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MINUTES – October 21, 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 Sept 7, 2021 as presented was made by Todd and seconded by Lindsay. All in favor. Carried.

Reports

President – Geoff

- Handshakes for our house teams/teams not regulated by a league
 - No official rule, up to teams playing it; Konrad will check with CAHL officially
 - **OMHA house will do fist bumps instead of handshakes; Directors tell teams**
- Many emails/phone calls that were received over the course of COVID restrictions/start of evaluations; some went to G & C, letters were sent out to those that crossed the line

VP Coach/Player Development – Josh

- Coaching clinics: (virtual via zoom): October 26 – coach 1, November 4 coach 2, November 9th Checking
- Klevr coaching app: October 27th training session via zoom
 - **Zoom link and app link sent to Directors, please send out some reminders**
 - Only iphone app right now, Android in production – along with the iPad app
 - Klevr.ai is the website



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- Edgeboss tools: Please remind all coaches about them and if they use them to put them away!
- Will set up a training session for Edgeboss and Tornado

VP Programs – Todd

- Perceived issue with equal teams in PW house, the numbers/teams looked good on paper but as the season starts there are some obvious issues; instead of re-doing teams they are looking at a goalie exchange
 - Need to check with HA to see if they would allow a player change at this point since rosters have officially been sent

OOAA – Pat

Treasurer – Kelly

- Rapid tests are no longer being paid for by the association for volunteers since evaluations have concluded

Secretary – Karla

- Brewhouse sponsorship players cards do in fact need 2 people with cards to get the free nachos
- Brewhouse U9 cards to Blair
- Reminder that ONLY approved vendors have the authority to use our logo
 - 3G does OMHA repairs but does NOT have OMHA approved logo as they are not an approved vendor
 - NO logos other than the approved logos – current OMHA logo in color or greyscale
 - NOTE: for next season, send out communication to vendors to see if they would still like to be an apparel sponsor and send them out an updated Branding/Apparel standards document
- Update on questions re: TeamLinkt (sponsored team communications app from Source for Sports)
 - Yes, we have health checks built into the app. Here's how they work:
<https://youtu.be/TsP8aTzUCKY>
 - We've also just added the ability to track Vaccine Status if that's something your organization needs. As for the bus part, we'd need more detail there. It's possible our Collect & Track feature could be used for this purpose.
- Reminder: DO NOT send out any information to your teams/coaches/managers/players UNLESS it is coming from the Exec

Equipment – Roy/Jeremy

Equipment hand out is mostly complete ~98%

A Few hiccups;



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- Number of teams concerned about jersey sizing. (all sets of jerseys in each division have the same jersey sizes) Suggestion; have teams assigned jersey numbers based on player size not favorite number. If the jersey is way too big it can be hemmed but do not cut the jersey. (See below)
- Not being aware that we were going to go with oversized U9 teams.
- Teams not checking jerseys until the day before their first game, then finding an issue with jersey(s) do not have enough to outfit an oversized team. (U9 normally comes with 20 jerseys, we can add up to 3 more, totalling 23)
- Only Blue puck came in before equipment was handed out and we failed to transfer enough FA kits from Pason to SRS for the U18/15 handout.
- One jersey (#4) from bag number U13-20-02D had a jersey CUT in half then hemmed to fit a player. Our records show the team that had that jersey bag number last year was the U13 Female team Daryl Meyer/Scott Rivett HC,
- Order of pucks came in, and have been distributed.
- 2 pails Pucks in Pason Green cage have been missing.
- Had a few teams ask about letters for Jerseys (C's, A's) we don't supply them, but a team can contact 3G Embroidery or Source for sports.
- Not all Safety Binders were returned from last year and it seems maybe not all teams received them last year.
- Did a count of Foam Bumpers and can only account for 22 out of 27(16 at Pason Green, 5 at Pason Gold, 1 Piper) there are 4 red bumpers at Piper but I don't know who they belong to.

Admin – Lindsay

Operations – Jamie

- Working on November ice schedule
- Picture night coming up, Managers need to let Jamie know if they will NOT be attending picture night; Any teams that do not show up at their time will lose a practice; Directors, please send out to teams
- Once tiering is done, it is up to Manager's to let Jamie know their recommended tier for the season; if he doesn't hear from you then he will go with what the league recommends

Safety Director – Orinda

- OMHA safety courses have started

Fundraising – Geoff

- 50/50 raffle is taking longer due to AGLC delays – looking at a lower raffle amount to get it going sooner (\$20,000 now)



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Game & Conduct – Kevin/Glenn/Jacquie

Web Admin – Graeme

Goalie Liason – Jarett

- Goaliepalooza was well attended and a huge success; looking at having more throughout the year
- Working on forming a goalie committee to brainstorm ideas on how to get more goalies

Okotoks Ref Assoc – Greg

- Currently 58 Active Officials, 2019/20 season was 120. The ORA is currently sitting at 10 (7 are Okotoks) first year officials. There are two more ORA Clinics – October 30 in Okotoks and Nov 6 in High River. The Okotoks one has roughly 16 people registered (may not all be Okotoks people) thus far, and High River has 4 (this clinic is in danger of being cancelled). You can take a clinic anywhere in the province does not have to be these two clinics
- The ORA is working with Kelly and Todd to merge the ORA into OMHA at the request from Hockey Alberta. Hopefully going to be circulating the proposal prior to next OMHA meeting.
- Working with Jamie to see about scheduling some Midget Hockey in the morning rather than in the afternoon, so we can free up some of the officials. For example, this coming weekend there is 5 U16/U18 Games between 3:30-6:45. If we shuffled one to the morning it would free up some of the senior officials for the later games in the day
- Majority of all hockey outside of AA/AAA is going to be done with only 2 officials including U18 games. Parents & Coaches will need to be patient as the procedures are different for after whistles including scrums. In a 2 official system, officials will not be rushing in to break things up, or separating players until it is absolutely safe to do so.
- Trying to get more information/documents to explain the new Maltreatment rule
- Graeme has put up the new rules on the website under the Ref tab; Directors please send a note to the manager's to pass onto their coaches

Manager of Directors – Daron

Rec League – Rebecca/Nadine

Female – Jenn/Graeme

- Female tournament is coming up, the committee and teams are working hard

Initiation (U7) – Char/Jenny

- Intro to Hockey Update
 - Looking at previous years profits and what they are spent on, trying to seek options for how and what to spend the profits on this time – Exec to review options that Kelly can present



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Novice (U9) – Blair

- Evaluations went smooth overall. Tried a slightly different format based on feedback from Kris Fuss and Tyler Hilbert. Worked well and it looks like we got it right. Coaches support the 3 tier approach we took. Tiers look to be balanced. I had trouble locking down consistent evaluators however did get enough help overall. Felt the groups could have been made after 2 skates vs all 4...future considerations.
- Practice ice has been allocated for the year, all teams have full staffs and are off and rolling booking tourneys, etc. Female team will be able to compete with both B and C tiers so many game options for them.
- Incredible response for the U7/U9 Tourney in March. Over 70 inquiries for U9. Reviewing applications this weekend and contacting teams next week. * Knowing we guarantee 3 games, I would like to try and lock down additional ice if available and try to offer 4 games over 3 days. Understanding the cost factors, teams, especially out of town would like the extra game*
- Finally, Thanks to Roy and Jer for our regular meeting at the equipment locker. I think we're good now!! Also, to Char and Jenny for taking me under their tourney planner wings!

Atom House (U11 House) – Michelle

- Trip Roster is not working, teams are sending information manually; Doug is working on sending Michelle locations for teams to meet in the event of an emergency after operating hours
 - Team Linkt is looking at adding in a bus trip option
- U11 house is not hosting a tournament, please post on the website so teams will stop asking

Atom Travel (U11 Travel) – Carolyn

Pee wee House (U13 House) – Candice

- U13 Tourney committee has been formed and have already started working on it
 - Wondering how and what they can spend their proceeds on? Last time it was powerskating and through a bid (one company for the entire division); is there an option to allow teams to spend on development and submit receipts?
 - Will look at options, however, it has to be with a supporter of the association
- FOIP – do visiting teams need to complete? NO, they do not
- Evaluation notes – struggles with evaluators; next year look at having a list of evaluators for Directors to ask; also, it was hard for evaluators to properly rank kids that dropped from Travel as they only had 1 skate with the house group

Pee wee Travel (U13 Travel) – Bruce

Bantam (U15) – Jenn Z.



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Midget (U18) – Glenn

Couple things from U18

- 3 Fully rostered teams in CAHL
- Had to release 2 goalies into RHL
- We need to look into our evaluation schedule and Foothills next year. It's becoming more and more of a problem for players who don't make our AA team and want to try out for Foothills AA. This year 11 players from Okotoks are playing for Foothills....last year there was 4 I believe. Foothills would not have been able to ice a competitive team without our players. It defiantly makes life interesting trying to juggle eval numbers when you know half of your group will be absent.
- Maybe we look at 2 Okotoks U18 AA teams and include Foothills players...or we continue to have 1 team but make it available to both towns.
- Some discussion between both associations should be had either way...need to do a better job at scheduling if we keep the same format so that players can attend both skates.
- Made it through this year without any real issues but if Foothills hadn't taken the amount of players they did, some of the parents whose kids tried out for our evaluations would have voiced there concerns if the other players made higher teams.
- I can explain further to the executive members or would be happy to meet with Foothills Association to discuss this further if need be.

Questions:

Meeting Adjourned: 8:29 PM