



OOAA Board Meeting Minutes- May 20, 2025

Called to Order: 7:00pm by Dan Laplante

Motion to approve Minutes of March 12th board meeting

1st Jennifer Dustow

2nd 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

Dan Parsons

Grant Farion

Scott Harding

Ben Graham

Melissa Deplaedt

Geoff Rollins

Jennifer Dustow

Mark Pederson

Reports

President – Dan Laplante

- Spring evaluations completed April 7th to 17th
- Commitment and posting process being reviewed with directors and coaches
- Additional communication to address parent concerns
- Parents / players have many choices in today's marketplace
- RFQ for Skills, goalie, video and academic RFP awarded
- U17AAA Oilers hosted provincials April 3rd to 6th – awarded bronze medal
- Preseason Tourneys – U15AAA 4 Teams, U18AAA 7 Teams, U13AA F 5 Teams, U15AA, 4teams U18AA 4 teams and U13AAA 4 Teams all commitments in place – invoices go out early June
- Tournaments for all teams during 2025/26 Season are being secured and committed
- Year end awards banquet – Tues March 25th – Great event – Thank you to Jenn and Tamara
- Ice challenges in Okotoks – Town is facing pressures from external groups to secure ice. All user groups will need to work very closely together for a coordinated fundraising strategy to support new ice surfaces.

Government Grant opportunities will need to be explored. Working closely with OMHA is essential to success.

- I am recommending that next year's board take a hard look at engaging the OAAA membership and put in place a mandatory arena building fee that accumulates in a restricted use fund. Hockey Calgary has put this in place since 2006 and helps secure and support new facilities
- OAAA Virtual AGM Board June 19th
- Hosted by an independent third party
- Please advise if you intend to let your name stand for nomination
- Thank you to all the board members over the past 6 years – it takes a village.
- Lee Watkins will be the Tournament and Provincial bid Director for the 25-26

Coach Director- Mark Pederson

Jennifer and Mark were on a call with Airdrie to review their system to review their coaches called 9 box. They believe it adds some value, so they are seriously considering it.

Secretary- Jennifer Dustow

Meetings have been held with HC and DD to review the Spring tryout process. How we can improve and make changes for next season. Major challenge with ice. We are going to change that for next season.

Looking for a group to review and update policies. During the off season

Admin- Lindsay Graw

Spring Commitments are on going. To date there have been 92 confirmed commitments

U18AAA Bowmark/U17AAA- Rob Ellis

Bowmark has been accepted in Victoria. Payment will be issued.

Tryouts will be tricky this fall due to Jr camps, there is a delay in the AJHL by the week this season which will have a trickle down effect. The returning players at Jr camps may not be back until team formation.

Previous seasons players had to be signed to attend the exhibition season. This season they do not have that. This will result in players being gone longer.

September 14th is team formation day for Bow Mark.

WHL players normally would sign prior to participating in preseason exhibition games. This practice is no longer required given the NCAA change regarding CHL players.

Equipment- Dan Parsons

Diane has been training Dan.

All equipment has been returned and deposits returned.

Spring tryout numbers were a lot higher than anticipated and had to keep reordering.

For fall it could be a challenge to know how much to order. May just order the same amount as last season and if we have extra then we can carry them over.

Diamond embroidery is willing to take on some additional work. Put this out to the apparel committee

Website- Kari Meyer

Posting the signings as they complete.

Billet and Scholarship announcements still being worked on

Working on changing the social media passwords for each team.

Some teams would like to continue the social media over the summer. The policy states that the social media ends in March and begins when the teams are formed.

Work with Jennifer D and the new policy committee on updating the policy

Billet Coordinator- Melissa Deplaedt

Have started looking for billets for the U18AAA Raiders. Need to get the names of the payers for the U17AAA and Bow Mark teams.

Family asked if their players could rent an apartment. We do not have a mandatory billet policy. Families can choose to use the association billets or decline.

Banquet- Tamara and Jennfier- feel that the banquet went well. Finances are all finalized. Everyone kept things on time.

We missed Michelle B

Meeting Adjourned: 7:24pm

1st Jennifer Dustow

2nd- Tamara Spencer