



Okotoks Minor Hockey Association

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MINUTES- January 14, 2025

Called to Order: 7:30PM

Welcome

Attendance

Geoff Rollins
Ryan Carson
Lindsay Graw
Daron Dumanski
Amy Snyder
Crystal Krauss
Michelle Barratt
Crystal Crawford
Lauren Stout
Jeremy Gough

Geoff Stewart
Adam Couillard
Jamie Steer
Joe McCormick
Jessy Yasinski
Danielle McGregor
Rebecca Streit
Matt Seders
Amie Roy

Tyson Jones
Jenn Gauthier
Amanda Germain
Kat Johnston
Melissa Au
Jenn Zaffino
Jennifer Dustow
Candice Wyma
Serena Jorgensen

Motion to accept the minutes from October 15, 2024 as presented was made by Tyson Jones and seconded by Serena Jorgensen All in favor. Carried.

Reports

President – Geoff Rollins

- Jeff Peters- Direct support to some of the teams that are having ongoing issues throughout the season. Jeff has been carded to a few teams in OMHA and will work with the coaching staff, players and parents and will be the coach mentor. He will coach coaches to help develop through the season and is here to help the kids. Will report directly to Ryan Carson and Ryan will determine which teams need the most support.

VP Player Development- Tyson Jones

- A lot of positive feedback 180 skill sessions so far. Any feedback, please share with Tyson

VP Coach Development- Ryan Carson

- Jeff Peters (Please see Geoff Rollins)

Director of Programs- Adam Couillard

- Directors evaluation feedback- still on the radar and will circle back on what we can look at and talk about.



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Secretary- Jenn Gauthier

- U13 tournament was successful. Thank you to Danielle and Shannon for all of their hard work.

Treasurer- Amanda Germain

- Female tournament final budget
- Equipment- have they filled out what's needed for the U11 Atom program

Administrator- Lindsay Graw

- Rosters for players are locked tonight at midnight. We can still add coaches, as long as they have RIS Activity Leader.
- 39 graduating players- will be given a retired jersey and a certificate

Operations – Jamie Steer

- Make sure to check your divisions when the schedule is sent out to confirm that what you have is what he has.

Game and Conduct- Jeremy Gough

- Active reviewing a few formal complaints, just a reminder to all Directors to encourage membership to follow proper steps prior to escalation which are all documented in Game and Conduct policy, also use player, parent and coach pledge forms as a reminder when minor incidents are escalated to them.

Equipment – Joe McCormick

- Went through a lot of old retired jerseys and passed them along. There is a bit more room now and will use the remaining U18 jerseys for retirement jerseys.
- Moved all U15 and U18 practice jerseys to storage.
- Either U13 or U15 jerseys will be replaced next season.
- Amanda suggested an early equipment drop off shortly after the U7/ U9 tournament
- Large set of goalie gear donated (for a U15/ U18 player)

Health and Safety- Kat Johnston

- Season is going well.

Health and Safety- Mental Health- Amy Snyder

- Getting very busy
- People don't realize the program is around. Has a brochure ready, will hand them to teams.



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Director of Directors- Daron Dumanski

U7- Amie Roy

- Yard sale for all the old stuff under green (jerseys, swag, etc)- sell items for minimal cost and have it go toward mental health fund, hardship fund, equipment.

U9- Jessy Yasinski

- After February 1st- how many refs for full ice? Jamie will talk to ORA to see if they want the 2 man system and mentors.

U11 House- Melissa Au

- Managers and parents want more involvement from the board regarding issues throughout the season- always follow proper communication protocol.
- Manager interviews/ exit interviews.

U11 Travel- Crystal Krauss

U13 House- Lauren Stout

- U13 is missing having double game weekends and would like more throughout next season. Jamie has given plenty of extra ice for the extra ice times throughout the season.
- Finding a lot of goalies are losing the like of being a goalie- reaching out to Tyson about extra goalie sessions beyond the Sunday Night Goalie Clinics.
- Suggestion is putting more development \$ into U15 and U18 goalies with the caveat of those goalies taking their education and teaching the younger goalies in the association. Tyson will look into it further and get something going.

U13 Travel- Danielle McGregor

- Minor issues, but everything is going good.

U15 RHL- Serena Jorgensen

- Going well

U15 Travel – Jenn Zaffino

- There are issues, we are dealing with them at a board level.

U16/ U18 Travel- Michelle Barratt

- U16- Sitting 4 out of 6, 17 games played (6-8-3)
- U18-1- Sitting 5 out of 6, 9 games played (2-4-3)
- U18-3- Sitting 2 out of 6, 10 games played (6-2-2)
- Bussing- a lot of teams are using bussing (all levels) and have been abiding by the policies in place.



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Female Jr – Crystal Crawford

- Tournament maximums and fines- will update policy to be much more clear and concise.
- U11 and U13's are doing well.

Female Sr- Jennifer Dustow

- RMFHL Second half of the regular season is under way.
- Stats attached for all teams amongst their respective teams.
- U15 Tier 1 ranked 4th of 6 teams. All games have been close and despite having no goalie they have managed to navigate games successfully with use of emergency goalies.
- U15 Tier 2 ranked 2nd of 5 teams in the south division. Developing 2 new goalies on this team.
- U18 Tier 1 ranked 1st of 8 teams. Having a successful season so far.
- U18 Tier 2 ranked 5th of 7 teams. There are a couple of strong teams in the Tier 2 divisions that could be playing in Tier 1 other than that games have been within a couple points.
- Need to discuss the changes that HA are proposing to the registration policy. Not only for first time players but also those currently registered who find Okotoks more appealing to play in specifically when it comes to the Female program. I have always had interest from Calgary players wanting to come here to play here and currently have 1 email already this year asking. They are attracted to the fair ice time we offer for female teams, tiering and League play vs intercity play among themselves. If these changes are implemented, how do we plan to address it?

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:43PM

Motion to adjourn- Crystal Krauss

2nd by – Michelle Barratt