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MINUTES – August 17, 2021

Called to Order: 7:03 PM

Welcome

Attendance

Geoff Stewart

Todd Esler

Lindsay Graw

Jenny Sekulich

Bruce Layte

Rebecca Streit

~~Jennifer Dustow~~

Pat de Haas

Michelle Barratt

Jenn Zaffino

~~Jeremy Gough~~

Kelly Lush

Jamie Steer

Char Crooks

Carolyn Berven

~~Greg Schmidt~~

~~Orinda McCann~~

Jarett Finney

Candice Wyma

Roy Bowlby

Karla Helm

~~Josh Esler~~

Daron Dumanski

Nadine Neufeld

~~Glenn Walker~~

Graeme Sloane

Blair Scott

Raeanne Tangedal

Motion to accept the minutes from June 15, 2021 as presented was made by Daron and seconded by Bruce. All in favor. Carried.

Reports

President – Geoff

- Welcome, feel free to ask questions
- Received over 300 coach applications, will sort and send out after a quick review by G & C
- Josh is away, we will work on coach interview groups
- Goalies – Josh is going to reach out to Jarrett/Jamie re: a possible new initiative for novice goalies? 1 ice per month/week, kind of like a welcome to goaltending; maybe include atom if successful
 - 2 issues, 1 is equipment and the other is ice
 - Discussion on personal experiences with goalies over the years
 - Clarify with coaches that a goalie can play out if they are carded as a player
 - Teams up to 17 are all carded as players, once the team hits the 18th player, they have to card 1 as a goalie
 - Maybe a goalie night to start off the week before they have their own practices? Then they have had a chance to try it and can actually practice throughout the week



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- In discussion with Jr A Oilers for novice/atom as they are impressionable; looking at having a player at each end to go on the ice with the teams; they will appreciate them more than Timbits; Jr A Oilers are putting something together
- Jr A Oilers are not doing player's cards this year, they are just going by apparel, specifics to come
- Roundtable introductions in person

VP Coach/Player Development – Josh

VP Programs – Todd

- U13 A Female
 - With Pat's help, they migrated the team over to OAAA; it is now managed and operated by OAAA; hope to get female players into the female program sooner rather than having them stay in the mixed stream
 - Parent session for this group will explain the value
 - They reached out to surrounding communities to raise awareness
 - Daron question: Why do coaches need Dev 1 even though this team is not AA status?
 - Just trying to standardize
- HA Rec Hockey Model
 - Seems OMHA is already doing most of it; good initiative by HA though
 - Maybe we share with HA what we are doing so they can build out their program
 - Todd is presenting to member associations

OAAA – Pat

- Introduction
- OAAA is offering HA Clinic for Development 1

Treasurer – Kelly

- Registrations were good, hard to tell what a typical year would look like with a loss of returning of players since before they just wouldn't register; now we saw the requests for refunds from their last season's credit
 - Discussion on possibilities of reaching out to those that asked for refunds on specifics so that we can try to improve the program
 - Most emails had a reason already stated, older kids were switching sports, etc.
 - Discussion on possibility of HA looking at it more as a whole across the province

Secretary – Karla

- OMHA Board Room rental open to OAAA and ORA



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- Directors can use it for coach meetings, etc, no fee involved
- NO PARENT or TEAM MEETINGS in the board room, this room is ONLY available for OMHA use

Equipment – Roy/Jeremy

- 17 out of 24 foam bumpers have been sent for repairs. (original quote was for 12 bumpers to be repaired but we found 5 more that were in compromised condition)
- Banners, collecting banners for the Pason Maintenance staff to hang in the GOLD arena. Any Directors have any?

Admin – Lindsay

- Registration for camps
 - Females are low and so is Midget, sending an email to Directors
 - Nice numbers for groups, but not enough goalies
 - Maybe send it out to those that paid and 1st to reply gets it free to do more?
- Registration for season
 - Timbits have 4 spots left
 - At registration close, we were up +1 and there were 30 that registered late; Numbers change as OOAA progresses
 - Everyone should have received their registration reports

Operations – Jamie

- U9 program
 - Talked with Tyler and Chris, they really liked the cohorts last year, thought it worked really well for that age group, easier to have groups at like skills
 - Discussion on thoughts, and will discuss at a later time
- Ice scheduling is ahead of schedule
 - Conditioning Camps and Tune-Ups – Sept 12-16
 - Evals Sept 17-27
 - Coach skates after with all teams made by Oct 3 or 4th
- Goalie shortages
 - Possibility to discuss with surrounding communities that have extra goalies to address our shortage
 - Going to post on CAHL also
- Need to know who is doing the Tune-Ups, Skills and Conditioning Camps? K2 did Tune-Ups and Skills, then hire for conditioning camps? Jamie and Geoff to discuss and contact those needed

Safety Director – Orinda



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- Safety courses
 - Once rosters are picked, let them know they will need to take the course again
 - Looking at having Bob help with the sessions again at \$200 per session, possibly needing 6 sessions
 - Looking to do them the middle of October
- Headchek
 - U15 and U18 will be using Headcheck again

Fundraising – Geoff

- Rink board sales come back to OMHA and help raise funds for development, please help spread the word about these opportunities
- Looking at hosting another JNJ event in the fall of 2022
- Currently in discussion with another fundraising opportunity for this upcoming season

Game & Conduct – Kevin/Glenn/Jacquie

- Geoff talking with them later this week

Web Admin – Graeme

Goalie Liason – Jarett

- Looking at ways to address goalie shortage, wanting to host another GoaliePalooza
- Approval to proceed with Goalie Palooza
- Reaching out to membership for used/donated equipment

Okotoks Ref Assoc – Greg

Manager of Directors – Daron

- Directors Mandatory Evaluation meeting is Sept1

Rec League – Rebecca/Nadine

- RHL Meeting on Thursday

Female – Jenn/Graeme

- Using helmet stickers this year?
 - Can't due to the games needing jerseys anyways

Initiation – Char/Jenny



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Novice – Blair

- Looking at about 8 teams, need to figure out if cohorts

Atom House – Michelle

- lack of goalies in atom

Atom Travel – Carolyn

- 85 registered, only 3 goalies

Pewee Travel – Bruce

- Working on team #'s

Pewee House – Candice

Bantam – Jenn Z.

- Working on lots of #'s, BT4 has had a lot of feedback and will go ahead in CAHL, those that don't make that level though will be released to RHL

Midget – Glenn

Questions:

Meeting Adjourned: 9:02 PM