



OOAA Board Meeting Minutes- December 11, 2024

Called to Order: 7:00pm by Dan Laplante

Motion to approve Minutes of August 26th board meeting

1st Scott Harding

2nd Kathleen Dengler

Welcome

Attendance

Dan Laplante

Rob Ellis

Tony Fairfield

Kathleen Dengler

Michelle Barratt

Dave Hayes

Sine McDonald

Katie Goulard

Nicole Brockhoff

Candice Wyma

Tamara Spencer

Jamie Steer

Diane Bjornson

Kari Meyer

Lindsay Graw

Brandon Millard

Grant Farion

Scott Harding

Ben Graham

Melissa Deplaedt

Geoff Rollins

Jennifer Dustow

Mark Pederson

Reports

President – Dan Laplante

- IGM held on Thursday Nov 27th
- Reviewed Audited financial and operational updates on the year to date
- Initial cash call of 6000.00 / AAA and 3000.00 /AA due on Oct 15th
- Only one player in association missed deadline for initial cash call
- This was the vast majority of code and conduct issues last year in OOAA
- OOAA Ran Dev 1 coaching clinics in Late Oct with OMHA, Foothills and coaches within OOAA attending
- HA Elite Parent, Player and Coach survey launched Tues Nov 12th and closed Fri Nov 22nd.
- Okotoks had greatest number of responses in entire province – thank you
- Once HA releases Okotoks summary we will post on our website
- Skills and goalie support program underway – Coach Director to address
- Bowmark invited into Circle K tournaments based on performance
- Pool 1 with Detroit Victory Honda, Caribou Cougars and Sioux Falls Power
- Academic support sessions going well for U17AAA and U18AAA teams
- U17AAA submitted a bid for Provincials
- Reminder to board of rotational strategy- U13AA Raiders bid next year

- Hockey Alberta has moved towards associations setting their own spring commitments / team at every level within AEHL and AFHL
- U13AAA program most likely coming to southern Alberta for 2025/26 Season to reflect pilot program in Northern Alberta
- Casino currently underway Dec 10th and 11th – We may have to look at a volunteer bond for the casino to ensure compliance going forward
- Year end banquet March 25th
- Looking for an equipment Director starting the end of January 2025
- U11AA move to OAAA under discussions with OMHA
- -Committed players on the Male and Female side will pay a \$3000.00 deposit

OAAA Treasurer- Kathleen Dengler

Getting Audited from the CRA for GST. The employee working on the Audit says everything looks good. It is at the supervisor. Having the opinion and the ruling made the process as smooth as possible. We will hear back shortly.

OAAA Secretary- Jennifer Dustow

Make sure we booked the kitchen for the banquet

OMHA President- Geoff Rollins

IGM December 12th, G and C very few issues

U11AA focus group being set up. Looking to see what the best home for this team to land based on their age for development etc.

Goal to have this determined by January 31st

Coach Director- Mark Pederson

U18AAA goal was to make the Circle K and they made it.

Mark played in the Macs and is not coaching in the tournament

Been out to all teams' games. Talked to coaches, some more than others

Coaching office looks awesome and has become a real home

Used for coach meetings, player/coach meetings etc

Lots of player injuries pulling in players from Okotoks and draw zone, communication has been fantastic. Managing AP games due to 10 max.

Communication between coaches has been fantastic and it's a real team.

We knew a few teams would struggle and with new coaches they would need more support

AA teams have a couple of skills left.

AAA are well over half of the skills left for the 2nd half.

Brandon Millard is almost over his practicum. Completed 160 hours meeting with Mark to discuss feedback on each player and provide some suggestions for in season, post season player work.

Admin- Lindsay Graw

Running registration for U17AAA and U18AAA daytime continuation

U18AAA/U17AAA Oilers- Rob Ellis

U18AAA finished 2nd in Island Classic

Sitting in 4th

Invited to Circle K in December

U17AAA sitting in 1st in the South

U18AA/U16AA Oilers- Katie Goulard

U18AA sitting in 4th in the South

Coach is working on team chemistry, expectations and accountability

Announced leadership group

U16AA

Tied for 2nd

U13AA Oilers/Raiders – Candice Wyma

U13AA Oilers

6th with 4-11 closer games than last season

Only able to get into 1 tournament

U13AA Raiders

won Okotoks Female tournament

Would like to have the practice ice time to be addressed for next season

Dan spoke to Jamie and he will contact Nicole

Would like an A team on the OMHA side to have more options for players

U15AA Raiders- Nicole Brockhoff

Raiders are in 6th, very tight division

U18AAA/U18AA Raiders- Tamara Spencer

U18AAA sitting in 7th

They have more wins than last season, some loses in OT and Shoot outs

Claire Laplante has signed with NAIT

AC CJ announced as Alberta Challenge AC

U18AA Raider

4th sitting

Major injury on team

Heading to PA in January
Great group

Ice Scheduler- Jamie Steer

Ice booked for Spring ID camp
Engaged coaches and anticipated that evaluations were moving to Spring model and we got ice to accommodate

Equipment- Diane Bjornson

Moved 30 totes to the Murray arena filled with tryout jerseys since we are only use these items 2 x a year.
Recommend 2 equipment directors.
Recommend jersey replacements for male teams every 2 years and female every 3 years +

Billet Coordinator- Melissa Deplaedt

Once equipment director is sorted.
Would like a 2nd helper for the billet coordinator
Would like a parent liaison from an academic side- showing different options IE Comp, St Lukes, HTA, online

Year end banquet- Jennifer Dustow and Tamara Spencer,

running similar program as last season.
Revise awards and rings with new logo
Reps from each team

New Business-

Grant- Should we just pass a Casino bond of \$1000.00 per team
Grant Farion Moved
Scott Harding 2nd
Vote all in favor

Grant Farion- Can we RAMP out a petition to the member in the County to get more ice at SSSR. Tax payers must go to the county to ask for more than 65% of the ice time.

Jennifer Dustow- we need to move female to Murray due to teams travelling and having no concession

Motion to adjourn

Tamara Spencer
2nd Ben Grahma

Meeting Adjourned: 8:17 pm

APPROVED