



OOAA Board Meeting Minutes- March 9, 2026

Called to Order: 7:00pm by Jennifer Dustow

Motion to approve Minutes of February 9th board meeting

1st Jennifer Zaffino

2nd Nicole Brockhoff

All in favor yes

Welcome

Attendance

Kris Schultz

Lee Morey

Tony Fairfield

Kathleen Dengler

Michelle Barratt

Kari Meyer

Sine McDonald

Katie Goulard

Nicole Brockhoff

Candice Wyma

Tamara Spencer

Jamie Steer

Diane Bjornson

Jennifer Dustow

Lindsay Graw

Jay Brockhoff

Grant Farion

Jennifer Zaffino

Dan Parsons

Melissa Deplaedt

—Geoff Rollins

Jeremy Gough

Mark Pederson

Reports

President – Jennifer Dustow

Hockey Alberta – Has announced that the Okotoks AAA draw zone will remain as is for the 2026-2027 season.

- **Announcement on Elite Team formation includes Elite Player Movements in the Spring** – Form available on Hockey Alberta website from March 1 – April 1, this will allow players meeting the EPM criteria access to tryout in that association in the Spring, players cannot be

committed under an EPM until it has been approved. Hockey Alberta is looking to approve these in June. This new process will allow players who meet the criteria to participate in Spring Tryouts vs the previous process that didn't allow this til the fall. No real difference in process other than time.

- Players who have previously played in an association on an EPM will be able to declare to remain in that association, this is done by completing a the new returning player exception form. This only applies to AA and AAA, if a player used an EPM to play U15AA boys they would be able to stay here to play AA hockey, but not AAA or minor and they would be required to return to their home association. Must be the same level.
- A proposal for U14AAA hockey is being reviewed by Hockey Alberta, no plans to pilot anything for the 26/27 season.
- Spring ID camps/Tryouts can begin at the conclusion of the season, removing the April 1st start date.

Skill Shark – Streamlined evaluation tool that is automated allowing coaches and evaluators to input data easily, create reports, and can provide customized feedback to players. This tool will be used for the Spring Tryouts, and utilized by the coaches upon final team formation providing tools to evaluate players in practices and games, as well as a self assessment tool for players to assess themselves and provide that feedback to the coaches.

Ice Allocation Meeting – Meet with the Town of Okotoks and the biggest ice users to discuss ice allocation for the Fall 2026. Our existing ice allocation will remain status quo for the 26/27 season. The Town of Okotoks is growing and there are discussions about additional facilities approximately 5 -10 years out. When that time comes other existing facilities will be in serious need of repair and these new facilities won't even touch the growing needs of our community and programs. We as an association need to be proactive in preparing to fund future facilities. I would like to discuss the potential of adding on a fee to registrations with funds directed towards a restricted use fund for future facilities.

Fall Ice – Jamie and I have meet to create a preliminary schedule for the Fall tryouts and Conditioning Camps. We have also set the preliminary dates for Pre-season tournaments and Lindsay has sent out invites to teams for those tournaments. Pre-Season Tournaments for U15AA, U16AA, and U18AA have been confirmed with Cochrane.

Spring Tryouts – 2026 Season

- o Working on updating the slideshows for the Spring Tryout parent information sessions.
- o Updating Player commitment letters.
- o Creating letter for invites to main camp.

Athletic Therapist Contract – Gathered information from other associations on average costs associated with AT's. Most associations have a tiered scale for Therapists based on level of training and experience. These varied from \$90/home game, \$100/away game for Trainers with first aid to \$150/home game, \$200/away game for Athletic Therapists.

Board discussion, willing to make Okotoks home base. Discuss mileage from Okotoks to Cochrane and Okotoks to Airdrie.

Reminders

- April 8th OAAA Board meeting is canceled as Spring Tryouts will be in progress.
- Division Directors Meeting March 16th at 7pm

Admin- Lindsay Graw

Registration still ongoing for the Spring and Summer program

Spring tryout registration closes on March 22nd

Set up players in Skill Shark and Schedule

Bowmark - Tamara Spencer

Finished 8th out of 16th.

Lots in First round of Playoffs vs Royals

U17AAA Oilers- Tamara Spencer

6th out of 9

Playoffs start on the 11th

U18AA Raiders- Nicole Brockhoff

Finished in 3rd

2nd round against Red Deer on Friday

U18AAA Raiders- Nicole Brockhoff

Finished in 8th place

Lost in the 1st round of playoffs to Edmonton

U18AA Oilers - Katie Goulard

1st in the Season

Lost in the playoff to the Foothills Bisons

U16AA Oilers- Katie Goulard

Finished in 5th

Playoff start this weekend

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U15AAA- Michelle Barrett

4th in the regular Season

Won 1st round of playoffs vs the Royals

Round 2 vs Lethbridge

U15AA- Michelle Barrett

Won Bronze in the AB Winter Games

Finished 1st

Lost to Foothills in OT in the final which was 3 on 3

U15AA Raiders- Jennifer Zaffino

Lost in the 1st round of playoffs

U13AA Raiders- Candice Wyma

Finished 1st

Playoffs this weekend in Lethbridge

Provincials following weekend in Okotoks

U13AA Raiders would like to host year end tournament in 26-27

U13AAA Oilers- Candice Wyma

Finished in 5th

Playoffs this weekend in Cochrane

Would like to host Provincials in 26-27

Director of Coach Development- Mark Pederson

U15AA Raiders 5 possible Coach candidates. Gave the job to Jared Duyns

Madi Pott is back as an AC

Kyra Greig will possibly return

U18AA Oilers interviews tomorrow night. 2 Candidates

Coach Selection Committee decided to post the U18AA Raiders HC job

Diane Bjornson expressed her disappointment regarding the U18AA Raiders job posting.

Director at Large- Grant Farion

Cannot stream on any other platform for AEHL and AFHL teams.

Need a new Flo TV coordinator for next season as Grant will not be returning.

Key pad being put on the Camera door

Safety- Michelle Barrett

Reviewing the AT contract

Equipment- Dan Parsons

Working with Pro Skate for U18AAA Raiders and Bowmark order for next season

Social Media Candice Wyma- Please text Candice any information you want to be shared.

Website Tamara Spencer- Continuously adding information and updates
Any signings or commitments post Minor Hockey please send them to Tamara so she can update the website.

Sending out a template to the Directors for the tryout rosters

Banquet- Tamara Spencer
Planning going really well.
Rings have been ordered and other awards.

Billet Coordinator- Role will be opening up as Melissa is stepping down due to family

Other –
Bison Days raised 22k for Marni Eckberg, Many OOAA teams donated Silent Auctions items

New Business-
Can we put a rotation in for the AA Year End tournament?

Meeting Adjourned: 8:18pm

1st Candice Wyma

2nd Tamara Spencer