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## MINUTES – January 11, 2021

Called to Order: 7:02 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 Dec 7, 2021 as presented was made by Orinda and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Todd. All in favor. Carried.

### Reports

#### President – Geoff

- OMHA members adherence to provincial/town COVID policies – need to follow rules or we may lose ice or spectators
- Hockey Alberta's RTP Chart was sent out this week and it is online
- Task force for female division

#### VP Coach/Player Development – Josh

- The following are development options approved by OMHA:
  - Jamie Steer - [jsteer@shaw.ca](mailto:jsteer@shaw.ca) 403-710-2213
  - JAG Hockey Development - [jaghockeydevelopment.com](http://jaghockeydevelopment.com) 403-630-9965
  - BAMA Hockey - [bamahockey.ca](http://bamahockey.ca) 403-498-6755
  - Hi-Tek - [hitek4@gmail.com](mailto:hitek4@gmail.com) 403-308-3490
  - Fisher Goaltending - [info@fishergoaltending.com](mailto:info@fishergoaltending.com)
- PW tournament development funds – will send managers the list

#### VP Programs – Todd



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**OOAA – Pat**

**Treasurer – Kelly**

**Secretary – Karla**

**Equipment – Roy/Jeremy**

**Admin – Lindsay**

**Operations – Jamie**

- CAHL meeting tonight

**Safety Director – Orinda**

- Headcheck
  - Very poorly used, need to figure out how to get more compliance next year
- EMS response time and supplies at rinks
  - Be prepared to wait
  - Geoff to talk to rink attendants re: emergency support aides
- COVID – sick is sick, COVID or not, do not come

**Fundraising – Geoff**

- Joel Smith won \$7,000 ish from Rafflebox
- OMHA profit was just over \$6,000

**Game & Conduct – Kevin/Glenn/Jacque**

- Starting to heat up already, remind managers to follow protocols and if can't resolve within the team then they should reach out to Directors

**Web Admin – Graeme**

**Goalie Liason – Jarett**

- Need to create summaries of goalie meetings as they have only been 1 on 1
- Running out of a pool for mentor goalies, may need to reach out to look for more

**Okotoks Ref Assoc – Greg**



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- Beginning of silly season, last weekend it already started
- Anyone who has last minute game cancellations remember to cancel officials – contact Brent or Brenda
- Sickness may move Refs around and in some cases there may be coaches that need to fill in
- Taking in additional areas and scheduling those refs too, you may see these refs here in Okotoks and you may get Okotoks refs in those areas
- Ref complaints go through proper channels, Jamie or Greg or Director

### Manager of Directors – Daron

### Rec League – Rebecca/Nadine

### Female – Jenn/Graeme

- Female task force
  - Reached out to U7 and U9 for some fun pictures for future collateral materials
  - Getting SWAT analysis to entice them to hockey instead of ringette
- RMFHL Changes
  - RMFHL Executive has decided that all teams will make the playoffs this year. A point percentage will be used in situations where teams haven't played even amount of games due to one reason or another. Standings are simply going to determine the ranking position for playoffs.
  - Should one of your teams encounter a situation in which they will not be able to ice a healthy roster for a game, we are asking that they immediately notify the opposing team as well as the league. Our first preference is that the teams try to reschedule the game. If, after a week's time from the notice of postponement, the two teams are unable to find any ice to play the game, the league must be notified and a decision will be made on whether to cancel the game outright.
  - We will not be extending the regular season or playoff dates as we need to stay on course with the dates set for Provincials.
  - Playoffs
    - We have determined the format for this year's playoffs. As I mentioned earlier we have a deadline to meet with regards to having all our league playoff games completed by a certain date for Provincials. As U11 does not have any Provincials this is extremely important for U13, U15 and U18.
    - U11A - 4 Teams U11B North - 4 Teams U11B South - 4 Teams
      - Feb 18 - 20 1st vs 4th & 2nd vs 3rd Two games total points
      - Feb 25 - 27 U11 A - Winners of each series in Championship Final - Best of 3.
      - Feb 25 - 27 U11 B North and U11 B South finals - Two games total points.
      - March 4 - 6 U11 A Game 3 of Final if needed this weekend.



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- March 4 - 6 U11 B North vs South Final - Best of 3
- \*\* U11 B needs to be decided on as to whether we want the North and South to play one another to declare an overall winner or if teams are good to just leave a North and a South Champion. Travel may be an issue to get the best of three completed in one weekend. \*\*
- U13 A - 9 teams
  - Feb 25 - 27 8th vs 9th - 2 games total points
  - March 4 - 6 1st vs Winner of 8th/9th, 2nd vs 7th, 3rd vs 6th & 4th vs 5th - 2 games total points
  - March 11 - 13 - Highest advancing seed vs lowest advancing seed & 2nd highest advancing vs 2nd lowest advancing - 2 games total points
  - March 18 - 20 - Championship Final - Best of 3 series
- U13 B North and South - 5 teams each
  - Feb 25 - 27 4th vs 5th - 2 games total points
  - March 4 - 6 1st vs Winner of 4th / 5th & 2nd vs 3rd - 2 game total points
  - March 11 - 13 North Final and South Final - 2 games total points
  - March 18 - 20 - U13 B Championship Final - Best of 3 series
- U15 A - 5 Teams
  - Feb 18 - 20 4th vs 5th - 2 games total points
  - Feb 25 - 27 1st vs Winner of 4th / 5th & 2nd vs 3rd - 2 game total points
  - March 4 - 6 Championship Final - Best of 3 series
  - March 11 - 13 - Can be used for the third game if needed.
- U15 B - 8 Teams
  - Feb 18 - 20 - 1st vs 8th, 2nd vs 7th, 3rd vs 6th, 4th vs 5th
  - Feb 25 - 27 - Highest seed vs lowest seed & 2nd highest seed vs 2nd lowest seed - 2 games total points
  - March 4 - 6 - Championship Final - Best of 3 Series
  - March 11 - 13 - Can be used for the third game if needed.
- U18 A - 8 Teams
  - Feb 25 - 27 - 1st vs 8th, 2nd vs 7th, 3rd vs 6th, 4th vs 5th - 2 games total points
  - March 4 - 6 - Highest seed vs lowest seed & 2nd highest seed vs 2nd lowest seed - 2 games total points
  - March 11 - 13 - Championship Final - Best of 3 Series
  - March 18 - 20 - Can be used for the third game if needed.
- U18 B - 7 Teams
  - Feb 25 - 27 - 1st Bye, 2nd vs 7th, 3rd vs 6th, 4th vs 5th - 2 games total points
  - March 4 - 6 - 1st vs lowest seed, 2nd highest seed vs 2nd lowest seed - 2 games total points



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### Initiation (U7) – Char/Jenny

- We have an all female U7 team this year and the feedback has been AMAZING. They love it and they're very passionate about keeping going in Novice
- Got pricing on goalie, Geoff will reach out to Jenny/Char to keep the conversation going

### Novice (U9) – Blair

- Fielding some communications about variety of talent in each tier
- Thinking of adding some ice for 2<sup>nd</sup> years after the tournament for Atom prep ice times
- Need support peg repair, Jenny already contacted Roy and he will have it fixed by Saturday

### Atom House (U11 House) – Michelle

- U11 house - Goalies
  - Huge shout out to U18 tier 1 goalie Duece Derkson for mentoring my U11 house G.O.A.T.S goalie. Both are enjoying it - it has given Archer the extra confidence he needed.
  - Emergency goalies - needed one for a tournament this past weekend, got 1 for the first game, the team had a hard time getting one for the second day and dressed a player instead who did very well - not sure whose equipment they used but we really need to get some for u11 and find more goalies
- Bussing
  - Using teamsnap in OMHA and working really well, it is much easier and less time work for the managers. Some weekends have no busses other weekends up to 4 or 5 going out. Most are being used for trips that are longer than 2 hrs one way. Had one team that didn't use it, saw on FB that they were on a bus and got it corrected.
- Bison Day
  - This is the way the Foothills Bisons give back to the community, they pick a charity to raise funds for and have all 3 of their teams play at the same location on the same day. This year 2 out of 3 teams the Bisons are playing are the Okotoks Oilers ( U15AA and U18AA)
  - The charity this year is the BGC Foothills Clubs
  - Would OMHA help support this by advertising on their social media pages??
    - Yes, Graeme will post

### Atom Travel (U11 Travel) – Carolyn



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### Peewee House (U13 House) – Candice

#### Peewee Travel (U13 Travel) – Bruce

- U13 Tournament in December
  - Very successful, thanks to Karla Wingate and team, great, great job!
  - Raised \$21,000, Karla and team are now working on development plan
  - Put together info for whoever does tournament next year
- Travel teams are all in the middle of their tiers
- Some off ice official issues up in Airdrie, 24 hour rule kept it at bay

#### Bantam (U15) – Jenn Z.

#### Midget (U18) – Glenn

- No pending issues regarding U18, here is where they stand in CAHL
- Tier 1 – Currently sitting in last place (9 teams) with a 1-6 record
- Tier 3 – Currently sitting in 5th (6 teams) with a 2-6-2 record
- Tier 4 – Currently sitting in 4th (6 teams) with a 3-5-1 record
- Midget 2 team against Pincher Creek, looking for Board Members to attend as the Pincher Creek fans were going to possibly be a pain

#### Questions:

- This year went to only 1 Atom 1 team, wondering if this will create difficulties to create 2 PW AA teams next year?
  - OAAA looking at options

Meeting Adjourned: 8:13 PM