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MINUTES – February 8, 2023

Called to Order: 7:01 PM

Welcome

Attendance

Geoff Stewart

Jeremy Gough

Roy Bowlby

Amanda Germain

Karla Helm

Lindsay Graw

Jamie Steer

Blair Scott

Jenny Sekulich

~~Dhara Rogers~~

Daron Dumanski

~~Bruce Layte~~

Carolyn Berven

Nadine Neufeld

Rebecca Streit

~~Brenda Honish~~

Jamie Whalley

Jennifer Dustow

~~Orinda McCann~~

Graeme Sloane

~~Pat de Haas~~

Jarett Finney

Crystal Crawford

Michelle Barratt

Candice Wyma

Raeanne Tangedal

Jenn Zaffino

Amy Snyder

Motion to accept the minutes from January 11, 2023 as presented was made by Jennifer D. and seconded by Michelle B.. All in favor. Carried.

Reports

President – Geoff

- Directors, watch the next few weeks with game and conduct issues going into playoffs; it is usually across all divisions; G & C can handle it, they can screen issues to see if it's at the right level
- Talked with ref association, having troubles coordinating a time that works for all re: the round table, they're going to set something up more as an 'end of year' review
- Working on budget for replacements for jerseys
 - Doing now to due to stock issues and supply issues
 - Midget jerseys are in rough shape, and then will cascade down
 - Going to put it to tender
 - RHL Midget sublimated are holding up well, players and parents like them as they are light
 - It was an accident at first, but will look at all possibilities
 - Quality looks like they will last?

VP Coach/Player Development – Blair



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- Board Member recruitment & retention – start thinking now and reaching out if you will not be back
- Coach Surveys - Proposed Enhancements, these were relied on heavily for coach selections
 - Adding managers too, maybe Directors too?
 - Used to do both with Roy?
- Thanks and Appreciation - Board Members & Team Officials
- Jeremy met with equipment volunteers for next year; he was happy with the ones that showed up (3-4 for future committee); they will decide and let everyone know (need to look to see if there was any issues within OMHA with these volunteers)

VP Programs –

OOAA – Pat

- Yesterday Geoff & Jamie met with OOAA and HA, they were told no daytime programs for male U17AAA and U18AAA
 - Daytime ice is crucial for ensuring enough ice for other teams/OMHA
 - Caught OOAA off guard; dealt with HA & response of questions, presented them; HA said it was non-negotiable, they said it was due to the Education Act
 - Concerned that if it's only 1 parent yet feedback is mainly 90%
 - Other associations have similar programs as OOAA, however, they are not called Daytime
 - They feel like HA is pushing players towards a more academy based program/school
 - Female isn't affected because they have open borders
 - Can we move local AA teams to daytime? This will open options to move AAA to another location/time
 - Suggestion to join with Airdrie to discuss with lawyer – share cost

Treasurer – Amanda

Secretary – Karla

- Lacrosse Promo will be on social media

Equipment – Roy/Jeremy

Admin – Lindsay

- Update on Trophies/Plaques
 - U13 House trophy is ready, grab it before the weekend and return it after team pics/presentation – no longer allowed to go home; return it to the case
 - Send winners of trophies to Lindsay so that she can update trophies



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- Graduating certificates/jerseys
 - All distributed, thanks to Jeremy for helping get the jerseys
- Travel permits for house playoffs – get to Lindsay asap so that she can apply

Operations – Jamie

- Update on CAHL meeting that I am zooming tonight
 - Over 100 teams, they are trying to see who gets home ice
 - If series has to be done in a weekend, teams get a choice of best of 3, or 2 games total
 - They sent out a CAHL email to those playing, did you get it?
 - Yes to those present that were in the specific age sent out
 - U16AA and HADP CAHL emails not out yet
- Ice scheduling end of season and play-offs
 - Lots of ice available

Safety Director – Orinda

Fundraising – Geoff

- No casino now for 2.5 years

Game & Conduct – TBD

Web Admin – Graeme

Goalie Liason – Jarett

Okotoks Ref Assoc – Brenda

Manager of Directors – Daron

Rec League – Rebecca/Nadine

- U15 – all Okotoks teams made playoffs
 - A – 6th place, record of 6-5-1
 - B – last place, record of 0-11-1
 - C – 2nd place, record of 9-3-0
 - D – 3rd place, record of 8-4-0
- U18 – all Okotoks teams made playoffs
 - A – 3rd place, record of 10-4-2



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- B – 2nd place, record of 11-5-0
- C – 8th place, record of 7-7-2
- D – 7th place, record of 7-6-3

Female – Jenn/Crystal

- U18 A – asking for a #18 jersey for a player that would have finished playing her last year but couldn't sign up due to shoulder surgery that would have prevented her from playing all season
 - Lindsay will get a certificate and jersey for her

Initiation (U7) – Jenny

- Met with Okotoks Intro to Hockey tournament and town on trying to figure out what to do with the board sets – Geoff needs to get a flat deck and move them to Piper storage

Novice (U9) – Dhara

Atom House (U11 House) – Michelle

- House b is starting their playoffs this weekend as they have 4 teams
- House a starts the following weekend
- Both are round robin style with the top 2 advancing to the final game on Feb 26
- U11 storm got the orange jerseys for the orange jersey project - as we went to a wrangles game as the warm up crew

Atom Travel (U11 Travel) – Carolyn

- AA – 4th of 6 teams
- T1 – 5th of 6 teams
- T2 – 4th of 5 teams
- T3 – last, they were struggling and didn't want to move down – Governor has asked if they would like to move down for playoffs
- CAHL Update - U11 is going to try to have a consolation round to extend their season to the required date

Pewee House (U13 House) – Candice

- Very drama free this year, good coaches, managers and we changed the draft process
- Playoffs are even matched this year
- HR team only has about 8 kids but won't let kids go to Okotoks teams

Pewee Travel (U13 Travel) – Jamie



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- Tier 1 – Currently in 2nd place in their division and will be in playoffs
- Tier 2 – Currently in 1st place in their division and will be in playoffs
- Tier 3 – Currently in 5th place in their division and will be in playoffs
- Tier 3 (used to be Tier 4) – Currently in 8th place in their division and are on the bubble for playoffs
- U13 Tournament Funds – we definitely need to improve the process of disbursement of funds. Need more communication to teams on using these funds. We also need to ensure that the correct process is being followed with respect to what funds can be used for and how the funds are being disbursed. We do have a policy and both teams, directors and tournament coordinators should need to follow it.
 - OMHA used to put to tender and submit dates to teams that people were coming
- Feedback I have received from teams has been that they are struggling with refs this season, not for the odd missed call but watching kids get hurt and not making any calls, talking with the parents from other the teams during floods or not making any calls against the opposing team. This has typically happened outside of Okotoks at away games.
 - Get refs to meet with coaches at Christmas/mid year? They can explain certain situations and why they are (ie. Injured players on ice)
 - Also, new refs don't have the U9 experience now so they're starting in U11 and quickly escalating to U13

Bantam (U15) – Jenn Z.

- All Okotoks CAHL U15 teams should be in playoffs.
- Playoffs start February 17th weekend.

Midget (U18) – Bruce

Questions:

- Anyone want a set of orange jerseys?

Meeting Adjourned: 8:04 PM