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AGENDA – August 17, 2022

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~~

Dhara Rogers

Carolyn Berven

Brenda Honish

Orinda McCann

~~Jarett Finney~~

~~Candice Wyma~~

Amy Snyder

~~Roy Bowlby~~

Karla Helm

Blair Scott

~~Daron Dumanski~~

Nadine Neufeld

Jamie Whalley

Graeme Sloane

Crystal Crawford

~~Raeanne Tangedal~~

Motion to accept the minutes from Jun 15, 2022 as presented was made by _____ Jenn Z _____ and seconded by _____ Todd _____. All in favor. Carried.

Reports

President – Geoff

- Development Camp
 - Great registration, had to cancel only one group due to low turn-out
- CAHL Governors – need 4
- Safety / Wellness – Now Mindful Wellbeing
 - They put together a proposal and will communicate with membership
- Coach selection
 - Will be coming up soon, exec are just reviewing for red flags
- Equipment locker
 - Will be changing code due to people stealing equipment
- Goalie gear / jersey bags
 - New gear/bags for this season are here



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VP Coach/Player Development – Blair

- The 2022-23 season prep is well underway. There has been an overall strong response for coach applications and our interview process is in motion beginning with a 3rd party committee established to select the HC for our U11AA team. Following this, we will turn our attention to the division directors to begin vetting and scheduling HC interviews early in September. Our expectation is that all Head Coaches being considered will be sent to our group for review. We will determine who we would like to meet with and work alongside the director to set-up and participate in the process. Further guidance will precede the scheduling of coach interviews.

I am excited with the results of both registration and OMHA development camp numbers. Several board members made a significant effort to promote the association and offer our membership meaningful pre-season development opportunities. I am happy with our supporting vendors whom will ensure quality instruction is delivered to our athletes. Many of these vendors will be retained or available for in-season development as well. I would encourage you to observe these sessions in-motion so your feedback can help us build on what we hope will be a successful venture.

In July I met with Gabe Amyotte and Roy Bowlby regarding a coach mentoring initiative for OMHA. The opportunity in front of us is significant and we have a list of potential mentors that will hopefully help. During this process it became clear that a holistic launch of this would be difficult therefore we intend to pilot this program with 2-3 teams from each division for the coming season. The mentor/mentee process will be shared during head-coach interviews and enhancements to the initiative will be based on this years' experience. This may require an honorarium in future years depending on mentor response and availability. For now, our priority will be to recruit volunteers for this as a form of professional development or simply paying it forward. (likely will start with below U15 and in the lower tiers)

If you have any suggestions to help enhance the experience for our coaches and athletes, please feel free to connect with myself, Todd Esler or any member the executive team.

VP Programs – Todd

- U16 Tier 1 and U13 Tier 1 will have no tiering rounds, will go directly into league play
- OMHA-U11HADP
 - Will be the team above U11 Tier 1
 - Ranking will be ahead of the regular U11
 - Have accepted players from outside organization
 - Requested to go from 2 HA approved teams to 1, was permitted



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- If you don't make the team, you are released back into your own association
- They will have a parent meeting during try-outs, Carolyn to put together slideshow that will include approximate ice cost and schedule (team funded extra practice)
- Will play in CAHL
- Players still need to be offered the opportunity to have the 4 skates prior to evaluations (yes, the development camps)
- All practices full ice, not sure if any will be morning
- HC will pick AC's with OMHA's support
- U16T1
 - No more U16 teams left for HA, this team will play alongside another 5-6 teams in CAHL
 - Separate ranking sessions
 - Once full, players will go to RHL or OMHA tiered
- Throughout the season will address:
 - Affiliation
 - Goalies
 - Female development/teams

OOAA – Pat

Treasurer – Kelly

- Upcoming casino (Sept 12 & 13, 2022) and positions available
 - Almost all full, some daytime shifts on Tuesday (Sept 13)
 - Was originally scheduled over COVID, so this is a re-do

Secretary – Karla

- OMHA Board Room rental open to OOAA and ORA
 - Will open it up to teams once the room is set-up
 - Cost will be \$25
 - Will create rental agreement that includes:
 - Clean up after
 - Wipe whiteboards
 - Wipe tables
 - Put tables/chairs back as they were
 - No hanging on walls

Equipment – Roy/Jeremy

- A few challenges but they started early this year



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- Locks are being changed
- Will give Safety binders/kits to Orinda

Admin – Lindsay

- Missing RIS - No one has excuse to say they didn't know theirs expired, just sent out 3rd reminder; still lots left
- Registration – up over 65+ players from last year, but still could change/drop after evals
- Camps – still some spots left, Directors check with Lindsay to see how many spots left in your age group; link is still open
- U11 HADP – over 60+ players registered for try-outs, 14 of them are outside of the association; Of the 8-9 goalies, only 2 are from outside the association so lots of goalies coming back to OMHA
- Coach applications – still open, AC's need to submit application too
- Received 2 bonus cheques - \$12,000 from HC for hosting the Esso/Telus Cups, and \$2000 from U15 AA Raiders on behalf of purchasing old Provincials items from PW team that couldn't host during COVID, and for the Mindful Wellbeing program

Operations – Jamie

Safety Director – Orinda

- Safety and mental health update
 - Not much changing this year, mandated that at least 1 AC take the course (5 classes being offered)
 - Continue with Headcheck U15 and higher, and with Injury Reporting
 - Now being called Mindful Wellbeing – rolling it out minimally and all will be confidential (just a tracking list of team and general subject/topic); Will do a parent Zoom meeting

Fundraising – Geoff

Game & Conduct – TBD

Web Admin – Graeme

- Division Directors, you have control of your Division page, ask Graeme for login info so you can update it
- Beware of SPAM/Phishing – especially from Geoff, no one will be asking you to buy anything

Goalie Liason – Jarett

Okotoks Ref Assoc – Brenda



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- New forms for booking tournaments/exhibition – will add to website, link is http://ora.goalline.ca/page.php?page_id=35697
- Clinics not out yet, but new this year, 1st year refs will be offered a course during the week

Manager of Directors – Daron

Rec League – Rebecca/Nadine

- Just finished RHL meeting, pretty much the same except that they are adding 2 Red Deer teams to the U18 division
- U18 needs goalies and players, Nadine to talk to Jamie about options

Female – Jenn/Crystal

- Aug 29 – HA Junior Female Meeting

Initiation (U7) – Jenny

- U7 photo boards in Centennial that show the Timbits teams every year
 - Contacted Ken to see cost to finish updating to last year, this would fill the board, do we make more? What to do with this year's team?
 - Town had them in storage and then just randomly brought them out; Geoff talked to town about a Trophy case by our OMHA Board room, maybe we could add something there

Novice (U9) – Dhara

Atom House (U11 House) – Michelle

- 17 goalies registered for both House and Travel
- Formal invite went out to outlying associations about joining house

Atom Travel (U11 Travel) – Carolyn

- 3 scrimmages for U11 HADP tryouts will be 1 hour long

Pewee House (U13 House) – Candice

Pewee Travel (U13 Travel) – Jamie

- Number of travel teams for U13 to be discussed - 4 teams, hopefully 6 for house

Bantam (U15) – Jenn Z.

Midget (U18) – Bruce



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Questions:

Meeting Adjourned: 8:33 PM

APPROVED