



Okotoks Minor Hockey Association

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MINUTES – June 15, 2021

Called to Order: 7:02 pm

Welcome

Attendance

Geoff Stewart

Todd Esler

Lindsay Graw

Jenny Sekulich

Bruce Layte

Rebecca Streit

Jennifer Dustow

Pat deHaas

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 Mar 10, 2021 as presented was made by _____ Char _____ and seconded by _____ Jennifer D _____. All in favor. Carried.

Reports

President – Geoff

- Welcome to the board, and thanks for volunteering
- Meeting process of sending agenda's beforehand
- Spam to OMHA email addresses
- Jacquie added to G & C
- Introduction to Daron, the Manager of Directors
- Introduction of Pat deHaas, VP from OAAA
- July meeting will be scheduled but we usually cancel because of low attendance

VP Coach/Player Development – Josh

- Welcome
- Discussion ongoing re: Atom 1 with HA

VP Programs – Todd



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- Welcome
- Hot button topics working on – out migration of players to other leagues/associations and/or sports
- PW A Girls – no update
- Goalie development is a WIP

Former President – Jeremy

Treasurer – Kelly

- Fees all went up
- Heads-up to Directors, they may get more questions because fees went up quite a bit; tell them our fees on par with other local associations and we offer more or the equivalent in ice, however, our ice is much much more expensive;
 - Direct all questions her way instead of answering them, want to avoid confusion

Secretary – Karla

- Contact list is up to date
- Calendar invites/subscribed calendars for OMHA

Equipment – Roy/Jeremy

- Received all of the jerseys back, still missing some of the other items they need to track down
- Still lots of old jerseys, seen an initiative where other associations donated their old jerseys to senior homes and they made quilts; auction them off to raise funds? Looking for contacts that can reach out to senior homes
- Goalie equipment for kids to try – reach out to them
- Stickers for evaluations? Not sure, PW house they were not successful – hard to read

Admin – Lindsay

- Goalie clinics – price remains the same
- Registration – opens Jun 21 and closes July 25; \$100 late fee and placed on waitlist if register after deadline
- Ramp is similar as last year but they added all clinics at the start to avoid confusion for those thinking they missed registering for them
- Directors Registration reports – sends periodically throughout registration, don't be confused by them, they don't mean much until you get the final one
- Reminder: Email received while on the board are only used for OMHA purposes – not to be shared with anyone; any emails asking you to send information onto your parent group/division is to be sent to execs first



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Operations – Jamie

- Introduction
- Evals start Sept 13 this year, Directors meeting 3rd week of August
- League and HA updates if there are any
 - RMFHL new president – Darcy Williams
 - Female changes – every team now needs a female on the bench/staff no matter how many females are on the team; maybe it could be the safety?
 - Discussion on suspensions from last season – talk is if they had less than 2 games as a suspension they were going to wash them out, if more then they may make them serve some
- Stickers for evals, maybe, going to discuss with Josh & Daron – it was nice not having jerseys but hard to see from stands, had to be on the bench

Safety Director – Orinda

- Intro to Raeanne & Amy
- Not sure what it's going to look like this year, hoping it will be like it was pre-covid with safety classes and focus on mental health

Fundraising – Geoff

- Looking at options to generate funds to offset and avoid future fee increases
- Talk about bringing back JNJ, it helps with extras like jerseys, development, etc.
- Town will be allowing spectators so opportunity to sell more advertising/bring back – last year unable to charge because there were no fans in the stands
- Let everyone know about potential advertising opps in the arena
- Taking suggestions on other fundraising ideas

Game & Conduct – Kevin/Glenn/Jacquie

Web Admin – Graeme

Goalie Liason - Jarett

Okotoks Ref Assoc – Greg

- New assignor for next season, Brent Peterson
- Will get updated information for Graeme to put on the website
- Rumblings on how officials are getting paid, process may change



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- Tentative dates for ref clinics, nothing official yet

Manager of Directors – Daron

- Welcome and introduction
- Once you receive reports, be patient, same with coach applications – this will all be explained come the end of August

OOAA

- Pat deHaas attending on behalf of OOAA
- Special meeting for bylaws and AGM on Jun 22, register by Jun 20 at 5:00 PM
- Requirement is you needed to have a player in that association to vote, Pat is going to check to see if those that are not members can still attend
- Geoff referenced the year OMHA changed to rotating and lengthened exec terms, how is OOAA tackling those extensions?
- Geoff asked if they are marrying OMHA re: bylaws, is there nominations from the floor because the special meeting is right before the AGM?
- Geoff is going to submit a list of questions he has received to date to Pat so that he can pass on the information

Rec League – Rebecca/Nadine

- Intro from both

Female – Jenn/Graeme

- HA wants someone on the board to be a point of contact for female hockey and potential programs/initiatives to help grow female hockey coaches
 - Learn to skate for moms
 - Mentor and development opportunities
 - Looking at growing female hockey coaches
 - Need to identify someone sooner rather than later

Initiation – Char/Jenny

Novice – Blair

- Intro, moved here last year from Spruce Grove where he was on the board for 3 years
- Has 2 boys and would like to help with retention

Atom House – Michelle



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- Intro

Atom Travel – Carolyn

- Intro, if new novice director needs help she can help

Peewee Travel – Bruce

Peewee House – Candice

- Intro, new to hockey but was on dance board before

Bantam – Jenn Z.

Midget – Glenn

- Intro and welcome

Questions:

Is Exec and Daron picking coaches again?

- This year Directors will be involved again

Last year the bumpers were starting to need repairs, can we check to see which ones are functioning?

- Roy – looked at them, some need adjustments and/or to be replaced; did a count before but will verify

Meeting Adjourned: 8:08 pm