experience in finance and my drive and passion for serving my community I would make me a great candidate for the Treasurer position within Okotoks Minor Hockey Association.



MEETING ADJOURNMENT

THANK YOU FOR COMING,
SEE YOU NEXT SEASON!

