



## OOAA Board Meeting Minutes- January 15, 2025

Called to Order: 7:00pm by Dan Laplante

Motion to approve Minutes of December 11th board meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Michelle Barratt

2<sup>nd</sup> Tamara Spencer

All in favor

### 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

Grant Farion

Scott Harding

Ben Graham

Melissa Deplaedt

Geoff Rollins

Jennifer Dustow

Mark Pederson

### Reports

**President – Dan Laplante**

**What do we as a board want to accomplish for the 2<sup>nd</sup> have as a board?**

-Logo use

- Evaluation process for 2025-2026

- Attended HA U13AAA Committee meetings will be rolled out by January 15th
- Drawzone meetings with MHA's next steps
- Public Roll out end of Jan 2025
- Bowmark into Circle K tournament with no volunteer commitment by OOAA
- Okotoks hosting U17AAA provincials – Lee Watkins / Rob Ellis Co Chairs
- 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

- Met both in Dec and Jan with Division Directors and Head coaches – to debate and discuss commitments / level within OAAA.
- Once approved – goal would be to be transparent to membership and Draw zone MHA's as to our approach to spring commitments
- Initial deposit recommendation also discussed
- Unauthorized people on OAAA ice – matter referred to the Coach Director
- Year End Award Celebration – Tues March 25<sup>th</sup> – Tamara / Jenn making it happen again – thank you

**OAAA Treasurer- Kathleen Dengler**

CRA Audit results came in. No changes, OAAA will get a refund this year.

**Coach Director- Mark Pederson**

U13AA Oilers and Raiders

Attended practices and games for

Happy with the practices and the overall attitude

U16AA- made some suggestions to coaches after watching game

U18AA R- experienced coaching staff, didn't need much feedback

Is watching the home game schedules and will attend more games on the second half of the season.

**Admin- Lindsay Graw**

Banquet room and kitchen booked and contract signed.

Provincial funds sent to U17AAA

Rosters for players is now locked

Parent Survey ready will go out February 14th

Year End Awards survey ready will be sent to coaches Feb 24. Deadline March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Only one award winner per award. Only exception is top scorer if there is a tie.

SSSR asked for numbers based on where our players that use SSSR live

**U18AAA/U17AAA Oilers- Rob Ellis**

Bowmark lost in Semi of B side, tough competition

Sitting 4<sup>th</sup> in points but goes back and forth between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4th

U17AAA sitting in 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Proposed Evaluation Changes and Commitment Levels**

**2025/26 Season**

**ALL SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY AEHL/AFHL**

DIVISION	OILERS		RAIDERS	
	Maximum Commits	Roster Size	Maximum Commits	Roster Size
U13AAA/AA	10	17	10	17
U15AA	10	20	12	19
U15AAA	18	20		
U16AA	10	20		
U17AAA	15	20		
U18AA	10	20	12	20
U18AAA	18	20	20	20

#### Schedule for Evaluations:

1. Spring evaluation in April. Players must attend Spring evaluations to be eligible for commitment  
With the exception of U18AAA Raiders.
  - a. Player Commitments
    - i. Goal of getting all commitments by the end of April
    - ii. Player Agreement presented with 48hour review and commit period
    - iii. \$3,000 Deposit for AAA teams (excluding U13AAA)
    - iv. \$1,500 Deposit for AA teams and U13AAA
    - v. Deposits are equivalent to 50% of the first cash call and are transferred to teams after team formation
2. Player invitations to main camp issued no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>
3. List of committed players and main camp invitees published by August 1
4. Conditioning Camps starting mid August
5. Last Tryout (1-2 Ice Sessions) first with invitation to AAA main camp
6. Main AAA Camps in late August and early Sept
7. AA Tryouts following AAA Main Camps

**Motion for board to accept number of commitments**

**1<sup>st</sup>- Michelle B**

**2<sup>nd</sup>- Grant Farion**

**All in favor passed**

**Motion to board to accept the deposit amounts**

**1<sup>st</sup>- Grant Farion**

**2<sup>nd</sup>- Michelle B**

**All in favor passed**

**Communication is key in the coming months as registration opens for spring evaluation.**

- Elite Male & Female Committee and thru member associations
- RAMP distribution
- Virtual Parent Meetings
- All social media platforms and website
- Parent Meetings at Spring Sessions

**Michelle Barratt-**

U15AAA – going to the Crown in Edmonton this weekend

**U13AA Oilers/Raiders – Candice Wyma**

U13AA Oilers 6<sup>th</sup> out of 7 games have been close

U13AA Raiders 7<sup>th</sup> out of 7<sup>th</sup>

Wranglers running skates Monday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30pm- OAAA Rep will attend

Wranglers looking to expand their teams by 4

**U15AA Raiders- Nicole Brockhoff**

6<sup>th</sup> out of 7

Tournament in Kindersley, close games with shoot outs

**U18AAA/U18AA Raiders- Tamara Spencer**

U18AAA Raiders sitting 7 out of 8

Improvement from last year

U18AA Raiders

5<sup>th</sup> out of 6<sup>th</sup>

Just came back from Prince Albert tournament, had fun

**Katie Goulard-**

**U18AA Oilers 4<sup>th</sup>**

Coach happy with team cohesion and development

**U16AA 2<sup>nd</sup>**

On a winning streak

Big weekend coming up

**Equipment- Diane Bjornson**

One person has shown interest.

Will connect with Pro Skate for next seasons order for Bowmark and Raiders AAA

With Spring tryouts need to order tryout jerseys

Lindsay to give Diane registration numbers from last season

**Kari Meyer-**

Would like to have a policy that outlines that teams cannot modify/alter the logo

Logos for social media and apparel, keep it standard

Would like a temporary policy in place for logo before a new logo policy is in place?

Michelle B and Kari Meyer- will develop a policy before next board meeting

Geoff R offered to contact the lawyers looking at the OMHA logo trademark for OOAA logo.

**Billet Coordinator- Melissa Deplaedt**

\$75 Sobeys GC sent to OOAA Billets

**Year End banquet- Jennifer Dustow and Tamara Spencer**

Sent out letters for team reps

¾ Raiders teams have signed up

1/8 Oilers signed up

January 25<sup>th</sup> first meeting

Asked Dan for non-member guest list

MVP award- want to change the verbiage on the description of the award  
Oiler/Raider award

**New Business-**

Geoff Rollins-

Geoff Rollins, Mark Pederson, Dan Laplante, Tyson Jones, Ryan Carson, Jamie Steer will meet January 30<sup>th</sup> to determine where the U11AA team will play in the 2025-2026 season.

Answer back within 7 days

Determine where the best landing place for development, policy's on playing time etc for their age.

If they stay in OMHA the bylaw will need to be amended  
If in they come to OOAA they will need OOAA jerseys

Lloydminster- President has been charged with fraud and embezzlement.  
HA reached out because Kathleen was involved in GHC case.  
They asked for Kathleen to help out in this case as well.

Dan Laplante- The Edmonton technical Director was let go in the middle of EMHW.

Grant- dialogue has started to figure out live streaming at Murray.

In Green if the mics are not working find an arena staff member and they will get them for you

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:31 pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Diane Bjornson**

**2<sup>nd</sup>- Rob Ellis**