



## OOAA Board Meeting Minutes- October 3, 2023

Called to Order: 7:02pm by Rob Ellis

Motion to approve Minutes of board meeting August 24, 2023

1<sup>st</sup> from Grant Farion

2<sup>nd</sup> Diane Bjornson

### 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

- All 11 OOAA teams have been formed – congrats to the players
- Thank you to the Division Directors lots of long nights involved
- Thank you to Lindsay Graw and Kari Meyer for ensuring parents and players were notified in a timely manner. With our extremely tight time frame for evaluations this is crucial
- Murray Dressing Rm retrofit update
- Village agreement reviewed and modified by Executive – all skills, goalie and coach workshops to be financially supported directed by the association
- Review of Village agreement – 10 goalie sessions for all daytime teams
- Rob or myself attended all 11 parent evaluation meetings
- Manager / Treasurer meeting Wed Oct 27<sup>th</sup> – thank you to the board members present to support this
- Non parent Manager compensation for 4 AAA teams approved
- Player that voluntarily quit U17AAA last year, the family had reached out and identified that they wanted to have the opportunity to evaluate for an OOAA team this year. Executive reviewed policies and procedures, the family paid the outstanding balance that they would have paid the U17AAA team had they remained on the team last year. This balance will be distributed evenly with the 18 families from last year's U17AAA team. Upon payment of this balance player was permitted to join the evaluation process.

- Despite best efforts by our Head Coach, Manager and Division director of Bowmark U18AAA Oilers regarding naming of roster – Blackfalds Junior A program released a player after we named the roster
- We have reached out to the AEHL, Hockey Alberta, AJHL and Blackfalds to express our concern as this same organization has done this twice to OAAA in three years.
- U17AAA and U15AAA teams have already determined home games to move within the draw zone
- Rob to address Coach education for Development 1
- Schedule for Murry Dressing room- Painting is starting Oct. 16 that will be completed Oct. 20  
Upper stalls will start on Oct. 11 and will be installed on Oct. 23

#### **Rob Ellis**

- Coaches emailed on October 1<sup>st</sup> regarding Aps Starting the top-down AAA. they should be completed the end of this week.
- Development 1 end of month for all AC's

#### **Admin**

- Lindsay Thank you to all Directors
- AP in the works

#### **Website and social media- Kari Meyer**

- Create live google sheet templates for division directors
- Suggestion for next season having set wording add to templates.
- Teams are all set for social media

#### **Billet Coordinator- Laura Berner and Melissa Deplaedt.**

- 10 athletes in billet homes
- 2 Raiders were going to commute so looking for homes for these 2
- Will send Directors a email to find out who the billet families are

#### **Jennifer Dustow-**

- Both U13 teams are up and going both teams went to preseason tournament and the games were competitive.
- No feedback from evaluations
- Maybe look at rejigging the groups as they went

#### **Nicole Brockhoff**

- Played in Firestarter did not lose a game but finished 4<sup>th</sup>
- Coach appreciated that he could extend the evaluations
- Next year would like extra time once you get to oversized roster
- Like the pre meetings so parents knew expectations
- Try not to have green and white game on a Monday night, not late so girls are not finding out at school about releases.

#### **Michelle Barratt-**

- Cranbrook games are all being rescheduled due to not playing at Memorial Arena.

- SCAHL just sent invoice to OAAA
- 15's went smooth
- not enough D man
- separate eval start vs where you played last year

### **Apparel**

- look at tending out other vendors
- Source would like a letter outlining all of the issues.
- Set up meeting with Source regarding selling OAAA logo items
- Team must submit to apparel equipment one email for all extra items they want to get approval

### **Equipment**

- All teams have their socks ,bags
- Issue with U15AAA Jerseys from CCM ordered cancelled
- Looking at Calcrest , keener etc because they can supply jerseys and cresting
- AK jerseys for U15AAA which is a Canadian company
- CCM quality in jerseys is not the same
- Retirement jersey program may have to change due to inventory.
- Team jersey bags are being sent to Calcrest for the new team names.

### **Bussing**

- 3 teams U18AAA Bow mark, U18AA male, U15AA Raiders need to add Michelle to team snap
- Any bussing issues let Michelle know
- Teams should have a parent that has driven up that will be on Hospital duty if a player needs to go
- U13AA Oilers ask for an exemption for the bus on their tournament
- Do we need to extend KM for bus trips. To 185km to include Red Deer?

### **Karla Wingate**

- Combined tryout U16AA and U18AA was good but too many players vs ice. Need more ice. 60+ for 2 ice times
- U16AA we were able to add extra ice but the U18AA players did not have enough ice vs value registrations.
- Look why we charged one fee for combined and U16AA so the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years paid the same and got less ice
- late players registering and coming in on last day of registration. Maybe we can look at a cut off date for these late registrations
- .Separate the two divisions because they were running at the same time.
- U18AA and U16AA coaches need to talk about firsts years.
- Maybe do a 1<sup>st</sup> year skate or start U16AA first

### **Tyler Vollman-**

- Handed things off to Managers
- Goalie evals during CC was unique
- Small area games was a benefit vs full ice games
- Process to have kids into school and billet template needs work

-Releases were done well in Winsport, Ken did a good job

**Tamara Spencer-**

- AAA had Firestarter up against the top 3 teams. Looking for some growth
- Evals went well but Fire did move evals so some players that registered and then had to withdraw.
- Need to get proper emails for coaches
- Players do not want to keep tryout jerseys. Look to reuse them or give them to teams for practice jerseys
- Add exhibition games to the evaluations from the start

**Rob Ellis-**

- 1-1 after first weekend
- heading to showcase next weekend. Jumbotron being used for all home games with sponsors.
- Participated in Canucks Jr A Showcase last weekend
- Evaluations went pretty well with having tournament moved mid week prior to U17AAA.
- Look at next year having U17 and U18 coaches discuss

**Orinda-** Spoke at managers meeting all went well

U of C concussion department wants to use OAAA as a research project.

We would need to get coaches on board more details to come

**New Business-** \$2400.00 Can for Instat if any AA teams want it. They will make a package for the teams.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:44 pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Karla Wingate**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tyler Vollman**