



## OOAA Board Meeting Minutes- February 27, 2024

Called to Order: 7:00 pm by Dan Laplante

Motion to approve Minutes of January 9th board meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Michelle Barratt

2<sup>nd</sup> Kathleen Dengler

### 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

Karl Wingate-Cooley

Geoff Stewart

Grant Farion

Scott Harding

Orinda McCann

Melissa Deplaedt

Laura Berner

Jennifer Dustow

Ben Graham

### Reports

#### President – Dan Laplante

- Hockey Alberta AAA / AA player Survey results presented to OOAA by HA Tues Jan 30<sup>th</sup> – open discussion
- HA approved U18 Female expansion for 2024/25 season – 2 teams AFHL (Calgary / Sherwood Park), 1 team CSSHL – OHA Edmonton
- Implications for AFHL Okotoks hosted franchises
- Kendall Newell open to recommendations from OOAA for AFHL – all AFHL division directors engaged to assist
- HA AAA host meeting in RD Friday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jamie Steer and myself attended
- Daytime programming decision to be communicated by March 31<sup>st</sup>
- Multiple discussions around eligibility of players, coaches and officials that participate in non sanctioned programs – see HA attachment
- Showcase registrations open March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Year end Parent Survey to be distributed this week
- OOAA Awards survey to be distributed to coaches
- Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup> Year end Awards ceremony – Jenn and Tamara to discuss later
- Discussion / Strategy around cash call policy – why and how we got to this
- 5000/min and 3000/min for AAA and AA teams respectively by Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, remaining cash calls Nov 15<sup>th</sup> and Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

- Discussion around 2000.00 / team security deposit? Is our association financially exposed? What is the right amount to protect the association?

### **Vice President- Rob Ellis**

Current HC exit interviews within 48 hours of season ending.

2 coaches suspended one HC and one AC 11.2/11.4

AC had 3 game suspensions

U17AAA HC is waiting to hear on the ruling

Coach Director position had 7 applications

2 were from International/overseas

5 local qualified

3 High Quality Candidates interviewed

Introduce Mark Pederson as the new OAAA Coach Director

And HC for Bowmark for the 2024-2025 season

Mark Pederson introduced and spoke to the board

Coached in Denmark and IHA for U17AAA

Grew up in Med Hat and played minor hockey there, won 2 Memorial Cups, turned pro at 20. Played 16 seasons all over the world. Drafted by Montreal in the first round. With them for 5 years. Played with different teams in the NHL and in Europe. Won a gold medal at the World Juniors

Wants to give back to the hockey community which lead to coaching.

Will be working with all OAAA coaches going forward and feels that communication will be key.

Better teammates, people, hockey player, "do the right things", guidelines of expectations

### **Open Q and A to the board**

Q- What kind of coaches are you looking for when hiring

A- Good communicators, good people, experience, desire to give back- want to be there for the kids and have fun

Q- What contacts do you have to recruit good coaches so we can retain players and recruit players

A- Due to age/experience has lots of friends that are now coaching and has reached out to them to see who is interested. Lots of phone calls

### **Action items-**

To get Mark in front of the U17/U18 parents asap. Mark will sit in on all of the coach exit interviews and ID camps in April, go thru all the surveys.

Issues with shooting prevalent across the world in female hockey. Desire to improve this aspect of the female game.

Skating improvement for the younger teams

Need to introduce and let the current members know about Mark. Ideas are social media, in person meeting, zoom etc.

**Geoff Stewart-** Largest AB Intro to Hockey tournament this weekend  
Some teams are finished others off to Provincials and playoffs

### **Treasurer- Kathleen Dengler**

- OAAA has engaged a GST specialist that will be working with Kathleen and CRA to determine the associations responsibility on charging GST on registrations

### **Admin- Lindsay Graw**

-Showcase registration opens on March 1<sup>st</sup>

-Directors, please email your teams to remind them. U15AAA and U18AAA players must attend the showcase to be eligible to be signed prior to the season

-3 Survey Monkeys will be distributed to the Directors to pass along to the coaches/parents

1- OAAA Awards

2- Volunteer of the Year

3-Year end Parent Survey

-Reminder to teams to please pay your OAAA invoices in a timely manner

### **Website and Social Media- Kari Meyer**

#### **U13AA Oilers and Raiders Jennifer Dustow-**

U13AA Raiders in 6<sup>th</sup>, placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Winter Games, Mark Hallam nominated for AFHL coach of the year

U13AA Oilers in 6<sup>th</sup> , in Strathmore for playoffs

#### **U15AA Raiders- Nicole Brockhoff**

In 4<sup>th</sup> playoffs start on Thursday

**U15AA and U15AAA Oilers Michelle Barratt-**

U15AAA playoffs start next week

U15AA playoff this weekend in Med Hat, placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Winter Games

**U16AA, U18AA Karla Wingate-Cooley-**

**U16AA and U18AA** doing great and are off to playoffs

**U18AAA Rob Ellis-** Bowmark finished 7<sup>th</sup> missed playoff by 3 points

**U17AAA-** placed 2<sup>nd</sup> CHA tournament. Injured player returned, qualified for playoffs

**U18AA and U18AAA Raiders- Tamara Spencer**

Senior game this past weekend

AAA in 6<sup>th</sup>

AA in 4<sup>th</sup>

AA Provincial planning is going great

**Equipment- Diane Bjornson**

Showcase jerseys are ordered 190 new

Graduating jersey program went well. 20 jerseys purchased.

Equipment return will be set up once more teams are finished.

Working since November with RFP for 2024-2025 season. Sent out to 5 organizations. Got 4 back.

Based on comparative product.

Presented to Executive

Professional Skate was the successful vendor/they will hold all of our inventory

All vendors were notified. The Source was notified that Showcase and Tryout Jerseys will be purchased thru them.

**Director at Large- Grant Farion**

1. Hockey TV - been frustrating at times. The Oilers have made a few tweaks causing the internet feed in Gold not to function a few times. No one in the town knows how to reset this form the town. We need to learn. Also the encoders seem to be having issues - specifically at Scott Seaman, maybe due to having to pack up every time.

2. Cash Call Look Into – tough to get the committee together to discuss. Emailed Dan the info that I have.

**Year End banquet-** food, awards going well, volunteer schedule is going well

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:24 pm**

1<sup>st</sup> Orinda McCann

2<sup>nd</sup> Karla Wingate

