



OOAA Board Meeting Minutes- May 21, 2024

Called to Order: 7:03 pm by Dan Laplante

Motion to approve Minutes of April 8th board meeting

1st Tamara Spencer

2nd Ben Graham

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 Rollins

Grant Farion

Scott Harding

Orinda McCann

Melissa Deplaedt

Laura Berner

Jennifer Dustow

Ben Graham

Reports

President – Dan Laplante

- Thank you to Geoff Stewart for serving as OMHA President and on the OOAA Board and his commitment to Minor Hockey in Okotoks
- Congrats to Geoff Rollins as committing to serve as OMHA President and welcome to the OOAA Board
- Daytime Programming – Hockey Alberta continues to drag their feet despite repeated calls and discussions with both Jamie Steer and others. Town of Okotoks is facing severe shortages given the additional user requests to rent ice in Okotoks. Jamie is attending an ice user meeting in early June, and we will understand the challenges the town is facing. As a result, OOAA with OMHA support is moving forward and will return to daytime programming for all three teams for the 2024/25 season.
- Michelle will bring forward to the board an updated Transportation Policy that was circulated earlier. Lots of time and effort has gone into this process.
- A survey of other associations has been conducted and athletic therapists are not mandated at the U13AA level. As a result, we will Mandate AT's starting at U15.
- U13AA Raiders / Oilers info session May 13th and June 3rd
- U17AAA / U18AAA Dev camp July 26th to 28th – Lindsay to provide reg update.
- Village agreement has been confirmed for 2024/25 season. 1 year Agreement with input from Head Coach year end interviews and our Coach Director

7 Skills for AA and 14 Skills for AAA paid for by the association 24/25

7 Goalie AA and 14 Goalie session AAA for by the association

AAA skills will be delivered by the daytime coaches

100 hr video 4 AAA by the teams

75 hr video AA teams by the teams

Down 550 from 1000 hours of video

Academic Support stays the same

- AGLC has notified OAAA that we have been assigned casino dates of Tuesday Dec 10th and 11th. After our AGM we will be looking for a board member to commit to serving as the Casino Chairperson. We then will engage an AGLC advisor to support OAAA. Every team within OAAA will be required to support these casino dates with a minimum number of volunteer shifts / team.
- Thank you to all the board members for serving this past year.
- Board members interested in running again. 2 executive positions (VP – 3 yr and Secretary 2 yrs) will be open and all DD and DAL roles open as well 1 yr.
- Nominations forms and process will be posted on our website. We will RAMP out to the membership after the board meeting as well.
- AGM date to be Thursday June 20th via virtual platform with independent to record and coordinate voting process.

Vice President- Rob Ellis

-Met with U15AAA and U18AAA coaches to ask if OAAA can make changes to the evaluation process. To change from being a 1st year tryout to the play in format.

-New this year would be 1st years plus OMHA players. From there the players will be invited by the head coach to attend the main camp.

U15- U13AA, U13 and U15 OMHA players

U15AA, U15AAA, CSSHL will go straight to main camp

-Jamie is going to see if he can add a group in U18AAA from an ice

OMHA Representative -Geoff Rollins

OMHA AGM is May 22nd

Would like OMHA and OAAA to work together.

2-3 Executive positions to appoint after the AGM

Admin- Lindsay Graw

-U18AAA/U17AAA development camp in July registration going excellent. D and G full, 2 F spots open (45 total spots. 8 coming from CSSHL teams, 1 JR B, 1 moved to Okotoks, 3 Bisons, rest OAAA.

-Showcase 2023 profit \$17 523.09 2024 profit \$36 258.60 up \$18 735.51

- Registration for the CC and Tryouts open on June 26th closes on July 24th. \$100.00 late fee is applied to registrations after registration closes.

-CC and Tryout dates are listed to the website under the registration tab. As dates get finalized, they will be added to the site

- GST is added to U16, U17, U18 CC and Tryout fees

- Asked teams to drop off cheques and debit cards so Kathleen can start removing volunteers from the team accounts.
- Deposit on Jersey order made
- Order placed for Bowmark and U18AAA Raiders helmet, gloves, pant shells and bags. Team will be invoiced on team invoice.
- Billet wanted ad running 5 weeks in the Western Wheel starting May 22nd.
- Tournaments/Exhibition series for all teams have expression of interest or commitment.

Michelle Barratt- SCAHL waiting on HA about what is happening with the AA program

Dave Hayes- G&C Nothing at this time

Website and Social Media- Kari Meyer

Will post AGM info and nomination forms

Billet- Melissa Deplaedt

Working on billets for the signed players

U13AA Raiders/Oilers- Jennifer Dustow

U13AA Raiders Coach named, Scott Bherer

Jennifer is concerned regarding coaching

-20 parents attended a parent info meeting on May 13th.

-Concerns around development and the coach. Mark P there to support. Mark is setting up supports for this teams. Dave Addison has been assigned to the U13AA Raiders as development.

U13AA Oilers Coach Tyler Hilbert, AC Chris Anderson

-Intro meeting June 3rd

U15AA Raiders- Nicole Brockhoff

Waiting on a HC

U15AA and U15AAA Oilers Michelle Barratt- U15AAA coach hard at work planning the season. U15AA HC moved over to U16AA. Looking for U15AA HC

Michelle Barratt- Transportation policy

U13AA no longer required to take a bus unless going out of province. Team can decide on their own if they want to take a bus.

Exceptions- need 5 weeks' notice if an exception is required

Weather report- cancel if busses are cancelled

Tracking – Team Snap works the best. Michelle gets added to all teams team Snap. Teams can use the chat feature to notify the parents group. Spread sheet with people on the bus, medical, medication list will be on the bus.

Researched many associations. Sherwood Park has a great transportation policy. We used it and modified.

Questions regarding transportation policy

Q- Who do we authorize if there is staff not riding the bus.

A- Board designate will approve

Q- Is 5 weeks going to be a challenge?

A- No, it won't be U13AA not mandated to take a bus

Motion to approve the Transportation Policy Michelle Barratt

1st Grant Farion

All Approved

U18AAA Rob Ellis- Preseason tournament 7 team tournament, 3 games, 4 nights.

Lethbridge, OAAA, Airdrie, Flames, Royals, Northstars, Buffs

U18AA and U18AAA Raiders- Tamara Spencer

AAA- 5/6 officially signed

1 tentatively signed

AA- Diane Bjornson is the manager

Working on the season

Equipment- Diane Bjornson

- Tryout jerseys need to be ordered

-Provincials Raiders U18AA host cost 30K brought in \$32K paid OAAA back the \$2500.00 and parents back their \$50.00 for the baskets.

New Business-

-2025-2026 put out to tender the company to provide the skills, video, goalie sessions out to tender next year.

-What is Hockey Alberta doing to combat players leaving?

-Apparel needs to be tendered and decided on in the fall for 2025-2026

Meeting Adjourned: 8:23 pm

1st Michelle Barratt

2nd Ben Graham