



OOAA Board Meeting Minutes- June 25, 2024

Called to Order: 7:04pm by Dan Laplante

Motion to approve Minutes of May 21st board meeting

1st Michelle Barratt

2nd Ben Graham

Welcome

Attendance

Dan Laplante

Rob Ellis

Tony Fairfield

Kathleen Dengler

Michelle Barratt

Dave Hayes

Lindsay Graw

Nicole Brockhoff

Candice Wyma

Tamara Spencer

Jamie Steer

Diane Bjornson

Kari Meyer

Mark Pederson

Grant Farion

Scott Harding

Ben Graham

Melissa Deplaedt

Geoff Rollins

Jennifer Dustow

Daron Dumanski

Reports

President – Dan Laplante

- HA approved U18 Female expansion for 2024/25 season – 2 teams AFHL (Calgary / Sherwood Park), 1 team CSSHL – OHA Edmonton
- CSSHL U18 Prep Female Team expansion expected at CHA 2025/26

- Impact on U15AA Female players graduating to U18
- 14 U15AA AFHL teams average of 15 2nd yr players = 210 players graduating
- 6 U18AAA AFHL teams only 5 1st yr allowed on each roster = 30 players
- Effective 2024/25 U18 Expansion
- 8 U18AAA AFHL teams with up to 7 1st year players = 56 players
- 4 CSSHL teams (Edge, SAHA, NAX, OHA E) no limit on 1st years

- With all changes to AFHL and continued inequities – Jenn Dustow as executive Member to chair Ad Hoc Committee to review existing regulations / structure of AFHL. Goal of identifying key priorities for OOAA to present to HA leadership in early Fall. Female Division Directors to be invited to

participate on Committee. Consultations with our AFHL Coaches after our evaluation cycle has taken place.

- Provincial Tournament rotational strategy – approved by OAAA Board in Jan/24

2025 AA Host rotation

U13AA – SCAHL – OAAA open to bid to host in 2025

U15AA – Hockey Calgary

U16AA – NAHL Rural Conference

U18AA – NAHL Metro Conference

AEHL

U15AAA – OAAA Hosted in 2023

U17AAA – OAAA bid to Host in 2025

U18AAA – National Tournament

AFHL

U13AA – OAAA open to bid to host in 2026

U15AA – OAAA Hosted in 2022

U18AA – OAAA Hosted in 2024

U18AAA – National Championship

- AA Male Teams to merge with AAA AEHL league
 - On Line scoring requirement – move away from SCAHL Paper gamesheets
 - Expect FLO TV // Instat streaming for AA teams in next couple of years
 - AEHL patches on all AA teams as part of branding
 - Unification of leagues now run by HA
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- Roster Size changes by HA and Hockey Canada

- Permitted now to carry up to 20 on roster for U11AA up to U18AAA (M/F)
 - We have surveyed our coaches and HA is surveying associations
 - OAAA Coach input U13AA – 17, U15AA – U18AAA 20 (U15AA Female 19/20)
 - HA Results to be released to all associations July 2nd. We will post on Website
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- Village agreement – signed for 2024/25
 - Video reduced from 1000 hours to 550hours (100hours x 4 AAA teams, 75 hours x 2 AA Female Teams) Coach Director to oversee to maximize value
 - Skills sessions – majority now be delivered internally by our daytime coaches – as assigned by our coach director – allows us to compensate daytime coaches in a creative way given challenges of attracting and retaining daytime coaches
 - Goalie sessions increased as per feedback from OAAA coaches at exit interviews and feedback from goalie parents
 - Academic sessions remain the same – feedback was excellent from parents
 - Committed to going out to Tender after this season – allows our coach director to go through a full season cycle
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- Board opportunities
 - U16AA/U18AA Division Director
 - Health and Safety director
 - Casino Chairperson

OMHA President- Geoff Rollins

Nothing at this time

Coach Director- Mark Pederson

Daron Dumanski and Mark demonstrated the video

Admin- Lindsay Graw

OMHA registration opened yesterday with strong numbers. OAAA opens at midnight tonight.

Please refer all registration questions to me

U15AA Raiders- Nicole Brockhoff

U15AA/AAA Michelle Barratt

Waiting for U18AA banner to arrive to be hung up

U15AA banner hung

Cranbrook will stay in AA league even under AEHL. Determine if they can participate in playoffs.

Equipment- Diane Bjornson

Look at AA deposit after AEHL meeting
Tryout jerseys have been ordered x 900
Patched will be ordered if needed
Dan will follow up on WHL patches
Cell phone caddies for each team

Billet Coordinator- Melissa Deplaedt

need 2 more billet families for 2 players that are non drivers.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:06pm

1st Michelle Barratt
2nd Scott Harding