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MINUTES – Dec 7, 2021

Called to Order:

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 Oct 21, 2021 as presented was made by _____ Carolyn and seconded by _____ Jeremy . All in favor. Carried.

Reports

President – Geoff

- Membership has been good with following REP
- SSSR is extra strict, need to ensure masks are on
 - If complaints and issues with staff continue, maybe a conversation with the Reeve/county should happen?

VP Coach/Player Development – Josh

VP Programs – Todd

OAAA – Pat

- AAA and AA are now daytime programs for males, AAA for females is also daytime – it is going good, some tweaks as expected for upcoming teams/seasons as next year it will include AA females as well (dependent on coach availability)
- No IGM scheduled yet, still waiting on financials and looking to update bylaws (ie. Now offering U13AA females)
- Final drawing stages for storage facility



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Treasurer – Kelly

Secretary – Karla

Equipment – Roy/Jeremy

- For 2022 – U18 is up for replacement, not the entire division will need it but start phasing some out; will need a few sets
- U11 socks – due to COVID and atomic issues (they put restrictions on # of sets we could order), we were missing some gold jerseys and hats
 - If teams want additional socks for other set of jerseys, they can look to Peak, they are \$16?
- Will need new goalie stuff and new bags next year

Admin – Lindsay

- Change to affiliates – if teams play in the same level, they can no longer affiliate from the other team, therefore we have to redo affiliates
- Rink Boards – a contact wants to know if would be interested in having someone else do the rink boards for a fee?
 - Fee not worth it right now

Operations – Jamie

Safety Director – Orinda

Fundraising – Geoff

- Rafflebox – RAMP and on SM a few more times, let's get to \$20,000
- Trying to coordinate with Bisons/Oilers to have 1 contact/collaboration to sell all rinks

Game & Conduct – Kevin/Glenn/Jacque

Web Admin – Graeme

- Lots of spam still, remember to check the actual email it was sent from
- New tournament site, use it if you want as it's already paid for

Goalie Liason – Jarett

Okotoks Ref Assoc – Greg

- Slide Completed for the OMHA IGM



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- Sitting at 85 Active Officials (34 First Years) this is down about 58 officials, Will know in the next few weeks where the final numbers sit as the last clinic runs this coming weekend in Calgary. However I am hopeful we may hit 100 previous 19/20 was was 150 ish.
- Trying to move the kids through the system faster then usual, so there may be some in-experience in some games however, working to fine tune and make sure there is at least someone on the ice that has worked the hockey before
- The other weekend we had 3 officials work their first hit hockey, and it was successful - Thanks to the U15 1, U15 2, and U15 AAA teams for not being mean to them. This will continue to make sure we have a healthy set of officials through all levels.
- seems that there is some tension among the officials and coaches. We quickly turned from COVID is over and hockey is back to, coaches and officials struggling to communicate in a professional manner. The officiating Burnout is two weeks earlier this season than normal. Open to suggestions to try and ease the tensions to avoid unnecessary penalties and suspensions
- Offered to host "Ask the Ref Night" for OMHA and OAAA, where there can be conversations about rules, officiating in general and other questions that may come up
- Current Trends thus far we have seen:
- Checking to the head - Understanding of the rule / difference between 2-4-5 min penalties.
 - End Zone Face off Violations
 - Body Checking vs. incidental Body Contact
 - The Mal - Treatment rules in practice
 - Checking from Behind
 - New Kneeing 4 min penalty
 - Slew Footing
- Examples of last weekends issues (as of Monday Night):
- 6 officials written up by OMHA & other minor hockey associations (U18 Male, U18 Female, U15 Female, U13 Male, U15 Male)
 - a player who returned to the ice after receiving a game misconduct, to cause other violations - U13 Game
 - U15 AAA Fight at the end of the game
 - U18 Coach opening the door and berating an official for two mins with no other coach stepping in to help the official
 - Time Keeper blowing the horn for apparent injuries during a game
 - Getting set for a busy weekend with the U13 Tournament, along with a U18 Tournament and regular season games for Foothills all running at the same time. This is going to be a busier scheduling weekend than the female tournament
 - No major issues with the Female Tournament, and the officials said they wish there was more games for them to work. It is always a highlight of the year for most officials



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- Currently we only have 3 active female officials in the association with only 1 being under the age of 18 and the other two being roughly 39 years of age. Any ideas to bring in more females is welcome. Would like to start seeing female games being officiated by female officials
- continuing to work on the proposal to move cash operations to OMHA at the request of HA.
- Likely going to see Nanton & Claresholm come under the ORA Banner before the end of the year due to their lack of officials. Currently Nanton has 7 and Claresholm has 9
- First time we have had two officials from the ORA attend the MAC's Tournament at the same time, as well as first time we have had two AJHL officials from the ORA in the league at the same time. We are on pace to add a 3rd to the AJHL next season!

Manager of Directors – Daron

Rec League – Rebecca/Nadine

Female – Jenn/Graeme

- U15 and U18 teams in RMFHL have started the regular season. There have been some issues with scheduling this year, RMFHL is addressing them as it seems there has been ice/ref shortages causing issues leaving our teams to reschedule games. Not ideal but most teams have been able to work it out. Also issues with our U18 teams divisions as all 3 of our U18 teams are strong this year. The league is going to do cross over games between A and B to offer more development opportunities for our 18B teams.
- Jenn put the tournament update in the IGM slide

Initiation (U7) – Char/Jenny

- Retired jerseys – Jenny looked into a few different projects that can be done with the retired jerseys, found a lady to make this blanket; super nice but the cost is \$400 – maybe a good idea for tournaments to raffle off? Or find a sponsor for the blankets?
 - Revisit this idea

Novice (U9) – Blair

- Fielding inquiries on development opportunities for high tier players.
- The allure of the HSL and other 3rd party programs is present within the division.
- Concerns from a couple families regarding goalie development options.
- I would like to review with the executive our practice to game ratio for U9 moving forward.
- All tiers have been able to compete within our 3 tier modal. The Hot Shots (U9 Female) have been able to play both B and C teams.
- U15AA player helping the Warriors for youth coach development. I will ctc OOAA or the team to look for other opportunities for players/goalies.
- Added a new player Dec 1. Another player may be looking to join in January.



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Atom House (U11 House) – Michelle

- Goalie concerns – pilot programs elsewhere for discount for goalies/free goalies
 - Us not go that way but someone suggested a goalie library as the goalie situation is getting scary
 - Maybe goalie sponsors?
 - Revisit

Atom Travel (U11 Travel) – Carolyn

- U11 teams regular season has had 6 games so far. Most teams have added one morning practice per week to their schedule.
- T1 Jamie Birt - 2-4-0 sitting 5th
- T2 Trevor Snodgrass - 2-4-0 sitting 4th
- T3 Dave Henzie - 0-4 sitting 6th
- T4 Kyle Parkes - 4-0 sitting 1st

Pewee House (U13 House – Candice

- U13 tourney – teams are finalized, schedule is complete and refs are notified
- Code of Conduct issues – all were different and are hopefully resolved; started with the fact that there is a range of kids from just beginning to ones that were just cut from travel; none ended up needing G & C

Pewee Travel (U13 Travel) – Bruce

Bantam (U15) – Jenn Z.

Midget (U18) – Glenn

- Try to get set days/schedule for midgets as they have jobs

Questions:

- Discussion on improvement and use of AP process – get coaches to use the system

Meeting Adjourned: 8:33 PM