



OOAA Board Meeting Minutes- May 11, 2026

Called to Order: 7:00pm by Jennifer Dustow

Motion to approve Minutes of March 6, 2026 board meeting

1st Tony Fairfield

2nd Jay Brockhoff

All in favor

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

1. **Hockey Alberta** – Met with Elite committee on Monday March 30th. Discussed ongoing concerns with Elite player movement and concerns with the integrity of the draw zone. Felt like earlier conversation had by Hockey Alberta on realignment of the draw zone have opened up a bit of a can of worms. Asked HA to uphold the integrity of the draw zone alignment in their approvals of EPM's in June.

Hockey Alberta meeting in Red Deer on April 22nd. This was a full day of meetings to discuss hockey operations and how associations are impacted by Hockey Alberta timelines. Hockey Alberta has agreed that with the shifting landscape in hockey that they need to make some amendments to their bylaws that currently state decisions are made for a wide spectrum of things on dates that no longer align with hockey operations across the province. A proposed amendment has been made and will be voted on at the AGM

in June. This change should see better communication timelines for proposed and approved changes. Following this meeting there was a meeting with the associations representing the 8 Female U18AAA teams. Discussions were had around transparency with player carding and movement. With U18AAA Female being the only program in the province with open borders there has been concerns with players moving between AAA programs each year, this reduces parity in the league and allows some teams to become super teams dominating the league. Discussions were had to come up with a plan to reduce player movement and allow programs opportunities to retain and develop players. A preliminary plan has been proposed and is under consideration by Hockey Alberta. Once a plan has been approved that information will be shared. Nothing to affect the 26/27 season, forecasted for the 27/28 season.

2. **Skill Shark** – Feedback from evaluations. Coaches and Division directors have been asked to send in their feedback on skill shark. We are looking to set up a meeting on June 11th to review Skill Shark and Spring Evaluations.

3. **Fall Ice** – Jamie is working on the Fall ice schedule for Conditioning camps, main camps, and pre-season tournaments.

Coaches have been asked to submit their tournaments to Jamie no later than June 15th so that he can block off the ice with the league.

4. **Spring Tryouts – 2026 Season**
 - Thank the Division Directors for supporting the coaches throughout this new process and for embracing Skill shark, and collecting, washing, and inventorying the tryout jerseys.
 - Thanks to Dan for coordinating with the DD to pick up and return jerseys.

5. **Athletic Therapist Contract** – New contract has been signed. Changes include mileage at HA ref rates .50/km for games between 51 – 174km from our home rinks. For teams that don't require bussing, carpooling for your coaches and trainers is encouraged.

6. **Policy Updates** – Policy updates to align with our current operations, these include aligning with our manager and treasurer handbooks, Athletic Therapist, and some outdated policies being amended to follow current Hockey Alberta rules. ie: Affiliation policy, number of affiliated players on a roster and due date for players to be added to a roster. These will be updated over the Spring/Summer in preparation for the 26/27 season.

Reminders

- June 15th OAAA Virtual AGM The AGM is hosted virtually as a bulk of our members are from outside Okotoks, including players at U18AAA Raiders who are open borders. This gives everyone equal opportunity to participate in the voting process. Links will be shared with board members and members of the association once that meeting has been set up.
- I ask that you please let us know asap if you plan to return to the board next season or if you are looking to take a step back so we have time to fill any upcoming vacancies.

Motion: to make Dan Parsons a Director at Large as the equipment Director

All Passed

Motion: to make Director at Large handle specific jobs for example

Bussing, HUDL/FLO, Billet Coordinator

All Passed

Melissa has stepped away from the billet role, she is working with Jennifer Ashton to take over for the 26-27 season.

- I want to Thank everyone for your support over this last year. It's been wonderful working with each and everyone of you and I look forward to the 2026 – 2027 season.

Treasurer- Kathleen - working on the associations Audit. Year end is May 31st

.VP – Tony Fairfield

Provincial planning committee did a fantastic job and was a huge success

U13AA Raiders did a lot of fundraising, 12k was donated back to the community from the Provincials

U13AA Raiders paid \$2500 for the full season thru donations. This is to be celebrated.

This should be shared with a fact sheet that illustrates what you get for the U13AA Raiders program. We are a community and need to continue to expose ourselves with the community

Secretary- Jay Brockhoff

Look at organizing a Oilers Day to bring awareness.

OMHA President- Geoff Rollins

OMHA AGM May 27th

By law proposed amendments. Absorbing ORA and amending U11AA to OMHA

Foothills and High Country are joining U7 and U9 to free up ice for OMHA other teams.

Q: Tony asked why does OMHA want to keep U11AA.

A: Geoff R- Cost factors, U11AA is not "elite", OMHA feels that the parent coaches The Coaches have relationships with the players. It was a challenge with a non parent coach that does not know the players.

OMHA still considers U11AA grass roots.

Game and Conduct- Jeremy Gough

Coach Director- Mark Pederson

A lot of recruitment happening, speaking with Coaches to retain players.

Will review 9 box with Jennifer Dustow tomorrow

Spring program running smooth, concerns over the skills gap on the male side. 13/15 divisions

Other groups doing well.

Admin- Lindsay Graw

Please have the AGM slides to Lindsay by June 1st.

Working with Kathleen and Geib Co with the year end.

U18AAA Bowmark/U17AAA- Tamara Spencer

U17AAA Will send equipment order to Dan.

U18AAA sent off requests for tournaments, will work with Dan on equipment order.

U18AAA Raiders/U18AA Raiders- Nicole Brockhoff

Equipment order will be sent to Dan

Dave Harper has been reaching out to players and introducing himself.

U16AA/U18AA Oilers Katie Goulard

U16AA had 42 players at the Spring tryouts

U18AA had to be cancelled due to low numbers, does not feel like that we need a Spring tryout at U18AA next year,

U15AAA/AA Oilers – Michelle Barrett

U15AAA signed 13 players

Secured a non parent manager with Lisa Hanson

Daron was at AB Cup with 2 Okotoks Players

U15AA Geoff Stewart

Signed 8 players

Just finished at Alberta Challenge

U15AA Raiders- Jennifer Zaffino

Signed 8 players, returners and 2 new

Jared Duyns has been great to work with

Roster will be 17 and 2

U13AAA Oilers/Raiders- Candice Wyma

Josh Harding is recruiting for final roster spots

Greg Krebs has added 3 new ACs

Equipment- Dan Parsons

All Spring tryout jerseys returned. Some ripped and lost but for the most part they are in good quality.

Doing inventory now.

Lots of jerseys so we probably should not have to order more for the fall.

New sock company has more sizes so they will be ordered

Lockes will be changed next Tuesday.

Proofs of new jerseys, pant shells coming this week.

Grant Farion- Stepping away

Need someone who is techy and good with Flo and the streaming services. Please send them out way

Website- Tamara Spencer

Signing posts are almost all ready to publish.

Banquet- Jennifer Dustow and Tamara Spencer

New table lay out, very positive and added a grad wall, hung the graduating player jerseys to the wall.

Players would like more time to mingle before the event starts.

Thank you Tamara for being the MC

Old Business

Nicole Brockhoff- Should we consider increasing the AA Deposit amount of \$1500.00?

Feeling is to keep it the same

New Business

None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:43pm

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2nd Tony Fairfield

