



Okotoks Minor Hockey Association

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MINUTES- March 18, 2024

Called to Order: At 7:29PM Motion to accept minutes- Daron and Dhara

Welcome

Attendance

Geoff Stewart

Jenn Zaffino

Lindsay Graw

Jenny Sekulich

Troy Tangedal

Rebecca Streit

Jennifer Dustow

Amy Snyder

Michelle Barratt

Jeremy Gough

Amanda Germain

Jamie Steer

Dhara Rogers

Geoff Rollins

Brenda Honish

Orinda McCann

Raeanne Tangedal

Kat Johnston

Joe McCormick

Jenn Gauthier

Blair Scott

Daron Dumanski

Nadine Neufeld

Jamie Whalley

Candice Wyma

Crystal Crawford

Reports

President – Geoff

- Helmet policy with non- hockey activity times. Town wants to transfer liability to OMHA, but it lands under the facility insurance, there is nothing OMHA can really do, our policy covers players and coaches on ice. Has been left for now.
- Mental Health program update- Amy Snyder has proposed an elevated program to both OMHA and OAAA. The program is supporting players, coaches and teams and has been growing to a good size. Future fundraising for the mental wellness program is very important. We have a tremendous program that not many minor hockey associations have.
- AGM update and volunteers- the original date was May 16th, the grad is the same day, so there will be no parking available. We will reschedule it after the 16th and during the week. Time to start thinking about the positions available.
- Nominations for awards. We will have to get those in place for the AGM. Once date is decided we can send out the link for nominations.



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VP Programs- Troy Tangedal

VP Player Development- Geoff Rollins

- Around 85% utilization for the development program.

VP Coach Development- Blair Scott

- There were 5 cases of Fair Play concerns brought forward to me through the playoff season. In 3 cases there was validity where coach meetings were arranged to both reiterate expectations of the policy in addition to tactics to help ensure all athletes have an opportunity to compete in all situations. In two cases, the inquiring party either violated previously agreed to team charters or upon reflection and an unbiased lens determined that it was not in violation of the policy. In all cases, Coaches were reminded that success is important, however the ability to achieve it through using all resources is the real WIN.
- Through the back half of the season and during playoffs we encountered several situations involving affiliate players. In most cases it was the team/coach refusing to provide the player which created the challenge. Otherwise for the most part there was strong collaboration amongst teams. OMHA continues to promote and fully support the affiliation process. Updated and clear guidance including a formal AP agreement requiring team and player signoff is being created. This will remove the discretionary challenges and lay out clearer expectations for all parties. Our hope is to have this guidance in place for the 2024-25 season.
- OMHA created and sent out 3 surveys this year. Coach Survey, Manager Feedback Survey and Coach Feedback Survey.
Here are the current response rates as of Mar 15
Coach Survey: 194 usable surveys and 96 incomplete. 67% success
Manager Feedback: 34 usable surveys and 31 incomplete. 52% success
Coach Feedback: 37 usable surveys and 2 incomplete. 95% success
- I would like to Thank our Coaches for their hard work and dedication to our athletes this season. While some teams may not have achieved their desired result, it is the journey that matters. We had some great performances by our teams and in some cases a real good underdog success story to tell! Congrats to everyone on your seasons!!

Treasurer- Amanda Germain

- Equipment wish list for next season
- Will be sending updates at the end of March and on about teams missing budgets and/or equipment returns.



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Secretary- Jenn Gauthier

Operations – Jamie Steer

- OAAA meeting in Red deer, they got a lot of support to have practices during the day for all OAAA teams.
- CAHL meeting positive feedback about split divisions for playoffs.

Administrator- Lindsay Graw

- OAAA Showcase registration for OMHA U11-U18 players
- Volunteer credits

Equipment – Joe McCormick/ Kat Johnston

- Quote was sent to executive for next season's budget.
- Equipment Return dates March 27- U7-U13, April 3rd U15/U18. Email has been sent out.
- More clothing racks for evaluations.

Health and Safety- Orinda

- Reaching out to find replacements for this position for the 2024/ 2025 season. If you know of someone, pass to Orinda.

Director of Directors- Daron Dumanski

U7- Jenny Sekulich

U9- Dhara Rogers

- Successful U7/U9 tournament. Parents that are saying with U9, full ice for next year come January/ February. Very valuable if we can make it work.

U11 House- Jenn Gauthier

U11 Travel- Michelle Barratt

- HADP went to 2nd round of playoffs.
- Tier 1- First round
- Tier 2 and 3 went to second round.

U13 House- Candice Wyma

U13 Travel- Jamie Whalley



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Female Jr – Crystal Crawford

- U11 Green won their banner.

Female Sr- Jennifer Dustow

- 3 of the 6 teams have concluded their seasons. All teams participated in playoffs.
- U15A lost in the 2nd last round of playoffs.
- U15B Gold also lost in the 2nd last round of playoffs.
- U15B Green won the RMFHL banner and is currently playing in Camrose for a spot at Provincials. Update- they lost to Camrose.
- U18A lost in the last round of playoffs and is headed to Provincials in the wildcard spot.
- U18B Green concluded their season after the first round of playoffs.
- U18B Gold concluded their season in the last round of playoffs and is finishing up with a tournament this weekend (March 15-17).

U15 Travel – Jenn Zaffino

- Tier 1 is hosting provincials this weekend (March 21-24, 2024)
- Tier 2 Green beat out Tier 2 Gold for the CAHL Tier 2 Green banner.
- Tier 2 Green lost in the next round.

U15 RHL- Rebecca Streit

- Okotoks A won the 1st place banner in the Mountain Division.

U16 Travel- Michelle Barratt

- Still playing. Has game 5 coming up this weekend.

U18 Travel- Michelle Barratt

- All done in first round
- 4 carry over suspensions
 - o 1 player graduating.
 - o 1 player will have 3 games.
 - o 2 coaches, both have 2 games.

U18 RHL- Nadine Neufeld



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Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn- Candice Wyma

2nd by – Kat Johnston

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