**OKOTOKS OILERS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

**OOAA BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday Oct 18th@ 7:00pm**

**Provincial Room at Pason**

Meeting Agenda

1. **Call to Order –** Dan called meeting to order at 7:18pm
2. **Attendance – Dan L, Mark K, Pat D, Rob E, Nicki S, Carolyn B, Trish S, Bruce L, Amber D, Sheena F, Tracy S, Mike R, Orinda M, Mike B, Michelle B, Tammy G, Dave H, Lindsay G**

**Absent – Cary Legrandeur, Geoff Stewart, Jamie Steer, Mike Reiber**

1. **Review and Approval of Sept 14th, 2021 Meeting Minutes.**

* Business arising from the prior meeting minutes. Minutes approved by all board.

1. **Reports**
2. **President.** - **Dan**  - Chris Beston and Lee Watkins to. Present to Board at 8:15pm.

* **Executive and Board have been very busy as the hockey season has started. Lot’s to get covered in this meeting.**

**Treasurer- Pat –** This season will look like financially to be a flat year. Still need to get money from OMHA. – Lindsay to look into.

1. **Vice President- Mark –** has been very busy with the Female side of hockey. Chestermere to host (Jan 15th for the U15 AA and U18 AAA female teams from the Raiders. This will help promote female hockey. This day will host games and skills.
2. **Secretary – vacant – Kelly** Lauritsen resigned as secretary and Equipment Director. Will be putting forth a nomination, further into meeting.
3. **OMHA President – Geoff – not present**
4. **Registration Update –**  **Lindsay –** registration closed. Was a very busy season.
5. **SCAHL Update – Mike Reiber not present. But sent in report.**

Nothing really to report from SCAHL other than its in full swing now, no items or issues have come up yet.

I believe Dan had asked me about the U16AA playoff structure...nothing has been sent out as they are still working on it.  Will be sent out when complete.

The SCAHL does have a few tournaments listed on their website.

1. **Game and Conduct –** Dave Hayes first meeting. Nothing to report at this time. Glenn Walker reached out to help give Dave guidance. Dave will communicate with him.

**Nominations**

**Kelly Lauritsen resigned as Secretary and Equipment Director.**

**Pat deHaas resigned as Treasurer.**

**Mark Kozak nominated Kathleen Dengler as Treasurer. 2nd by Sheena Fox. All Board approved.**

**Mark Kozak nominated Pat deHaas as Secretary, 2n by Rob Ellis. All Board approved.**

**Equipment Director – had 2 people come forth. Board decided it would be a great idea to have to people take on that position. Trevor McCallum and Diane Bjornson will be are new equipment director. All Board in favor.**

1. **Division Directors Report**

* BowMark U18AAA – Rob Ellis -
* BOW MARK U18AAA OILERS DIRECTOR REPORT SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 Tryouts: • 80 players attended camp, 11 goalies, 28 Defensemen, 41 Forwards • Exciting G/W game played on Thurs, Sept 9th…5 minutes of 3 on 3 OT • Roster reduced to 27 players plus 4 players attending junior camp o 4 Goalies, 8 Defenseman, 15 Forwards plus 4 • Final roster selection to be made on Sunday, Sept 19th AEHL U18AAA South Division Exhibition Series: • Wed, Sept 15th to Sun, Sept 19th • All games at Pason arenas • 8 participating teams with 4 games each • Great volunteer response for off ice officials Following Team Formation: • Team Orientation set for Mon, Sept 20th at FCHS from 6:30-8:30pm • Daytime practices start Tues, Sept 21st • Exhibition Game vs Edge on Thurs, Sept 23rd at Edge • First Regular Season league game is Fri, Oct 1st at 6:30pm at Pason MAC’s Tournament: • Have made contact with organizing committee about hosting an international team for a pretournament exhibition game • AK Bars from Russia is only international team attending • Waiting on Federal government guidelines for admission. • Macs plan is 6 pools with backup plan of 5 pools if international & US teams not coming.
* U18AA - Carolyn Berven – All going well with Team. Great group of Young men. G. Chanut got into an accident. Carolyn was called. He was not hurt badly. Just shaken up.
* U16AAA / U16AA - Bruce Layte – all going well. Recommendation to have 2 people do this level. One for AAA and one for AA.
* U15AAA – Cary LeGrandeur not present
* U15AA - Sheena Fox- Need to get Jerseys. Hopefully will be in soon.
* U13 AA- Mark Kozak – U 13 Coach getting suspended for 4 games. Need to learn from this and be in Contact with Mike Bara. North Division stronger than South. May need to progress to having only 1 male AA Team at this level.
* U18 Female AAA - Nicki Simard – Girls are loving the Coaches. Girls games have been close. This team has had some injuries. Discussed affiliations and the process.
* U18 Female AA- Trish Stewart – This team came out strong. Won the FireStarter Tourney!! Have had a few losses since then…. The Team has a team building weekend planned in November in Banff. It will be just the girls and the Coaches and Manager. Karen Is a great manager and the team is very lucky to have her.
* U15 Female AA - Amber Den Hoed – Team is at 500. Good manager. Going to Banff, have a lot planned. Will be a very busy season.
* U13 A Female – Mark Kozak – great start. Started in Tier 3… they have got their jerseys.

1. **Ice Scheduler Update –** Jamie Steer **- not present – but sent report**

* As far as I know all games are scheduled. If teams have games to move please get on it right away. Right now, I have all my ice but after it goes the CAHL on October 29th, then the dates you want may not be there.
* Finished November practice schedule at 3:30pm today. It is with Sean and Serena getting checked and will be out to the teams tomorrow.
* Waiting o 2 teams, and they know, for Christmas practice requests. As soon as I get them I will do the December practice schedule to take us all the way to January 4th.
* Any questions just email me.

1. **Director of Coaching Development –** Mike Bara.

* **Coach training Evals should be all done by end of November.**
* Reminder that any issues that Coaches have, managers and division directors please keep Mike Bara in the loop. Doesn’t want to be the last to know if things are not going smooth on the Coaching end of things. Suspensions need to be reported to him (Coaching).

1. **Bus waiver exemption U16AA team Nov 5-**7th canal Flats BC - have manager present a plan to DD and present back to Board in 72 hours.
2. **OOAA Storage Update – Dan**

Doug;

The following motion was passed with 100% support from the Board earlier tonight.    This should complete the last requirement that the town had requested prior to moving forward with planning and permitting.

Dan

“To move that the Okotoks Oilers Athletic Association allocate up to $190,000.00 towards the capital construction costs for a modular storage facility”

This storage would be for the primary use of our daytime teams and for association storage in the off season.  It would be located on the east side between the Foothills community center and Pason Gold Arena.  The Association will endeavor to support and solicit donations and sponsorships to help defray the association’s financial commitment.  In addition ,grant applications will be submitted to potentially support as well.   Upon completion this facility will be turned over to the Town of Okotoks in accordance to the attached MOU agreement with the Town of Okotoks.

**Board all agreed to put forth 190,00.00 for Storage facility.**

1. **Apparel DRT – Pat – presented this clothing line to Board. Pricing is in Canadian dollars. Will want to post on Website. If you have any questions please reach out to Pat … he can answer them.**
2. **Equipment Update- – need still to get one order of socks in. Everything is back ordered and slow getting out.**

* Carolyn motioned to make a 1000.00 equipment deposit for each team, 2nd by Amber Den Hoed all board in favor.

1. **Male Elite Council Update – Dan – Ramp out to members to see if anyone interested. Dan will cover this till help is found.**
2. **Female Elite Council Update - Mark - will ask Coaches if there are any changes needed with AFHL.**
3. **Billet Coordinator – Tammy Gurr - Billeting was difficult due to pandemic, but 13 Billets are all safe and sound with families.**
4. **Casino Update – Pat –** 26 volunteers needed and found. Casino happens next week for 2 days. **MANDATING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS.** Always same people volunteering.
5. **Evals and Tryout Processes –** need to work on this process. Maybe a sub -committee to form for some ideas to stream line or make things run more smoothly.
6. **Hockey TV- Carolyn – Seaman Arena lots of issues with this. IPADS are on the way for all teams.**

* This process has been very time consuming with a lot of technical difficulties for Carolyn.
* Carolyn motioned for 3 systems for Hockey TV at 5000.00, 2nd by Rob Ellis all board in favor.

1. **Trip Roster and Bussing Policy – Michelle- Trip Roster is not working well. Need to look at other programs for next year. With Michelle going through all of this, there are a lot of holes and we need to come up with a better and more solid process for this. Michelle to look into this more. We will look at OMHA policies too.**
2. **New Business – Chris Beston and Lee Watkins to present at 8:15pm**

* Presented to Board what happened during tryouts and final team formation.
* On Sept 19th – Set the 20 Man Roster after end of Tournament.
* Roster was posted on Website.
* Later that week the coaching team learned a player was coming down from Junior team. Lee got a call from the players dad that he was released from Blackfalds.
* Understand that all players that are out at camps…. Keep in touch with their home associations and the Junior Teams also keep everyone in the loop. Blackfalds stated that they were going to keep this player so the BowMark team felt confident in making the team’s roster.
* This player wanted to come to OOAA…. and not to the Canucks.
* With this player coming down from Junior caused a ripple effect. This meant a player from BowMark needed to come down. This led to some hard conversations and upset feelings. The Junior player decided to play for Canucks…. This allowed the BowMark AAA team to stay the same.
* This has to be brought forth to the Board so that they all understand that the U18 AAA teams cannot set their final roster until the middle of October.
* Set a Roster of 15 and have 5 players on Exhibition roster. This will then allow the U18 AA team to form an exhibition team as well. Both Coaches of both teams need to keep up clear and concise communication through this process.
* This situation this year was a no-win situation…. need to learn from this and be more transparent.
* Set up a Sub Committee (Lee/Chris and …….)

1. **Old Business - nothing**
2. **Adjournment - meeting adjourned at 9:17pm by Michelle Barratt and 2nd by Lindsay Graw.**