



Okotoks Minor Hockey Association

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AGENDA – March 8, 2023

Called to Order: At 7:00pm

Welcome

Attendance

Geoff Stewart

Lindsay Graw

Jenny Sekulich

Bruce Layte

Rebecca Streit

Jennifer Dustow

Pat de Haas

Michelle Barratt

Jenn Zaffino

Jeremy Gough

Amanda Germain

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 February 8, 2023 as presented was made by Jennifer Dustow and seconded by Jeremy Gough . All in favor. Carried.

Reports

President – Geoff

- Spoke to the town regarding Home Team live. Home team live can broadcast the games in Okotoks. Would need permission from the parents.
- Geoff Presenting a pilot to the town sometime in April
- Town is a no for live barn because it never stops streaming
- Board members ask Geoff why other towns/municipalities can use Live barn. The Town has their reasons for liability.
- Waiting on pricing for U18 replacement jerseys. Should have it within a month
- Board members please start thinking about your intention for coming back next season. Please let the Executive know your intention
- Need to start getting the younger division parents engaged.
- Increase in in G and C, committee of 5 volunteers has been a huge help.
- Chain of command is for the most part begin followed
- Thank you to ALL volunteers



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VP Coach/Player Development – Blair

- Equipment Coordinators in place and will work with Jeremy on this year's equipment return
- Annual coach feedback surveys will be going out in the next couple of weeks. We will look to add an option where a Manager or Board Member survey can be completed as well.
- We have received many Coach and Manager of the year nominations submitted. Thank You for pushing to your teams.
- We continue to have some challenges between our members/ team officials and the City arena staff. End of year issues will be addressed ahead next season and could affect members' ability to be added to team staff. Please escalate any concerns with facility staff to the division director or other OMHA executive for dispute resolution.

Equipment – Roy/Jeremy

- Great new committee Joe McCormick will be the Chair, Kat Johnson, Jenny Sekulich.
- Jeremy and Roy will help with the transition and for support
- working on return dates,

Safety Director – Amy Snyder

- Been extremely busy. Some numbers: over 60 emails, 30 in person team/individual sessions
- Would like to come up with a plan moving forward for preventative than reactive.
- Would like to put together a team and expand so they can reach more individuals/teams
- Need to move away from the stigma of mental awareness.
- Need to get the word out
- would like to meet with the teams/parents for every team at the beginning of the year.
- would like to sit in on coach interviews to provide advice, ask some questions regarding child development, how to handle certain situations.

Geoff asked if a video(s) would be beneficial that we could post to the website, social media to explain what the program is, how it works, levels of service etc. Amy and Orinda agreed that that would be a good idea.

Web Admin – Graeme

- Suggest a email form with guidelines rules etc. Once a volunteer leaves
- Parameters surrounding the emails



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Rec League – Rebecca/Nadine

U15 RHL 2 b teams are still in playoffs they are playing each other so one will move forward.

U18A RHL is going to the banner.

Female – Jenn/Crystal

11A female going to semi finals for 3rd in CAHL.

- U15 has 2 teams still in playoffs. U15B Green was eliminated in the first round.
- U15B Gold is playing for the RMFHL B division Banner vs Brooks in a best of 3 series that is tied at 2 points each and headed for a game 3 this Friday in Brooks.
- U15A beat Cochrane this weekend and is headed into a best of 3 series vs West Central for the A division banner. First game will be Friday in West Central with game 2 and 3 if needed in Okotoks.
- U18 has 2 teams left in playoffs. U18B Gold was eliminated in a very tight first round with Okotoks Green.
- U18B Green is headed into their next round of playoffs this weekend vs Cochrane. If they win this series they will play a best of 3 for the banner the following weekend.
- U18A beat Olds this weekend and is headed into a best of 3 series vs Stettler for the A division banner. This series will start Saturday in Okotoks.

Initiation (U7) – Jenny

- Tournament was a huge success
- 44 team attended over 700+ players
- Receiving Thank you emails

Atom House (U11 House) – Michelle

- U11 house - yetis won house A
- Storm won house B close 3-2 game
- For the most part a pretty uneventful season
- Bus safety update - team snap works well
 - If you have an Apple devise you can text from team snap to a parent
 - All teams are leaving from Pason
 - Just need to remind teams to remove me once trip is complete
 - Just need to add to the policy to record license plates and vehicles being left overnight for the towns records
 - Amend pick up/drop off to the east side of the building - reduce congestion



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- Would like to recommend a joint (OOAA/OMHA) person that deals with affiliates
 - Educating parents/coaches on the processes and not denying players a chance to play up
- Suggestions for branding - why did we move away from the set oilfield related team names and should we go back to those?
- Apparel and how to deal with it

Peewee House (U13 House) – Candice

- U13A Mighty Pucks won the season
- U13B Ice Hawks won the season

Peewee Travel (U13 Travel) – Jamie

- U13 Tier 1 - Won Tier 1 Red Banner, will now play Red Deer for the overall Tier 1 banner, their win this weekend earned them a spot in the provincials which will be in Calgary.
- U13 Tier 2 - Won Tier 2 Red Banner, they will now play a round robin with Stettler and Red Deer for the overall Tier 2 banner and a spot in provincials.
- U13 Tier 3 - Lost in the first round of playoffs to Foothills.
- U13 Tier 3 (used to be 4) - Did not qualify for playoffs but continue to practice and have exhibition games as they still have a tournament in mid-March.

Bantam (U15) – Jenn Z.

- U15 CAHL
- All playoffs are over. No one won their division.
- A few teams are extending their season with a final tournament and/or exhibition games but CAHL is over.

Midget (U18)

U16 CAHL is playing for the banner this weekend

U18T1 had a great season, biggest challenge was attendance

Questions:



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- Can we get something as a take away for the award winners? Ideas, small puck, whistle, smaller plaque
- Discuss using Oil names for U9 house as in the past.
- Open to having more teams in U13 and U11 house from outside associations
- U18 teams need their practice schedule earlier

Meeting Adjourned: 8:12pm

APPROVED