



## Okotoks Minor Hockey Association

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## AGENDA- February 12, 2024

Called to Order: At 7: 30PM

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

Darrell Honish

Motion to accept the minutes from January 16, 2024, presented was made by Daron Dumanski and seconded by Michelle Barratt. All in favor. Carried.

## Reports

### Referee- Brenda Honish/ Darrell Honish

- Asks to be involved in the committee regarding the Emergency and Evacuation planning. Blair Scott has agreed that ORA will be a part of the committee.
- Games have been cancelled due to the shortage of senior refs for the higher levels. ORA has reached out to Calgary, Airdrie, and Lethbridge for referees. The issue is not getting kids interested in refereeing, it is keeping the 18+ involved. OMHA will post to social media clinic information and branch out to parents in OMHA to see if there is interest in becoming a ref in the 2024/ 2025 season.
- Hockey Alberta is looking at Minor Hockey Associations paying the referees, discontinuing payments through all Alberta Referee Associations. This would include all preseason, regular season, exhibition, playoff, and tournament games, including any out-of-town games/tournaments. This could take away incentives for being on time and not missing games. More information will be coming in the next few months.
- Geoff S- Assignors- if we have concerns with refs and it has been sent to ORA, we need communication back. Brenda has requested to be included on the communications.



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### President – Geoff

- Cheque from Scotia Bank. That money was increased this year from \$1000 to \$3007.78. Very grateful for the amount donated to OMHA.
- Please do not remove the broken sticks in the office for Geoff.
- Tanbridge is looking to start a JPHL League for U17, U18 elite levels.
- Geoff will send out a playoff letter to the association in the next couple of weeks.
- Game and Conduct- If it can be dealt with at a team level, managers and coaches need to take responsibility, if it cannot be resolved at a team level, then it can be taken to Game and Conduct.

### VP Programs- Troy Tangedal

#### VP Player Development- Geoff Rollins

- Development- 216 out of 272 allowable hours of extra development used. There has been 105 hours booked since Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This is not including the free Defense and Goalie Clinic.
- Can onboard a few more development groups next year.
- There have been some teams that haven't used the development, Geoff R has reached out. That unused money can be put towards clinics like Defense and Goalie.
- Scoring and Offence clinics to be added in the 2024/25 season.
- Clinic practice plans will be published, Geoff encourages coaches to come out to the clinics offered in 2024/25 season.
- Working on spreading out the development throughout the season opposed to last minute bookings.
- Suggestion to assign the development and then if the coaches don't use the development offered in that month, it will not roll into the next month to alleviate the amount of requests at the end of season.
- All specialty clinics in the 2024/2025 will have a cost to them.
- Carbon Psychology they wrote a proposal for a workshop, all pro-bono as a pilot project. Geoff R will send out the proposal to the board.

#### VP Coach Development- Blair Scott

- Reminder for all Divisions to promote our **Fair Play policy**. Blair will send a memorandum for our coaches to review.
- The town of Okotoks and OMHA will be meeting to draft Emergency and Evacuation procedures for all arena facilities used by OMHA. Blair will create a small committee to represent OMHA, including ORA. The goal is to have the updated procedures in place ahead of the 2024-25 season. The committee can be made of any OMHA members interested in the procedures.



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### VP Coach Development- Blair Scott cont.

- Blair is in the process of updating the Survey Monkey Surveys for year end. Below are the surveys used in 2023 and the response rate.
- Director survey- is it needed or could it be done in person/ face to face dialogue. Give it thought and Blair will assemble group for feedback session.
- Blair will send out an in-depth explanation about why names are needed on the Surveys filled out. Results with names are accessible by 2 people on the executive board and all feedback to coaches is anonymous. Out 450 responses sent last season, approx. 20% anon, incomplete, or just venting.
- Blair will be sending out Coach of the Year and Manager of the Year applications soon.

<b>2022/2023 OMHA Coach Feedback Survey</b> Modified 05/29/2023	 53 responses
<b>2022/2023 OMHA Manager Feedback Survey</b> Modified 05/17/2023	 66 responses
<b>2022/23 OMHA Coach Survey</b> Modified 05/17/2023	 451 responses
<b>2022/23 OMHA Director Feedback Survey</b> Modified 04/27/2023	 9 responses

### Treasurer- Amanda Germain

- Sent out team reminders about what she needs so that the teams can get their deposit back. Will work with equipment to confirm all items are handed back before handing back team's deposit.

### Secretary- Jennifer Gauthier

### Operations – Jamie Steer

- Playoffs start this weekend for 1/3 of the teams.
- OMHA U13 tier 3 teams are playing each other this weekend and one team will be eliminated.
- If a team has a tournament at the end of march, Jamie will try to help them out with ice. Not giving out practices just to keep going because they want to.
- After mid-March no one is getting ice through OMHA unless they are still in playoffs and/or provincials.



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### Administrator- Lindsay Graw

#### Equipment – Joe McCormick/ Kat Johnston

- Putting together a list and quote of equipment needs for next year and will hand it into Amanda for budgeting and board approval.
- All U11 House jerseys ordered and approved. Green, yellow and black. Approved for 10 sets.
- U7 Timbits Jersey links will come out in July, but they are shipped quickly and come with socks.
- U9 Jerseys- there is a potential sponsor, waiting on cost and finalization.
- Info on equipment return will be sent out around mid-month.

#### 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.

#### U7- Jenny Sekulich

#### U9- Dhara Rogers

#### U11 House- Jennifer Gauthier

#### U11 Travel- Michelle Barratt

- HAPD- Sitting in 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Lethbridge
- U11-1- Sitting in 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Lethbridge
- U11-2 - Currently 6<sup>th</sup>.
- U11-3- Currently 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- AP's - Limit U11 to one team only vs multiple.

#### U13 House- Candice Wyma

- Trophies for house
- Pictures for social media- send to Geoff Rollins

#### U13 Travel- Jamie Whalley

- U13 Tier 1 - finished 4th with a record of 9-9-0
- U13 Tier 2 - finished 3rd with a record of 8-5-3
- U13 Tier 3 Green - finished 4th with a record of 6-8-2
- U13 Tier 3 Gold - finished 5th with a record of 5-8-3

#### Female Jr – Crystal Crawford

#### Female Sr- Jennifer Dustow



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### U15 Travel – Jenn Zaffino

- Tier 1 hosting provincials in Okotoks March 21-24<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Both Tier 2 teams in playoffs.

### U15 RHL- Rebecca Streit

### U16 Travel- Michelle Barratt

- U16- Sitting 2nd behind Airdrie - traveling to the States for a tournament.

### U18 Travel- Michelle Barratt

- U18-1- Currently 9<sup>th</sup>
- U18-2 - Currently 6<sup>th</sup>
- U18-3- Currently 4<sup>th</sup>
- 14 graduating players total from u18 tiered hockey.

### U18 RHL- Nadine Neufeld

Meeting Adjourned: 8:56pm

Motion to adjourn- Crystal Crawford

2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenn Zaffino