
OMHA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



2022-2023

May 17, 2023 – 7:00 PM

AGENDA

- Roll Call of Officers & Directors
- President's Report
- VP Programs Report
- VP Development Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Sponsorship Report
- Volunteer Awards
- Operations Coordinator
- Okotoks Referee Association
- Director's Reports
- Elections
- Open Forum
- Adjournment



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- The Coaches, Managers, and other volunteers that made our season successful
- The Okotoks Referee Association
- The Executive Committee and Board of Directors
- Game and Conduct Directors – Jacquie and team
- Operations Coordinator – Jamie Steer
- OMHA Administration – Lindsay Graw
- All the Sponsors
- Equipment Coordinator – Roy Bowlby/Jeremy Gough
- Intro to Hockey Tournament – Jenny Sekulich, Dhara Rogers, and team
- U13 Tournament – Karla Wingate and team
- Okotoks Female Hockey Classic – Jennifer Dustow and team
- All of the parents and players for their hard work and passion to play



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

HIGHLIGHTS & SUCCESSES

- Financially Stabilized Balance Sheet
- Implemented processes for financial transparency and accountability for all
- Solicit feedback from our membership and coaches through Survey Monkey
- Held 3 great Tournaments - Female, U13, and Intro to Hockey
- Further On Ice Development, including additional goalie sessions.
- We have ordered new jersey's for our U18 division.
- Continue to add Board Positions and volunteers
- Executive/Director Team



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

GRADUATING U18 PLAYERS, INCLUDES OOAA*

FEMALE

28 Players

Ava Dease
Elyssa Williams
Levi Borys
Kate Brennan
Reese Gunning
Sophie Kern
Rachel Terretta
Kiera Wilcox
Elsa Owen
Syrianna Running Rabbit

Kiera Dowell
Olivia Mintenko
Rowan Bremner
Cara Grant
Brooklyn Gillings
Gracie Ruigrok
Hannah Stratton
Mackenzie Aasen
Halle Weber

Ava Holmes-Binns
Sabrina Allen
Kasia Cives
Kaylan Easson
Jasmin Kerr
Taylor Schubert
Hayden Thompson
Chayse Misana
Paige Williams



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

GRADUATING U18 PLAYERS, INCLUDES OOAA*

MALE

42 players

Griffin Amyotte
Dawson Barratt
Hunter Cobb
Ethan Cox
Dryden Harding
Levi Hamm
Christian Quinn
Ty Archer
Tyson Endall
Ethan Slawson
Kade Sicotte
Giroux
Jake Bourdin
Ian Criddle

Devin McCoy
Nicholas Pearse-Brooks
Jordan Szilagyi
Ted Tell
Dylan Stefanic
Carter Navage
Mac Wiberg
Ned Ceklic
James Petrovich
Will Harris
Sam Frost
Gavin Bishop
Ty William
Noah Fuhr

Jamie Hill
Ben Kozak
Miller Patrick
Jakob Semeniuk
Cole Morris
Ethan Mackesey
George Simmons
Riley McIntosh
Charlie Goll
Bergen Spencer
Andrew Sikora Evan
Philip Jefferies
Zachary Fuhr
Eddie Donaldson



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

CHALLENGES

- Game and Conduct – different challenges throughout, and after, pandemic
- OMHA Structure and Succession
- Engage additional OMHA members to expand organization
- New Fundraising



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

2023-2024 SEASON

- Player Skill Development sessions
 - Pre-season Development sessions
 - OMHA funded On going “In Season” Player Development
 - Position and age specific sessions hosted by OMHA approved Development Partners
- UI6 Tier I - CAHL
- UII HADP/UII AA - I Team again



ALL DIVISIONS – 1265 PLAYERS

Age Division	OMHA	OAAA	Total	# of OMHA Teams	# of League Teams
Female	201	17 (U13A) 38(elite) 7 (AAA)	263	12	10 RMHL
U7	143	NA	143	10	NA
U9	173	NA	173	9	NA
U11	162	NA	162	10	4 CAHL
U13	159	17 (AA)	176	10	4 CAHL
U15	146	19 (AA) 10 (AAA)	175	8	4 CAHL 4 RHL
U16	18	15 (AA)	33	1	1 CAHL
U17	0	10 (AAA)	10	0	NA
U18	105	19 (AA) 6 (AAA)	130	6	2 CAHL 4 RHL
Total	1107	158	1265	66	33

OMHA/OOAA PLAYER/TEAM SUMMARY

	2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023	
DIVISION	# Players	#OMHA Teams	# Players	# OMHA Teams	# Players	#OMHA Teams
U7	127	10	139	10	143	10
U9	194	5 Cohorts	173	11	206	11
U11	183	12	204	13	208	13
U13	263	13	221	10	211	11
U15	175	7	161	6	187	7
U18	223	6	224	6	222	6
RHL U15/U18	143	8	142	9	138	8
TOTALS	1308	56 plus 5 cohorts	1264	65	1315	66

VP PROGRAMS – VACANT

- Full season with very few schedule interruptions
- Communication between Board and Membership
- U11 and U13 House programs
 - Competitive streams A and B
 - Solicit Teams from Foothills and High Country
 - Ranking Sessions to utilize consistent group of Evaluators (possibly Coach applicants) and Evaluation Criteria
 - Transparent Team Selection process
- Affiliation Program Development
 - Request vs Mandate
 - OMHA feeder to OOAA
- OMHA In Season Player Development Sessions
- U13 and U15 number of Travel teams



Health and Safety

Orinda McCann

OSC- Okotoks Safety Certification

- Required every 2 years.
- Course includes: OMHA EAP, how to stabilize a suspected spinal injury, safely remove a player from the ice, further assess off ice if needed and reviewed current RTP policies.

HeadCheck

- Concussion data collection system
- U15 and U18 CAHL, RMFL
- Low Compliance

Hockey Canada Injury reports

- All teams must report injuries in which a player does not return to the game or practice.
- Hockey Alberta requirement

Mindful Wellbeing - Amy Snyder

- Successful year
- Teams and individual players accessed the program/Amy
- Information sheet on the program to follow

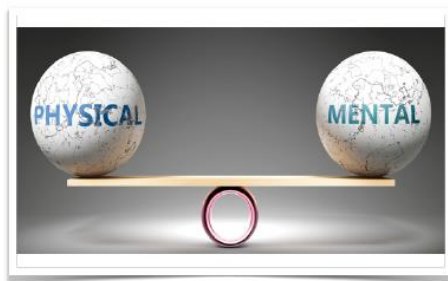


Health and Safety

Amy Snyder

Mindful Wellness

Mental Health Program



What is Mindful Wellness?

The Mental Health Initiative started in 2019 with a Mental Wellness Survey created by Dr. Caroline Harker-McDonald and her research team at Mount Royal University. The survey was distributed among OMHA and OAAA players to assess the players overall well-being. From there, the OMHA welcomed Amy Snyder (Parallel Youth Connections) to add a Mental Wellness component to their safety program.

The goal of the now "Mindful Wellness" Initiative, in addition to the physical component provided by the safety program, is to support both social and emotional well-being, and to ensure players have both physical and mental health balance to perform their best.

What is Mental Health?

Mental Health or Mental Wellness, refers to: "A person's condition with regard to their psychological, social and emotional well-being. It affects how we think, feel and act. It also helps us determine how we handle stress, relate to others and make choices. Mental health is important at every stage in life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood."



Your mental health is just as important as your physical health.



Early identification and intervention are key



1 in 5 Canadians are affected by mental health problems

What we know about Sports and Mental Health

- Team sports build STRONG RELATIONSHIPS
- Improves SLEEP
- Teaches RESILIENCE
- Teaches PERSEVERANCE
- Builds LEADERSHIP skills
- Distracts the brain and REDUCES STRESS

What can Mindful Wellness look like for your association or team?

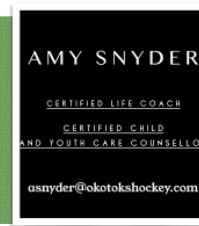
Amy is currently primarily working with teams within OMHA, but has had some involvement with OAAA. To date for the 2022/2023 hockey season she has responded to over 60 reach outs from parents, coaches and players. Her involvement consists of individual and team session that are mindful, strength-based and empowering. These sessions address current themes or concerns while providing a safe, positive team environment. Some examples of these sessions are: Mental Health, Sports & Mental Health, Stigma, Social Media, Decision Making, Resilience, Perspectives, Team Positivity and Goal Setting.

Players have access to Amy's services whenever they need it, in accordance to the players preferred method of communication, and can book one to one sessions as well. All sessions are confidential.

"Amy was an integral component to our hockey season last year. It was no secret that our young players were struggling with their mental well-being after their return from COVID-19. As a coaching staff, we felt it necessary to bring in Amy as a resource to ensure our players mental health was looked after. Our players loved meeting with her as a team every two weeks, often feeling refreshed, supported, and ready to continue on with their busy week. We were pleased to find out that once our sessions with Amy started, our players felt like they could better manage this stress, while also feeling validated in their emotional responses. Additionally, the coaching staff could not ask for a better mental health liaison throughout the season. Amy always gave us 24-hour access to her; should we need to call from the road, set up an emergency session or individual meeting, or give us strategies on how to meditate our players overall mental well-being for that week, she was always easy to get into contact with. It was a tough season on all of us; however, Amy's unwavering support, knowledge, and guidance, allowed us to confidently continue forward, even in the toughest times. As a coaching staff, we believe that mental health is a large aspect of the game and therefore, we could not be more excited to bring Amy back for her second season with the Raiders!"

BE AWARE...KNOW WHEN TO REACH OUT...KNOW WHO TO REACH OUT TO

It is important to be sensitive to the ever-changing needs and situations of our players and families.



VP PLAYER/COACH DEVELOPMENT – BLAIR SCOTT

Special thank you to all of the Coaches who volunteered and supported the OMHA throughout the year.

COACH Development Courses

- 3 Courses hosted by Hockey Alberta
- Coach 1, Coach 2, and Checking.
- Registrations were strong, opportunity to expand

Pre-Season Development Camps

- Solid vendor partnerships
- Great member participation
- Reinvestment of proceeds for further development

In-Season Team Development

- Mixed uptake by teams.
- Enhancements to booking process
- Access to alternate vendors at preferred pricing



VP PLAYER/COACH DEVELOPMENT – BLAIR SCOTT

Coach Mentoring Program

- Developing our next Great Coach!
- Underutilized resource - Looking to enhance uptake
- Add practice evaluations/feedback for 2023-24

Coaches Challenge

- Interviews were time consuming - catch up post covid
- Expand timeline from naming coach to coaches skate
- Early season communication with parents
- 3 coach related incidents

Feedback Surveys

- Added additional surveys for other team officials, board members
- Feedback is important both positive and constructive
- Strong response for 2022-23 Season



VP PLAYER/COACH DEVELOPMENT – BLAIR SCOTT

Evaluations

- Smooth for the most part. A few placement inquiries per normal
- House and RHL evaluations worked well for balancing teams
- Need more membership support for non-paid evaluations
- Verbal abuse and mistreatment of some Division Directors

In Season Challenges

- Some cases of maltreatment and dressing room incidents
- Dividing board removal past scheduled ice.
- Limited concerns from Arena Staff. Most handled quickly
- Ice challenges at Murray (ORC). Softness and resurfacers reliability



VP PLAYER/COACH DEVELOPMENT – BLAIR SCOTT

THE GOOD NEWS !

- Overall Okotoks teams performed very well in most divisions.
- Several league banners WON
- Strong performances at Provincial Championships
- U13 Tier I Provincial Champions!
- Positive Feedback from other associations re OMHA
- OMHA on the road - Praise for our care of others facilities & officials
- Many “NEW” Head Coaches found success
- Okotoks is a preferred Tournament spot! Thanks to our Volunteers



VP PLAYER/COACH DEVELOPMENT – BLAIR SCOTT

COACH OF THE YEAR

1. Demonstrates the ability to teach and contribute to fundamental skill development of the players
2. Demonstrates dedication to the Game, Association, Team and Players, beyond what is expected of a coach.
3. Provides positive leadership and integrity, with and interest in furthering not only the physical development of the players, but also the intellectual and character development of the players.

34 – Coach Nominations submitted, Thank You!!!



VP PLAYER/COACH DEVELOPMENT – BLAIR SCOTT
COACH of the YEAR

2022/2023 Coach of the Year

CONGRATULATIONS:

James Archer & Greg Schnell
Petrina Clingman



TREASURER – AMANDA GERMAIN

2023-2024 SEASON

- Registration opens on June 19 and closes July 23. Any registrations after July 23rd are subject to a \$100 late registration fee.
- U15 jerseys will be replaced during this season.
- Small increase in registration fees for the coming season.
- Huge thank you to our tournament organizers and their committee members! Great tournaments hosted this year with funds to teams for development and funds to the association.



TREASURER – AMANDA GERMAIN

FEES BY DIVISION

DIVISION	2021-2022 Fee	2022-2023 Fee	2023-2024 Fee	Increase (%)
U7	\$780	\$825	\$835	1.2%
U9	\$960	\$990	\$1,000	1.0%
U11	\$1,040	\$1,070	\$1,095	2.34%
U13	\$1,105	\$1,138	\$1,165	2.37%
U15	\$1,160	\$1,195	\$1,220	2.09%
U18	\$1,175	\$1,210	\$1,235	2.07%
U13 House	\$1,105	\$1,138	\$1,165	2.37%
U15 Rec (RHL)	\$800	\$825	\$835	1.21%
U18Rec (RHL)	\$800	\$825	\$835	1.21%



TREASURER – AMANDA GERMAIN

TOURNEY FINANCIALS - FEMALE

2022 Female Hockey Classic Final Tournament Budget

Income

Team Entry Fee	U9 4 x \$1300	\$5,200.00
	U18B team \$800	\$800.00
	U11-U18 26 x \$1600	\$41,600.00
	U15AA 4 x \$1800	\$7,200.00
Sponsorship/Program Advertising	13 x 800 per team	\$11,575.00
Raffle Table	637 x \$20	\$12,740.00
pick a player	617 x \$5	\$3,085.00
50/50		\$3,164.25
Silent Auction		\$4,266.00

Income Total \$89,630.25

Expense

Meeting Rooms & Ice Fees	\$23,350.40
Ref Fees (90 Games)	\$11,207.83
Medals	\$2,474.01
Programs	\$1,653.75
Heart & Hustle	\$2,830.57
T- Shirts	\$10,788.75
Supplies	\$1,869.56
Pick A Player board and payout	\$1,119.48
Left Loonie Stick payout	\$300.00
Right Loonie Stick payout	\$226.00
Door Magnets	\$781.20
DJ for Glow Party	\$850.00
Team Refund (13 teams)x1000	\$13,000.00
Bank Fees	\$89.25
Website	\$210.00
Our City Cares	\$1,000.00
Okotoks Food Bank	\$1,000.00
Rowan House	\$500.00
OMHA Development Fund	\$3,500.00
Storage fee	\$1,413.00

Expense Total \$78,163.80

2022 Net Profit/Loss: **\$11,466.45**



TREASURER – AMANDA GERMAIN

TOURNEY FINANCIALS – U13

Okotoks U13 Tournament

Revenue

Team Entry Fees	\$ 51,000
Raffle, 50/50, silent auction	21,995
Sponsorship	<u>5,000</u>

Total Revenue **\$ 77,995**

Expenses

Meeting Room/Ice costs	20,383
Referee costs	11,808
Player gifts (medals, t-shirts, socks, etc)	9,057
Misc. supplies	3,549
Bank charges	<u>199</u>

Tournament Expenses **\$ 44,996**

Development paid for peewee teams	18,195
Donation to OMHA for development	3,000

Net Profit (Loss) of Tournament **\$ 11,804**



TREASURER – AMANDA GERMAIN

TOURNEY FINANCIALS – INTRO TO HOCKEY U7 + U9

Okotoks Intro to Hockey Tournament

Revenue

Team Entry Fees	\$ 29,250
Raffle, Silent Auction, 50/50	<u>29,017</u>

Total Revenue **\$ 58,267**

Expenses

Player gifts (medals, t-shirts, heart hustle, etc)	28,067
Ice costs	6,693
Misc Supplies	6,269
Referee	1,483
Bank Charges	<u>175</u>
Tournament Expenses	\$ 42,687

Development paid for U7 & U9 teams	7,263
Donation to OMHA for development	<u>2,200</u>

Net Profit (Loss) of Tournament **\$6,117**



SPONSORSHIP REPORT - OPEN

Division Sponsors

Tim Hortons, Professional Skate Services, McDonalds

2022/23 Sponsorship and Community support was impacted by Covid. OMHA is rolling out some new initiatives and planning for:

- Arena Board Sponsorship
- Fundraising Events
- Player Development Program sponsorship
- Jersey Replacement Program
- Divisional Sponsorship
- Preferred Vendor Program

OMHA thanks our long term sponsors who continue to support our organization year on year. We look forward to re-building our sponsorship program by adding value to all who participate.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AWARDS

2022/2023 SEASON

Okotoks Minor Hockey Association is proud to acknowledge the accomplishments of the following outstanding volunteers who are receiving a volunteer appreciation award.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AWARDS

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2022/2023

ORINDA MCCANN

Congratulations and thank you for contributing to the success
of the Association, on behalf of OMHA



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AWARDS

MANAGER OF THE YEAR 2022/2023

Congratulations to the volunteer managers of the 2022/2023 hockey season in the OMHA. A volunteer role takes commitment and effort. The following nominees have been recognized by their coach for going above and beyond in their role as manager and doing an exemplary job for the team:

KRISTI SPENCER

Congratulations and thank you for contributing to the success of the Association, on behalf of OMHA



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AWARDS

LONG SERVICE VOLUNTEER AWARD

This award is given to a volunteer(s) that have volunteered for a number of years with OMHA, often behind the scenes and we just want to acknowledge their time and dedication and say “THANKS”

"To all of those before us who have spent time, energy, and focus on always moving this association forward, we thank you"

GABE AMYOTTE
&
AMANDA GERMAIN

Congratulations and thank you for contributing to the success of the Association, on behalf of OMHA



OPERATIONS COORDINATOR – JAMIE STEER

TUNE-UPS AND CLINICS

- **Tune-Ups** - 20th year that OMHA provided Tune-ups. This past season again though we only utilized them at the younger ages and house divisions.
- **Conditioning Camps**- Okotoks Minor Hockey ran a pre season Conditioning Camp for all ages and different skills . We used several different vendors and these were popular as way to get ready for the season
- **Goalie Clinics** – Conducted Sunday night Goalie Clinics. This season we used Hockey Alberta. Lots of our young goalies took advantage of this clinic and the feedback was good.

EVALUATIONS

- **Evaluators** – For the 24th season OMHA used hired independent evaluators in OMHA travel. Thank you for the grueling month of September.
- **Volunteers** - Also a thank you to all the volunteer evaluators at the House and RHL levels. It takes a lot and OMHA appreciates it.
- **K2** - ran the on ice portion of the skills evaluations for the 8th season. They did an incredible and professional job.



OPERATIONS COORDINATOR – JAMIE STEER

TEAMS and SUCCESS

- 33 Okotoks House League teams (10 U7's, 11 U9's, 6 U11's and 6 U13's). Congrats to the U11 House Storm and Yetis the U13 Ice Hawks and Mighty Pucks on winning the House Championships.
- 8 RHL teams(4 U15's and 4 U18's) Congrats to U18 Okotoks A who won their banner.
- 26 league teams (includes 17 CAHL and 9 RMFHL). RMFHL: 3 banners won, U15 B Gold, U15 A and U18 A! CAHL: U13 Tier 1 and Tier 2 won their banner!
- Provincials: U18 Female A, U15 Female A, U15 Female B Gold and U13 Tier 1 represented us at Provincials this season, Congrats as well



OPERATIONS COORDINATOR – JAMIE STEER

Huge Thanks to everyone that makes Okotoks Minor Hockey Run

- Managers, Coaches, and team volunteers
- Executive Board and OMHA Board
- Evaluators
- Brenda Honish, Brent Peterson, and all our Referees
- Serena Rowland, Sean Murphy, and the arena staffs
- Managers and Tournament committees
- CAHL, RMFHL and RHL for hosting our teams and their endless work



OPERATIONS COORDINATOR – JAMIE STEER

Volunteers we must have for our teams to play in our leagues and THANK YOU

- Trevor McFarlane (CAHL VP)
- Jamie Steer (CAHL Director)
- Lindsay Graw (CAHL Data/ Roster Entry)
- Jen Malin, Nick Roper, Denise Plouffe, Michael Wonderham, and Darren Ness (CAHL Governors)
- Darcy Williams (RMFHL President)
- Crystal Crawford and Jennifer Dustow (RMFHL Okotoks Directors)
- Rebecca Streit (Rocky League Director)
- Roy Bowlby (Hockey Alberta)



OKOTOKS REFEREE ASSOCIATION

HIGHLIGHTS

- ~ 175 Active Registered Officials (increase of 74 from 21/22)
- ~ 50 First Year Officials (increase of 29 from 21/22)
- ~ 1659 games assigned, 3,891 individual assignments
- U15AAA and U15 Female A Provincials officials assignments successfully run by the ORA
- Continued Development Program for Officials to Elite / High Performance Hockey

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 3 Officials Selected for AB CUP
- Sending Officials to HA Development Camp (4 years running)
- 2 Officials work AJHL Playoffs
- 1 Official first year in the WHL
- 2 officials Selected to WHL Rookie Camp
- 1 Official selected to represent ORA at Canada Winter Games in PEI
- Official Supplier of Officials for NMH effective Feb 1
- Implementation of 4 official hockey in U18AA, U17AAA & U15AAA

CHALLENGES

- Retention/Recruitment of Senior Officials (18+ U15/U18 officials)
- Retention of 3rd and 4th Year officials - NEED MORE 16+ aged officials and more Moms & Dads to take up officiating to help with the U15 & U18 Age Groups
- Retention and recruitment of Female Officials (17 in total)
- Lack of 3 & 4 official games, due to low numbers majority of the hockey is going with only 2 officials. Impacts development
- Lack of funding for development of officials from Central Region & Hockey Alberta. ORA receives no funding from the CRRC for operations
- Hockey Alberta examining utilization of a “provincial assignor” for AEHL; implies higher costs as officials will travel from out of region
- Lack of officials to help with the Mentoring & Supervision officiating - programs, restricting the development of officials
- Official Burnout is happening earlier due to increased number of games officials are working every week
- Spectator and Coach verbal abuse
 - Affects retention of younger Officials and creates burnout of senior officials



DIVISION DIRECTORS

RECOGNITION

- Jenny Sekulich U7
- Dhara Rogers U9 *
- Carolyn Berven U11 Travel
- Michelle Barratt U11 House
- Jamie Whalley U13 Travel *
- Candice Wyma U13 House
- Jenn Zaffino U15 Travel
- Bruce Layte U18 Travel
- Crystal Crawford Female Director (U9, U11, U13)*
- Jennifer Dustow Female Director (U15, U18)
- Rebecca Streit RHL U15
- Nadine Neufeld RHL U18

*indicates first year



INITIATION (U7) DIVISION – JENNY SEKULICH

**A huge thank you to all our U7 volunteers!
We couldn't do it without you and are extremely grateful for all your help.**

143 players registered - 6 Senior Teams & 4 Junior Teams

- For the second year in a row, a mixed birth year, all girls team was created. Based on skill level, this team was placed on the junior side. There was fantastic feedback from this again.

Intro to Hockey Tournament - March 3–5 (U7 & U9)

- Teams from all over Alberta in attendance - Beaumont, Spruce Grove, Lethbridge and everywhere in between. 44 teams in total (866 players!) and 102 games took place.
A great weekend was had by all!

2023/24 Season

- 65% of this years players will be moving on to U9 next year. Okotoks demographics suggest that there will be a drop in younger players coming into junior U7 so registration will likely be down.
- Tim Hortons is moving towards a national jersey program where players will keep their jersey at the end of each season. This means they will be supplying brand new jerseys every year and it will eliminate the need for a U7 jersey return date.



NOVICE (U9) DIVISION – DHARA ROGERS

179 Athletes Registered in U9 Mixed Division

U9 'A' Division (2 Teams)

Orcas – Head Coach – Taylor Baraniuk

Raiders – Head Coach – Jeff Ryan

U9 'B' Division (4 Teams)

North Stars – Head Coach – Cecil Dawe

Outlaws - Head Coach - David Reidford

Raptors – Head Coach – Mike Ford

Thundersticks– Head Coach – Kris Collision

U9 'C' Division (3 Teams)

Blades – Head Coach – Jake Wooldridge

Buffaloes – Head Coach – Neil Boivin

Wranglers – Head Coach – Steve Richardson

2022/2023

- Top tier athletes were placed on A teams to keep challenging them.
- Teams progressed well, thanks to a strong coaching group.

Intro to Hockey Tournament

Thanks to the tournament coordinators and volunteers for organizing. Our association represented well and received several compliments on the event in addition to the friendly demeanor of our volunteers and community as a whole



ATOM (U11) TRAVEL DIVISION – CAROLYN BERVEN

CAHL Tier 1

League finish 5/6 (5-11-0) Playoffs: Won 1st round- lost 2nd round to Raymond overall league Champion.

CAHL Tier 2

League Finish 4/5 (4-13-0) Playoffs: Lost 1st round - lost 2nd round consolation

CAHL Tier 3

League Finish 6/6 (2-14) Playoffs: Lost first round and 2nd round consolation-

HADP U11 Inaugural season

- 13 teams within Hockey Alberta.
- Okotoks had one team and draw zoned from Okotoks to Nanton and Black Diamond .
- Okotoks finished 5th out of the 6 teams within the Red Division going 7-19-0 for the season.
- Okotoks will submit one team for the upcoming 2023-2024 season again.



ATOM (U11) HOUSE DIVISION – MICHELLE BARRATT

U11 house was split into 2 divisions house A and B

- All teams were picked with a coaches draft of players
- House A had 3 teams
- House B having 4 teams.
 - The 4th team was a small group of players from High River. Games were played in either Blackie or High River every 2nd weekend.
- Both A and B had 4 goalies per group (total of 8), plus there were 2 hybrid goalies

House A winner - Yetis (Jared Bradley)

House B winner - Storm (Pat Jefferson)

Thank you to all coaches, managers and parents.



PEEWEE (U13) TRAVEL DIVISION – JAMIE WHALLEY

Season Summary:

U13 Tier 1

- Head Coach: **Carl Timmer**
- Managers: Angela Derdell
- Won T1 Banner, Won Provincials

U13 Tier 2

- Head Coach: **Jamie Birt**
- Manager: Connie Drake
- Won Division Banner

U13 Tier 3

- Head Coach: **Robert Albers**
- Manager: Char Crooks

U13 Tier 3

- Head Coach: **Matt Crawford**
- Manager: Jessica Meads

4th Annual Big Rock Classic Tournament Dec 16-18

- 30 out of town teams participated
- 4 U13 Travel and 6 U13 House teams were hosts.
- \$18,195 of development funds generated from the tournament were divided amongst the Okotoks U13 teams that participated in the tournament.
- \$11,800 of un-used funds will be donated to OMHA to be used for U13 player development in future year(s).

Thank you to the tournament organizing committee which was led by Karla Cooley Wingate. She had a very organized and hard-working group of ladies helping her pull this off.



PEEWEE (U13) HOUSE DIVISION – CANDICE WYMA

2022-2023 Peewee House Season had a total of 88 skaters and 6 goalies.

- We had two divisions. A division and B division both with 3 teams each.

A Division:

Blades: Coach- Jeff Reinhart

Mighty Pucks- Coach- Nick Ruigrok

Goats- Coach- Joel Rupprecht

A Champions- Mighty Pucks

B Division:

Ice Hawks- Coach- Jason Goodreau

Cinderblocks- Coach- Brennan Martin

Vikings- Coach- Ryan Baynton

B Champions- Ice Hawks

Thank you to all coaches, managers and parents.



BANTAM (U15) DIVISION – JENNIFER ZAFFINO

Thank you for a great season to U15 hockey.

We had 4 teams this year in CAHL. We had Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3 Gold and Tier 3 Green.

Tier 1

- Head Coach: Konrad Berg
- Manager: Larry Newhook
- Tier 1 lost in first round of playoffs to Airdrie

Tier 2

- Head Coach: Curt Lawrence
- Manager: Lee Kennedy
- Tier 2 lost in second round of playoffs to Cochrane

Tier 3 Gold:

- Head Coach: Jay O'Bray
- Manager: Amber Heidt
- Tier 3 Gold lost in championship series to Airdrie

Tier 3 Green:

- Head Coach: Jason Akins
- Manager: Rola Jaber
- Tier 3 Green lost in first round of playoffs to Foothills



U18 DIVISION – BRUCE LAYTE

3 CAHL Teams

U16 Tier I

- HC: Geoff Stewart
- Manager: Jennifer Zaffino
- Team record was 9-7-4 in regular season. Lost in playoff finals to Airdrie.
- The U16 division was new in 2022/23. Overall was successful and games very competitive.

U18 Tier I

- HC: Chris Fuhr
- Manager: Jodi Clisdell
- Team record was 6-10-2 in regular season. Placed 7th in T1/T2 Red division.
- Lost in 1st round of playoffs to Strathmore

U18 Tier 3

- HC: Andrew McAllister
- Manager: Jayne Rhoads
- Team record was 2-11-3 in regular season. Placed 8th in T3 orange division.
- Lost in 1st round of playoffs to Airdrie.

Thank you to all players, coaching staff, managers, parents and all volunteers associated with the U18 teams



FEMALE DIVISION

JR. DIRECTOR – CRYSTAL CRAWFORD

SR. DIRECTOR – JENNIFER DUSTOW

201 Girls played 2022/23 compared to 203 in 2021/22 and 214 in 2020/2021

- 14 teams – U7 through U18
- 1 – U7 House league team
- 2 – U9 House league teams
- 9 teams played in Rocky Mountain Female Hockey League
- U11A played in CAHL Tier 4
- U13 I moved to the OAAA program where they played tier 3 CAHL this season

U7 (1) Team – Played in U7 House

- Head Coach – Brad Banister

U9 (2) Teams – Played in U9 House

- Head Coach – Dieter Granson
- Head Coach – Rocky Martin

U11 (3) Teams – U11A team in CAHL tier 4, 2 U11B teams in RMFHL B Division

- U11 A – Head Coach Scott Bherer – Finished 3rd Place
- U11 B Green – Head Coach Keith Arsenault – Finished 3rd
- U11 B Gold – Head Coach Tony Fairfield – Finished 4th

Thank you to
all our
coaches,
managers and
volunteers!!



FEMALE DIVISION

JR. DIRECTOR – CRYSTAL CRAWFORD
SR. DIRECTOR – JENNIFER DUSTOW

1 U13 Team –played in RMFHL; 1- B team

- U13 B Oilers – Head Coach Wade Evans Finished 4th

3 U15 Teams – Played in RMFHL; 1 A team and 2 B teams

- U15 A Oilers – Head Coach Petrina Clingman Finished 1st in league, won league banner
- U15 B Green – Head Coach Todd Esler Finished 3rd in league
- U15 B Gold – Head Coach Phil Hornburger Finished 4th in league, won league banner

3 U18 Teams – Played in RMFHL; 1 A team and 2 B teams

- U18 A – Head Coach Darcy Williams Finished 2nd in league, won league banner
- U18 B Gold – Head Coach Nick Ruigrok Finished 6th in league
- U18 B Green – Head Coach Robin Mitchell Finished 2nd in league

**"Thank you to all of our Coaches, Managers and Volunteers for your commitment to
The youth in our community. Your dedication and support is appreciated.
I look forward to seeing you around the rink." Jennifer Dustow**



Rockies Hockey League (RHL) – REBECCA STREIT AND NADINE NEUFELD

This league has been designed to give players a place to play non-checking, competitive hockey without committing to the long travel schedules. The associations that are part of the RHL include Okotoks, Cochrane, Canmore, Banff, Airdrie and Chestermere.

8 OMHA teams played in the Rockies Hockey League for the 2021/2022 season -4 U15 and 4 U18

Okotoks U15 A

Head Coach – Jason Finch; Manager – Shannon Steedman

Okotoks U15 B
Kuntz

Head Coach – Tom Bohmer/Brad Musher; Managers – Cory Wain & Kendall

Okotoks U15 C

Head Coach – Charles Hyer; Manager – Leslie Ready

Okotoks U15 D

Head Coach – Brett Turner; Manager – Brandy Cole

Okotoks U18 A

Head Coach – Matthew Martel; Manager- Tracy MacKeseay

Okotoks U18 B

Head Coach – Greg Schnell; Manager – Kristi Spencer

Okotoks U18 C

Head Coach – Greg Philpott; Manager – Dianna McCormick

Okotoks U18 D

Head Coach – Murray Anhorn; Manager – Karin McKeen

7 of the 8 teams made playoffs. Congratulations to U18 A on winning their Division banners!

Thanks to all the Volunteers that helped this past season!



MEMBER – OPEN FORUM

Express Concerns



Provide Feedback

Ask Questions



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

2023 AGM Positions		
OMHA Appointed Positions	Current Board status for 2022/2023 Season	2023/2024 season
Treasurer	N/A	Appointed position
Director of Health and Safety	Orinda McCann / Raeanne Tangedal	Appointed position
Managing Director	Daron Dumanski	Appointed position
Sponsorship Director	Open	Appointed position
Apparel Director	Apparel Committee	Appointed position
Game & Conduct Director	Jacque Milford	Appointed position
Police Record Check Coordinator	Lindsay Graw	Lindsay Graw
Web Administrator	Open	Appointed position
Goalie Liason	Jarett Finney	Appointed position
Equipment Manager	Joe McCormick/Kat Johnstone	Appointed position
Fundraising Director	Geoff Stewart	Appointed position
Jersey & Jeans	Open	Volunteered position
Casino Chairperson	Amanda Germain	Appointed position

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF STEWART

2023AGM Positions

OMHA Position	Current Board status for 2022/23 season	2023/2024 season
President (3 year term)	Geoff Stewart (Third year of three year term)	Fourth year of three year term
VP Coach Development (3 year term)	Blair Scott (First year of three year term)	Second year of three year term
VP Player Development (3 year term)		First year of three year term
Director of Programs (2 year term)		First year of two year term
Secretary (2 year term)	Karla Helm (First year of a two year term)	Second year of a two year term
Division Director – RHL U15 (1yr)	Rebecca Streit	
Division Director – RHL U18 (1 yr)	Nadine Neufeld	
Division Director – U7 (1 yr)	Jenny Sekulich	
Division Director – U9 (1 yr)	Dhara Rogers	
Division Director – U11 (1 yr)	Carolyn Berven	
Division Director – U11 House (1 yr)	Michelle Barratt	
Division Director – U13 (1 yr)	Jamie Whalley	
Division Director – U13 House (1 yr)	Candice Wyma	
Division Director – U15 (1 yr)	Jenn Zaffino	
Division Director – U18 (1 yr)	Bruce Layte	
Division Director – Female Sr. (1 yr)	Jennifer Dustow	
Division Director – Female Jr. (1 yr)	Crystal Crawford	

NOMINATION VP of Player Development - CHAR CROOKS -

Bio:

- Previous board member
- U7 director for three years
- Current member of Intro to Hockey tourney committee
- Previous manager including 2 teams last season U9 and U13 travel
- Mom of boys 2011 U13 and 2014 U11
- Billet mom 2005 U21
- In my spare time I work as a registered nurse in Calgary, currently taking my masters to become nurse practitioner with the hope of opening my own practice here in Okotoks someday.
- Being a good leader is about teaching or guiding others to perform to their best abilities and providing the support they need to thrive.

Vision:

Player Development Plan:

1. Identification of Ideal Player
2. Standardized Technical/Tactical Curriculum
3. On Ice (skill acquisition/fun/competition)
4. Off Ice (physical literacy/cross training/team building/tactics)
5. Educational (hydration/nutrition/rest/technical/tactical)

(Hockey Alberta, 2020)

I look forward to presenting my thoughts about a vision of VP player development role above. I believe this is the gold standard for developing our athletes into not just hockey players but well-rounded individuals. Look forward to the discussion at the AGM.

Cheers,
Char



NOMINATION VP of Player Development - GEOFF ROLLINS -

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Geoff Rollins, I am 41 years old, and my family moved to Okotoks in 1993 from Northeast Calgary. I was extremely fortunate to have grown up in Okotoks and be a part of the minor hockey program. Okotoks was a small town back then and an even smaller hockey community. To this day, I am still close friends with most teammates, coaches, and parents whom I met along the way. I have always considered Okotoks to be a hockey town, and I owe a great deal of the successes in my hockey career to the people that supported me there, and the minor hockey program.

After playing my last year of Bantam in Okotoks, I played two seasons of Midget AAA for the UFA Bisons in Strathmore. My first year I was fortunate enough to be part of the Macs Midget Championship Team. I then went on to play three years of Junior A Hockey before starting my professional career in 2003. I played seven seasons of professional hockey in the (IHL/ECHL/SPHL/CHL) all over the United States.

Shortly after my last year as a player, I started coaching and have coached minor hockey for the last 9 years. I started at the Pee wee AA level in Okotoks and spent 6 years coaching at the Bantam and Minor Midget AAA level before moving on to coach in the Canadian Sports School Hockey League. I spent 2 years in that league with the Edge and CIHA Academies and last year coached the U18 AAA Northstars of the AEHL in Calgary. During this time, I also served on the board of the High River Flyers of the HJHL as the Director of Hockey Operations and had 3 tours in the Hockey Alberta program coaching in both the Alberta Cup and Alberta Winter Games.

My wife Carla and I have two young children who are both a part of Okotoks Minor Hockey now. Hannah is 9 years old, and Connor is 6. With both of my kids playing hockey, the time isn't there anymore to coach outside of them with the travel and the demands of being a coach at the AAA level. However, I still want to have an impact on as many players as I can and for this reason, I believe joining the OMHA board as the Director of Player Development would be a perfect fit.

I want to be able to teach and impact young kids in the game of hockey. I want to help them develop as young people on and off the ice. No matter where I played or what level I played at, community was a big part of who I was as a player. It is important for me to be able to pass that on and mentor young people in this great game. Hockey should be about more than goals, assists, wins and losses. It needs to be taught in a way where young kids understand what it means to be a hockey player, a part of a community and the responsibilities that go along with that. I believe with my vast experience; I can provide that foundation for young people playing hockey today.

Thank you kindly for your consideration,
Geoff Rollins



NOMINATION VP of Player Development - JENN GAUTHIER-

Hello, my name is Jenn Gauthier and I have been nominated for Vice President of Player Development. I want to take a moment and thank those who nominated me for the position.

I have 2 kids in hockey, one in U9 and one moving into U13. We moved here a year and a bit ago from Tofield, which is east of Edmonton. My boys have been in hockey since they were 4 years old, and I have been volunteering within the associations since then.

I have over 7.5 years of volunteer experience in Minor Hockey. I started my volunteering journey as manager of my eldest's U7 team, the very first year he played. I soon became director for 3 years and then moved into the position of Vice President Off Ice for Tofield Minor Hockey (TMHA) for 2.5 years, until I moved to Okotoks. We joined Okotoks Minor Hockey November 2021 and that was my first year not volunteering within the association that my boys played in. This past season (2022/2023) I was the Manager for my sons U11 team with OMHA.

In my role of Vice President - Off Ice Operations with TMHA, I was responsible and accountable for organizing, directing, coordinating, monitoring and controlling all association off ice activities, assessing and determining the need, and lobbying the Executive Board, for changes in Minor Hockey policies and programs that would benefit players.

I participated in the development and approval of Minor Hockey Association policies and programs, provided direction to, and coordinating the work of, Level Directors, the Registrar and League Directors. I was responsible for the orientation and leadership of the directors within TMHA, helping them throughout the year to succeed to the best of their ability and help their level achieve excellence. I assisted the VP On Ice with bringing in extra development to our players such as power skating coaches, goalie coaches and development coaches to help the teams continue with their hockey education on and off ice.

I assessed risk management leadership for the association and was the sitting member of the disciplinary Game and Conduct appeals committees, dealing with issues related to on and off ice operations. I monitored the implementation of on ice programs and operations to ensure the Association, Hockey Alberta, Hockey Canada and league policies were properly implemented. As required, I was the liaison with Hockey Alberta zone and central office officers and officials and with league officials.

I also worked with the President and Vice President On Ice with bringing in outside evaluators and evaluations of players, approved affiliations and helped with the movement of players between associations, with communicating with Hockey Alberta and our league so that players could play at a level we were unable to provide in our association. When the president was unavailable to chair a meeting, I would step into the position, along with attending many Hockey Alberta in person and zoom meetings when the President was unable to do so or would like another person present.

As the Vice President of Player Development, I would be committed to helping OMHA continue being one of the top hockey associations within Alberta. I bring a lot of knowledge and experience to the table, knowing the policies of multiple associations, Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada. I believe I can bring a new perspective and fresh ideas, while still respecting OMHA's values and beliefs. I will hold no bias toward any player, I will also lobby for the best needs of any player or coach that arise. I have a schedule which will also benefit the position, having the ability to attend all meetings and events in person and being always available.

I love hockey. I love what hockey has taught my boys on and off ice. I love volunteering and being a small role in helping an association grow and continue providing great and FUN hockey to kids within the community. Thank you.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

THANK YOU FOR COMING,
SEE YOU NEXT SEASON!

