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MINUTES – September 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 August 17, 2021 as presented was made by Daron and seconded by Glenn. All in favor. Carried.

Reports

President – Geoff

- Start of the season – gearing up for the season
- Discussion on whether to openly support certain candidates for upcoming mayoral election, voted not to

VP Coach/Player Development – Josh

- Coach Interview process:
 - send short listed applicants to Daron and myself
 - schedule interview on new platform (Karla)
 - after all interviews are done for specific division, selection of coach will take place with Director of division, Daron and myself
- Coach interview schedule: available to start booking interviews September 13th?
- HA Coach clinics are booked:
 - Coach 2 - September 20th 5:30pm - 10pm in Olympic room



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- Coach 1 - September 21st - 5:30 - 10pm in Olympic room
- Checking Clinic - September 22nd 5:30 - 10pm Olympic room
- Development 1 - October 1st 5pm - 10pm and October 2nd 9am - 2pm
- OMHA Coach Clinics will review how to use equipment
- Goalie registration concerns:
 - Suggest creating a goalie committee with Jarret Finney and Ryan Fisher to discuss and brainstorm specific ideas on how to get more goalies registered and develop them so they stay in the position.
 - Up to 5 people to brainstorm ideas, Jarret to discuss and form
- Coaching tools and equipment:
 - Code for the storage lockers is (ask us, we will not post this info 😊)
 - Do we want to purchase more coaching gamebooks? Are they used or needed?
 - No budget, look for a sponsor?
- Timbits – and educational coach meeting for all – date TBD

VP Programs – Todd

- Discussion on status of emails going out to members
- Graeme to send logins to those Directors who would like to manage their own division sites

OAAA – Pat

- OAAA teams are almost complete

Treasurer – Kelly

- Shocked at how many asking for refunds
 - This is normal numbers, kids change minds as they choose alternate winter sports

Secretary – Karla

- September newsletter
 - New partners/sponsors need to get me their logos ASAP, along with an ad if they want for September (need by Thursday)
 - Who's still considered a sponsor?
 - Check last newsletter
- Goalie Palooza Sponsor – Brewhouse
- Eval spreadsheet questions
- Update sponsorship package
 - Puck sponsors
 - Coach Development sponsors



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Equipment – Roy/Jeremy

- Safety binders will go to Orinda/Raeanne and first aid kits will go out with pucks, buckets, etc.
- U15 hockey bag donation – will work with Mike to get details on status
 - Karla to get his info to put in newsletter as this is sponsorship level
- From the goalie ad, we received some goalie equipment but need bags for it
- Pucks need to be ordered

Admin – Lindsay

- TD, 1227 registered
- Confusion over conditioning camp vs tune-up skates – maybe next year differentiate between the 2
- Next year, checking clinic will be a part of evals & register

Operations – Jamie

- Number of teams, these have been discussed with the Directors
- CAHL
- Ice scheduling – anyone have issues so far?
 - Jenn D has 1 spot there are no floods, Jamie will look at it
- Reminder to Directors, K2 needs help for House tune-ups, Directors make the groups
- Skills evals, you make groups but don't need help, K2 runs them – the rest of the evals you will need help on the ice though
- Checking clinic – you will need help
- On Sept 12th, the pucks will be in the rinks, give K2 the codes and pylons

Safety Director – Orinda

- Safety meeting – what is required from Directors
 - Every team has a safety coach, OMHA requirement not HA
 - 5 sessions available to sign-up for
 - Mandatory for everyone again, refresher

Fundraising – Geoff

- Rafflebox 50/50
 - Nicole Brockhoff is taking this on, starts Nov 1, we are just setting up the AGLC account, etc.
 - Looking to connect TV's, Daron will check with the Oilers, we may have to purchase some
- Partnership with d.RT clothing – discount for OMHA members, it's apparel/dress clothes for as you grow
- Need new sponsorships – puck sponsor, safety program sponsor, Coach development sponsor



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- Partnership with Klevr.ai
 - App for phone, it is a useful tool for OMHA and OOAA Coaches, allows video play and re-play and a virtual whiteboard
 - Piloting and doing some video calls with them, it is 2 NHL players

Game & Conduct – Kevin/Glenn/Jacquie

Web Admin – Graeme

Goalie Liason – Jarett

- Working on picking a date, will hand out goalie gear for that age group after Goalie Palooza

Okotoks Ref Assoc – Greg

1. New assignor for Minor Hockey
Brent Peterson
403.512.2269
Okotokshockeyrefs@gmail.com
2. ORA to Roll into OMHA
 - Directive from Hockey Alberta for the minor hockey associations to pay officials directly and that the referees associations no longer have bank accounts. Everything to be going through the minor hockey associations.
 - Working with Todd / Kelly / Geoff to build a working group to determine the feasibility of this, as well as building out costs associated to go back to Hockey Alberta with the proposal on what this will take
3. Clinics
 - There is issues with the new Hockey Canada (HCR 3) system, and is causing a delay in clinics.
4. Officials Rooms
 - Reminder the officials rooms are prioritized for officials. If coaches / instructors / evaluators are using the rooms, please make sure that you leave enough room for the officials to get ready, and please do not sit in the room after your ice time to discuss your players, cuts, or evaluations. As well as the officials room is not for team staff to simply use the washroom. There have been multiple issues already with people just walking in and using the washroom, or using it as their office.
5. U9
 - It has been decided in consultation with Jamie as well as FMHA we will not be providing officials for U9 Half Ice. In the event that you want to have the one off game with officials,



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or want to do a full ice with officials please just let Brent know and we will schedule officials for you

6. Mentoring:

- Mentoring of first year officials will now be at the Atom House level. So be prepared for the first part and into January to see a mentor on a lot of the games for this level of Hockey. As the officials get up and running Mentors may spend less time on the ice and more time in the stands etc.

7. Tournaments

- Reminder for Tournaments that we require 45 days notice that there is going to be a tournament
 - i. Female Classic is Nov 11 weekend
- Full Deposit due 30 days prior to tournament start date
- Cancellation of the tournament / change in # of games <15 days notice will incur a \$6 per game cancellation/change fee (ex. 10 games cancelled/changed/added = \$60 fee)

Manager of Directors – Daron

Rec League – Rebecca/Nadine

Female – Jenn/Graeme

- Lower registration for female numbers, especially at the lower ages
 - Foothills and Cochrane had a try Ringette day – maybe do a pitch/blitz to females so they are aware of our female hockey
 - Apply for some funding to get a Come try Hockey day
 - Put something in school newsletters
 - Maybe do 2 learn to skates like Jamie did years ago
 - They are going to put together a team to look at it
- HA wants all female teams to have a female on the bench, this may become an issue as it's hard to get female coaches already
 - Have them as a trainer?
 - Females have troubles committing due to family and other commitments
 - Maybe have a female only coaching session?

Initiation – Char/Jenny

Novice – Blair

- Eval jerseys, how do we get them? Roy will reach out



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Atom House – Michelle

- If we get atom goalie equipment then we can get some willing to share – have 4 goalies for 6 teams

Atom Travel – Carolyn

Pewee Travel – Bruce

Pewee House – Candice

Bantam – Jenn Z.

Midget – Glenn

Questions:

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 PM

APPROVED