



Okotoks Minor Hockey Association

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Vision

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MINUTES – April 19, 2023

Called to Order: 7:00 pm

Welcome

Attendance

Geoff Stewart

Jeremy Gough

Roy Bowlby

Amanda Germain

Karla Helm

Jamie Steer

Blair Scott

Lindsay Graw

Dhara Rogers

Daron Dumanski

Jenny Sekulich

Carolyn Berven

Nadine Neufeld

Bruce Layte

Brenda Honish

Jamie Whalley

Rebecca Streit

Orinda McCann

Graeme Sloane

Jennifer Dustow

Jarett Finney

Crystal Crawford

Pat de Haas

Candice Wyma

Raeanne Tangedal

Michelle Barratt

Amy Snyder

Kat Johnstone

Jenn Zaffino

Motion to accept the minutes from March 8, 2023 as presented was made by _____ Daron _____ and seconded by _____ Jamie S. _____. All in favor. Carried.

Reports

President – Geoff

- Special Meeting
 - Spoke about this at the last meeting – the need to have the treasurer appointed; and by changing that role we needed to created a new role
 - Blair will stay on as the VP of Coach Development, new roles available for election this year will be VP Player Development (3 years) and Director of Programs (2 years)
 - New Director Programs to look at affiliation processes
 - Requesting to adjust President term by one year so that it allows for better succession in future

Current Pattern for Re-Election

Role	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
President	✓			✓		
VP Coach			✓			✓
VP Player	✓			✓		
Director Programs	✓		✓		✓	
Secretary		✓		✓		✓
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Future Pattern for Re-Election

Role	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
President		✓			✓	
VP Coach			✓			✓
VP Player	✓			✓		
Director Programs	✓		✓		✓	
Secretary		✓		✓		✓
	2	2	2	2	2	2



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- Male Programs with Daytime programming for OAAA – discussions with HA
 - There will be no daytime programming in AB, currently OAAA U18AAA and U17AAA
 - They can have early morning ice times that are mandatory, they can have non-mandatory ice during the day
 - Billet program will still exist
 - Jamie is already looking at ice schedules, won't affect OMHA

VP Coach/Player Development – Blair

VP Programs –

OAAA – Pat

Treasurer – Amanda

- Reminder to directors to please remind teams that haven't returned equipment of the FINAL equipment drop off on Saturday (Apr 22 at 3:00 pm) and to please get their team accounting
 - All teams received communications regarding what they have outstanding

Secretary – Karla

- Special Meeting- change of venue
- AGM – May 17, Mesken Room at FCC
- Nomination Forms, will come out next week with new roles

Equipment – Roy/Jeremy

- New equipment team has started, leads will be Joe McCormick and Kat Johnston
- Had a couple inquiries about renting out goalie equipment again
 - OMHA cannot as the risk is too high for the equipment to come back in bad shape and not much time/funds to replace in time for season

Admin – Lindsay

Operations – Jamie

- Thank you to everyone
- HAPD is being extended, Okotoks will apply to have 1 team again

Safety Director – Orinda

- Always thinking outside the box, trying to find an application to offer the program online but they are all expensive
- Suggestion to rename the course because so many people get confused during registration
 - OSC Course (Okotoks Safety Certification) was suggested
 - Open to other suggestions
- Amy will come back next year



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Fundraising – Geoff

- Geoff talking with town again about taking down the expired rink boards and to put up new ones
- Maybe send out RAMP to remind people of option for sponsorship? Maybe package with sales from Jr A Oilers at a discount/commission?
- Will throw it out there at AGM to see if anyone wants to organize a Jerseys N Jeans type event for October/November?

Game & Conduct – TBD

Web Admin – Graeme

Goalie Liason – Jarett

Okotoks Ref Assoc – Brenda

Manager of Directors – Daron

- Looked at Blair's surveys, suggestion on adding in area for Coaches to fill out comments about issues they have had on the team; there has been a lot of repeat offenders in G & C that coaches could help identify before that person potentially makes a breach enough to get them into G & C
- Look at having additional support for Directors over evaluations – people are getting more and more heated and approaching Directors and being more aggressive
- Directors, if you have issues, come to Daron

Rec League – Rebecca/Nadine

Female – Jenn/Crystal

- The Okotoks U15 and U18 Female teams have concluded a successful season.
- U15A finished the regular season in top spot and went on to win the U15A league banner in the final round of playoffs in a 3 game series with West Central. Okotoks hosted the U15A Provincial Championships at Scott Seaman unfortunately they didn't make it to the final game but the event was a great success.
- U15B Green finished the regular season in 3rd place and lost out in the second round of playoffs to Brooks.
- U15B Gold finished the regular season in 4th place and won the U15B league banner in the final round of playoffs beating Brooks in a 3 game series. They attended Provincials in Calgary.
- U18A finished the regular season in 2nd place and went on to win the U18A league banner in the final round of playoffs with Stettler.
- U18B Green finished the regular season in 2nd place and played the Okotoks Gold team in the first round of playoffs winning that series. U18B Green continued on losing out in the final rounds of playoffs to 3C's.
- U18B Gold finished the regular season in 6th place, playing Okotoks Green in the first round of playoffs ending their season.
- Strathmore Minor hockey after a season with no female hockey has rebranded their program and in hopes of rebuilding they will be encompassing girls from Strathmore, Chestermere, Indus, and Sisikia



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minor hockey associations (anything east of Calgary) calling themselves the Wheatland Wranglers. This will impact the numbers within Okotoks minor female as we currently have approximately 19 players from these areas. Geoff and myself have put in a query to HA and will update when there is more information.

Initiation (U7) – Jenny

Novice (U9) – Dhara

Atom House (U11 House) – Michelle

- One team missed the drop off date for equipment but will be at the next one
- Bussing
 - Just need to add the following to the policy: If any vehicles are left overnight or longer at the rink to send the license plate numbers to the bus safety person so they can be given to the rink staff

Atom Travel (U11 Travel) – Carolyn

Pewee House (U13 House) – Candice

Pewee Travel (U13 Travel) – Jamie

- U13 Tier 1 won provincials. They were the only U13 team that qualified

Bantam (U15) – Jenn Z.

Midget (U18) – Bruce

- None of the U18 teams made it to Provincials

Questions:

Meeting Adjourned: 7:59 pm