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MINUTES- October 16th, 2024

Called to Order: 7:01 PM

Welcome

Attendance

Geoff Rollins

Ryan Carson

Lindsay Graw

Daron Dumanski

Amy Snyder

Crystal Krauss

Michelle Barratt

Crystal Crawford

Lauren Stout

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 September 3, 2024 as presented was made by Michelle Barratt and seconded by Adam Couillard All in favor. Carried.

Reports

Referee In Chief- Matt Seders

- No longer working with foothills and Nanton, most of the senior officials are based out of Okotoks, very few games should be cancelled.
- Notes from Managers meeting (on slideshow)
- Will send slides to distribute to coaches and managers
- Reminder of the 24 Hour cool off period. Any complaints must wait 24 hours before sending emails. Do not send to assignors, send to Matt ric@oraofficials.com
- Do not use officials change rooms on the weekends if there are games after your practice- the officials have to be there 45 minutes early, many are minors.

President – Geoff Rollins

- Do a de-brief with each Division director

Past President- Geoff Stewart



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VP Player Development- Tyson Jones

- Over 40 development sessions booked already
- If there are questions, email Tyson tjones@okotokshockey.com
- Tyson emailed the development booking process. Coaches/ managers will reach out to vendors and book a time, vendors will reach out to Tyson and Tyson will confirm.
- 4 development sessions per team right now, may be more.

VP Coach Development- Ryan Carson

- Coaches meeting was successful
- Improve coach mentorship program and support for coaches through the season.

Director of Programs- Adam Couillard

- Follow-up on evals, director de-briefs
- Policies and procedures updates

Secretary- Jenn Gauthier

- Apparel Policies

Treasurer- Amanda Germain

- Reminder for the directors to please fill out the google sheet with team contact info.
- I will be sending out updates when I get back for the teams that still need to supply their budget and/or equipment deposit. Due date Oct 31.
- Still need the details on the sponsorship with Classic re: the U9 jerseys.

Administrator- Lindsay Graw

- Team certification updates
- Coaches will be reimbursed their fees once the courses are complete minus the police check
- Tournament date submission update
- AP's
- Sunday night goalie clinic registration- Starts Nov 3rd, 2024. The groups and ice times will be send out soon.

Operations – Jamie Steer

- CAHL and ice scheduling
- Evaluations went smoothly
- Full weekend of games- tiering starts
- Extra ice on the weekend- it is free and we want it to be used. Must pay for ref's (for games)



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Equipment – Joe McCormick

- Goalie gear for all levels: This is something we have never done before so there is limited gear available, especially for older age groups. Do we want to be looking to "stock" gear of various sizes to be able to outfit a goalie at any age group? Could look at purchasing gear second hand for this purpose. People are asking for goalie cups, pants and helmets. These three things have never been supplied by OMHA, I would suggest maybe we do goalie cups for next seasons, pants for the following season. We could ignore the helmets if we can find a supplier of danglers for standard player helmets to add into each bag.
- Old Jerseys: Significant number of old jerseys. Will update tryout jerseys and start to donate jerseys that are not needed.
- Start a hard count inventory to better manage the equipment and such for the future seasons and clear some space out.
- Tryout jerseys: Reminder to put the jerseys back where you picked them up.
- Boards: Will make instructions for the boards and put them with the boards/ helmets. Minimum 4 people for putting up and taking down the boards and no players on the ice.

Health and Safety- Kat Johnston

- Showering post games- Follow Hockey Alberta guidelines
- Smelling salts- No one from the team should be supplying and if the coach doesn't want it in the room, it can be dealt with at a team level.
- Will be sending an email to directors for the OMHA specific safety course sign up.

Health and Safety- Mental Health- Amy Snyder

- Inclusivity
- Town of Okotoks looking for volunteers for their Snow Heroes program, great thing for team bonding

Social Media- Candice Wyma

Director of Directors- Daron Dumanski

U7- Amie Roy

U9- Jessy Yasinski

- Socks were a bit of an issue, ways to make it better for next season.
- Suggested that socks could be put back into the fees and work with Classic Source for Sports in organizing them

U11 House- Melissa Au

U11 Travel- Crystal Krauss

U13 House- Lauren Stout



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U13 Travel- Danielle McGregor

U15 RHL- Serena Jorgensen

U15 Travel – Jenn Zaffino

- 4 CAHL Teams
- Tier 1: John Hawkins
- Tier 2: Ryan Kraus
- Tier 3 Gold: Nick Ruigrok
- Tier 3 Gree: Kyle Parkes

U18 RHL- Rebecca Streit

U16/ U18 Travel- Michelle Barratt

Female Jr – Crystal Crawford

Female Sr- Jennifer Dustow

- U15/ U18 Teams finalized
- U18 Teams are starting tiering rounds (Oct 12th weekend) with RMFHL
- U15 Tier 1 and tier 2 are without goalies this season
- U15 Tier 2 has identified 2 players who are committed to developing in the position and 2 more that are wanting to try. We are hopeful that this team will identify 1 or potentially 2 girls to take on the role full time by the end of year.
- U15 Tier 1 will look to be supported by their affiliate goalies and the use of an emergency goalie schedule. This is proving to be a bit of a challenge right now as most teams are waiting on their schedules. I'm hoping that this will get easier once schedules are released.
- The ACAC SAIT Trojans game was on Sunday, October 6th at the Viking Rentals Centre. Thank you to Crystal Crawford for helping with the set up and help running the event. It was an incredible day showcasing Female Hockey in Okotoks and was well attended by many of our female teams and community. We started the day with a special presentation by Kelly Murray at 2-3 PM. Kelly shared her journey overcoming challenges she faced in her hockey career and the road that ultimately lead her to become the Pittsburgh Penguins video analyst. Kelly is a very inspiring young lady and had those who attended were captivated by her story.
- Warm up for the SAIT game started at 3:45PM where we had our U11A Female team on the ice for the pregame warmup. The girls participated in the drills helping the SAIT and Rattlers get ready to faceoff. They got to stand on the blue lines for O Canada and I think that'll be a memorable experience for those young ladies for years to come. For the 1st intermission, our



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2- U9 teams entertained fans with an intersquad game at centre ice. 2nd intermission was a score to win with 4-U15AA Raiders showcasing their shooting skills on the shoot to win board sponsored by Classic Source for Sports. The game finished with SAIT scoring the only goal in the 3rd period to win the game and the team joined awaiting fans in the upper mezzanine area to sign autographs. All in all it was a great day and I am hopeful that we make this an annual event.

- You can view the article and photos here <https://okotoksonline.com/articles/gallery-sait-trojans-pick-up-win-at-viking-rentals-centre>

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:07PM

Motion to adjourn-

Michelle Barratt

2nd by – Tyson Jones

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