



OAAA Board Meeting Minutes- December 12, 2023

Called to Order: 7:04 pm by Dan Laplante

Motion to approve Minutes of October 5th board meeting

1st Grant Farion

2nd Ben Graham

All approved

Welcome

Attendance

Dan Laplante

Rob Ellis

Pat de Hass

Kathleen Dengler

Michelle Barratt

Dave Hayes

Lindsay Graw

Kari Meyer

Nicole Brockhoff

Tyler Vollman

Tamara Spencer

Jamie Steer

Diane Bjornson

Karla Wingate-Cooley

Geoff Stewart

Amy Snyder

Grant Farion

Scott Harding

Orinda McCann

Melissa Deplaedt

Laura Berner

Jennifer Dustow

Ben Graham

Reports

President – Dan Laplante

- Parent survey completed and closed off Dec 8th. Rob Ellis as Coach Director will be reviewing
- Ad Hoc Committee to review cash call payment structure from other AAA/AA associations in prov has been approved by Executive. Grant Farion to Chair committee comprised of Dennis Inglis and Ben Graham.
- Sat Jan 13th and Sun Jan 14th OAAA hosts U15AAA, U17AAA and U18AAA Teams from NWCAA and Red Deer respectively.
- OAAA to host Routes, Pathways choices session with both AJHL and WHL representatives for players and parents that weekend
- Circle K Pools announced Dec 4th and OAAA volunteer commitments met to support circle k tourney as our host obligation
- IGM in November – feedback from board
Discussions regarding answering member questions, transparency, purpose of the IGM
- Congrats to Daron Dumanski on AC for AB Cup and Joe Tsai AC for Prospects cup, Paige Shannon trainer for two events
- Showcases are booked.
- Year end banquet committee co chairs are Jennifer Dustow and Tamara Spencer

Vice President- Rob Ellis- wrapped up coach Dev 1 sessions 16 coaches attended. Mike Bara following up with some head coaches. Well received by the AC's

Set up meetings with coaches to review mid season survey

SCAHL- Michelle B

Showcase Nov 11 weekend. Shortage of referees was an issue. SCAHL knows the schedule could be adjusted.

U13AA Oilers and Raiders Jennifer Dustow-

U13AA Raiders is going to GP for Winter Games requesting for \$2500 cost to offset the travel cost.

Board policy is teams are eligible for \$2500.00 for National/Provincial tournaments

Rob Ellis 2nd

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U13AA Raiders did not get awarded Provincials.

U13AA Oilers is struggling, G and C has been involved, parent meetings and Amy Snyder has been brought in. Dustow has spoken to Ellis they are waiting on the results of the survey and move forward with that. Mike Bara is helping over see the practices since the HC is in Dev 1, Daron Dumanski has helped run some practices as well for a different voice. The coaches will be in the dressing room to ensure no bullying in the room is occurring.

U15AA and U15AAA Oilers Michelle Barratt-

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Player from U15AAA had to step down, a U15AA player moved to U15AAA and a OMHA U15T1 player moved to U15AA

U15AAA sitting in 5th

U15AA sitting in 1st

U18AAA Rob Ellis- Bowmark is in 5th place, heading to Grande Prairie this weekend then Circle K

U18AA and U18AAA Raiders- Tamara Spencer

U18AAA heading to Winnipeg in January not on the black out weekend. At the bottom of the league but they new that given the schedule at the start of the season this could happen.

U18AA is 500 they are Tik Tok famous for their home opener

Safety- Amy Snyder

Mental health needs to be prepared for worst case scenarios and have a plan in place for all different types of scenarios.

Have had lots of team seasons on mental health, power points are emailed to the parents so they are aware of what is discussed.

Would like to create a mental health program were Amy can build a team of specific people that can join her. They are working on a proposal to present that will be sustainable that will help players, parents and coaches.

Provide training, team sessions, individual sessions. Looking for outside funding so that the cost is not for the association.

Looking at a platform that would be separate from the board to keep things confidential.

Work with other organizations to discuss issues that are affecting all players across the board.

Director at Large- Grant Farion

Ice for SCAHL playoffs, SSSR will not provide ice on a Wednesday and Thursday for SCAHL playoffs. Discuss with Jamie for looking at options for future ice for playoffs.

Director at Large- Ben Graham

We should consider adding a players advocate to the associations. Either thru Amy or parent based, independent volunteer. Board needs to decide do we want teams to have a parent advocate, player advocate or both.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:20 pm

1st Michelle Barratt

2nd Rob Ellis