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## MINUTES – March 8, 2022

Called to Order: 7:04 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~~

Amy Snyder

Roy Bowlby

Karla Helm

Josh Esler

Daron Dumanski

~~Nadine Neufeld~~

Glenn Walker

Graeme Sloane

Blair Scott

~~Raeanne Tangedal~~

Motion to accept the minutes from February 16, 2022 as presented was made by Glenn and seconded by Jennifer D.. All in favor. Carried.

### Reports

#### President – Geoff

- AGM coming up, asking your plan for next season
- Different task forces for different divisions/aspects to prepare for next season, hopefully no hiccups on what next season look like, and next year can be better
- A lot of this year's issues due to COVID
- Doing report/prices for reformatting the beginning of the season
  - 4 day development/division starting after Sept long weekend
  - Conditioning/powerskating/development
  - Goalie/Def/FWD development separated out
  - TRY out a new position (Goalie)
  - A la carte for a fee
  - Money goes back into the association for development throughout the year
  - Mentorship groups
  - Goalie liasons
  - Potential dryland so players learn how to stretch, etc.
  - As soon as these #'s for above are good, will work with town for ice, etc.
- Health & Wellness



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- Kicked off after Christmas and has been used a few times, feedback outstanding
- Raise team awareness
- Funds have been donated for this program

### VP Coach/Player Development – Josh

- Coach Survey link will be ramped out
  - done
- Please nominate for coach of year
- Directors surveys to go out
- Coach mentor meetings next year – using speakers, etc. for next year

### VP Programs – Todd

#### OOAA – Pat

- Recognition of some of the development and that next year we may be heading to only one PWAA (U13AA) – NOT FINAL
- Only one atom T1 will affect
- Looking to have non-parent coach for PWAA(U13AA), typically it's a parent at this level
- Most HSL come back in Bantam (U15)
- Just finished IGM, did some changes to align with OMHA bylaws
- OOAA Showcase end of April – opportunity for kids to get out and get exposure at elite level
  - Hoping to have coaches there to provide feedback directly to player
  - Will get overall feedback as it's the first one
- Teams are in play-off runs
- Will prepare for AGM in June possibly
- Player reviews, not just coaches review's this year (not U13AA)
- Possibly change to division levels (add U17) – very fluid

### Treasurer – Kelly

- Budgets are due when the

### Secretary – Karla

### Equipment – Roy/Jeremy

- All Retirement Jerseys' & certs have been handed out.
- We have been notified of some repairs to Half boards, in Pason Green, that the rink maintenance has looked after for us.
- We are aware of some issues with the door hinges on the Half Boards in Pason Gold that have been temporarily repaired. But there is a more permanent fix to come.



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- They actually block the bench door – look at options?
- No set date for equipment return has been decided yet but will likely be around the last week of March.
- Wondering what division/director has 5 boxes of bags in the storage area under Pason



### Admin – Lindsay

- Volunteer Credits
  - Will send out to Managers to fill out
  - \$300 per team in \$50 increments

### Operations – Jamie

- Trying to get out final schedules and updates right away
- Any ice questions contact him

### Safety Director – Orinda

- Ensure Safety Binders are collected with equipment return.

### Health and Wellness -Amy

- Need to still hammer out program for next year

### Fundraising – Geoff

- Casino – Sept 12/13
  - Will send out email mid-summer to start filling spots

### Game & Conduct – Kevin/Glenn/Jacquie

### Web Admin – Graeme

### Goalie Liason – Jarett



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### Okotoks Ref Assoc – Greg

#### Manager of Directors – Daron

- A few little fires that had to be put out, discuss on how to monitor those we don't want back

#### Rec League – Rebecca/Nadine

- Okotoks team in every division of play-offs

#### Female – Jenn/Graeme

- Female Poster – encourage players to come out and try at U7, U9, U11
  - Look at budget to see if we can put some in the pape0072
- Some still going

#### Initiation (U7) – Char/Jenny

- Tourney update
- Games, raffles, everyone had fun
- Teams do not want to quite, renting their own ice – send Kelly which teams are needing an extension to April 15, same with equipment

#### Novice (U9) – Blair

- U9 Intro to hockey tournament went off well. Received many compliments on the level of organization and membership support throughout the weekend. Feedback from arena staff was that we did well staying on schedule and adhering to the helmet rules for the rink board movers.
- As the season wraps up, some teams have added a couple additional ice sessions to work on full ice U11 prep while others used our tourney as their end to the season.
- I spoke with most Head Coaches this past week and all were pleased with the level of development their teams achieved during the season. Due to the shortened 2020-21 season, there were notable development gaps in our athletes.
- Athlete retention remained high during the season. Teams I spoke with indicated solid attendance by players throughout the season, aside from Covid and cold related absence.
- Goalie development remained a focus during the season. Several teams have indicated goalie interest moving into U11. Having goal equipment available for U11 will help those who remain undecided was well received by members I spoke with.

#### Atom House (U11 House) – Michelle

- Legends won house A final
- Billy Goats won house B final
- 2 teams travelling to a tournament mid-March but other than that all done



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- Things to work on
  - goalie development
  - adding more teams somehow - Foothills/ high county - anywhere else
  - setting development goals with the teams
  - -defined coaching expectations

### Atom Travel (U11 Travel) – Carolyn

- T4 team is still going
- In need of 2012 goalies, possibly put out an In Need through CAHL after registration

### Pewee House (U13 House) – Candice

- Season is over. Playoff format went well.
- The Knights won the GOLD...they were the dominant team all season. The Predators got Silver and they were the team that struggled all season, so nice to see their success at the end of the season.
- We could not find the trophy so the team did not have it for the game or pictures. If there is one they will need their name on it, and needs to be found for next season. Does anyone know where it is?
- No issues at the end of season, hopefully we can take some of the learnings from the beginning of the season for next season.

### Pewee Travel (U13 Travel) – Bruce

### Bantam (U15) – Jenn Z.

- Tier 1: no playoffs
- Tier 2: no playoffs
- Tier 3: lost to Bentley in first round
- All teams have been sent the last email regarding their budgets etc. They should be wrapping up their season.
- Tier 3 has a late tournament in April.

### Midget (U18) – Glenn

### Questions:

Meeting Adjourned: 8:22 PM