



Board Meeting Minutes-Tuesday April 20, 2021

I. Call to Order

- A. Location-Jason Koger's house, 6pm start time and call to order, 4/20 special session to vote on Puckhogs coaches for 2021-22 season

II. Roll Call

- A. Missing-Justin English, connected by telephone conference call
- B. Present: Kayla Edds, Jason Koger, Brian Holder, Evan Quinley, Robbie Clark, Kim Stranathan, Mike Aldrich, Greg Rush, Kassey Coomes, Meredith Wilkerson, Matt Madej

C. Quorum met

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes from March meeting deferred to regularly scheduled board meeting on 4/27

IV. Order of Business

A. Reports of Officers and Committees

deferred to regularly scheduled board meeting on 4/27

B. Unfinished Business

- deferred to regularly scheduled board meeting on 4/27

C. New Business

Koger asked about Bantam coach, Kim said unsure if enough kids, Greg suggested that if enough for Puckhogs JV then there are enough for Bantam team. Definitely need to have Bantam tryout, discuss as part of play-up policy

- Robbie Clark said coaches who applied are:
 - Mites-Dustin Hamilton
 - Squirts-Mike Aldrich
 - Pee wee-Greg Rush
 - Bantam-NA
 - Rampage JV-TBD
 - Rampage-Jason Link
- Potential Bantam Coach-Clint Rowell, Bocianowski?
- Current EVV Pee wees have 6 O'boro kids
- Divvy up list and have people who know potential coaches talk and gauge their interest

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Motion-Kayla, Meredith seconded, All in favor Motion carried unanimously.

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Greg will look at ability to push tryout notifications through Sports Engine, suggesting mass email through OYHA, Facebook.

Evan made motion to discuss board expectations for coaches for May meeting. Kayla seconded. Carried unanimously by voice vote

Evan motioned for a vote on coaches for 2021-22 year. Kayla seconded. Carried by majority voice vote

Dustin Hamilton-Mites coach-voted unanimously

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Jason Koger discussing ice scheduler/liasion with Kerri-Robbie Clark volunteered to be point of contact for OYHA and Kerri at Edge Ice Center. Will also include scheduling OYHA paid ice time but NOT individual Puckhog team ice time.

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Evan made motion to waive the 30-day advance notice requirement of intent to play up for the 2021-22 hockey season. Kayla seconded. Adopted unanimously

Coaches to submit tryout dates/times by noon on April 27.

Mike made motion to adjourn. Evan seconded.

Summary of motions voted upon:

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V. Closing

Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm. Next meeting 4/27, 6pm, Jason Koger's house

Owensboro Youth Hockey Association PARTICIPANT PLAY-UP POLICY

The Owensboro Youth Hockey Association (OYHA) Board recognizes that in rare and specific cases it can be appropriate and beneficial to a player's development for him or her to play-up to the next age classification. However, a balance needs to be struck to avoid placing the desire of a player above the legitimate opportunity for that individual to be successful in an older age classification. Equally important, the short and long-term best interests of OYHA must be given consideration.

There is an increased risk of injury for players participating outside of their designated age classification. USA Hockey allows the movement in certain situations, if specific guidelines are followed. You should carefully consider the increased risks involved and follow the guidelines below when making a request to move a player into an older age classification.

- A player will not be permitted to move up more than one year in age: e.g. a first year Squirt cannot be moved to the PeeWee level. This will apply at 8U (Mite), Squirt, PeeWee, and Bantam levels for travel requests only.

In rare circumstances due to numbers, it may be necessary to consolidate divisions at the House level in order to create enough teams for a league. If and when that occurs, the division will carry the name of the oldest age group and those players that are part of the younger age group will be required to fill out a Play Up request. This will be done solely to acknowledge the risk of playing with older players and the criteria for players to be "projected to be among the top players" will be excluded. Note: High School Freshman that fall outside USA Hockey Age classifications can move up without a Play Up request.

- In the event of early travel tryouts (i.e. those structured with more than one opportunity to make the team), only 8U play up requests to Squirt will be allowed to tryout with the play up team. All other play up requests will be conducted during the second tryout in order for the association to know the full implications of that player moving. Therefore, players will tryout for their USA Hockey designated team based on birth year.
- Only written requests submitted to the Coach in Chief of OYHA by the player's parents or legal guardians will be considered.
- The President and Board designated evaluation committee will evaluate each request and forward a recommendation to the OYHA Board. Criteria for allowing players to play up will be based on the evaluation of the player's skill and ability to contribute to the older team as well as the player's maturity level compared to the older team's players. The evaluation committee will not include a parent, sibling or other person, legally or otherwise, related to the player. The evaluation committee will not include coaches of the teams that are losing or gaining the player though they may be consulted. The player, requesting to move up, should be projected to be among the top players on the move up team. If the player is not projected to be one of the top players on the team, then it is highly questionable whether the move up is truly in the best interest of that player.
- Allowing players to move from a non-checking division to a checking division represents the greatest risk and will only be granted under rare circumstances.
- The OYHA Board will make the final decision on allowing a player to play-up based on the recommendations from the President and the Board designated evaluation committee. The decision will be final. Please note that a decision to allow a player to play-up does not guarantee a player a position on the roster of the move up team. A decision to allow a player to play-up only affords that player the opportunity to play-up should the move up team elect to roster said player.
- The OYHA Board specifically reserves the right to reverse any decision allowing a player to play-up at any time. If a player that has moved up is experiencing difficulty, as determined by the OYHA Board and/or the player's coach, the board may

reverse the decision that allowed the player to play up. In this case, every attempt will be made to place the player on a similar level team within the player's proper age classification. There are no guarantees that the player will be placed on another team. Parents and players should carefully consider this outcome prior to making a request to play-up.

- Upon request, the player's parent(s)/guardian must sign a specific Risk Acknowledgement and Liability Waiver, in a form acceptable to the OYHA Board, acknowledging the risks associated with playing outside of a player's proper age classification.
- Non-competition play-up (i.e., practice) requires the approval of the play-up team's head coach and player's parents/guardians agreeing to and submitting the Play-Up Policy Risk Acknowledgment and Liability Waiver. The player practicing up must also attend their own team's practice.

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Owensboro Youth Hockey Association Risk Acknowledgment and Liability Waiver For Players Requesting Play Up

Print Name of Participant: _____ Birth date: _____
Desired Play-Up Age Classification/Team: _____

I/We____, parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of

_____request that he/she be permitted to Play-Up to the next age division as defined by USA Hockey. I have read and understand the Owensboro Youth Hockey Association(OYHA) Participant Play-Up Policy and agree to all the terms, conditions and eligibility requirements that apply.

I understand that requesting a play up does not guarantee the ability to make a team and understand that even if a player makes an older age classification/team, OYHA reserves the right to reverse that decision for any reason at any time. I assume the risk that if the player is not chosen for the play up team or is subsequently removed from the team; he/she is potentially forfeiting the ability to play on a travel team for the current age division.

I understand that the OYHA recommends that players stay in the age groupings defined by USA Hockey and stipulated in the USA Hockey Annual Guide as appropriate for their birth year. I understand and appreciate that in playing up, the risk of injury may be greater and that the risk of injury from hockey is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist.

By my child's participating, I KNOWINGLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown. Further, I agree to indemnify and hold Owensboro Youth Hockey Association, its officers, coaches, managers, and members, Mid-Am Hockey and USA Hockey, Inc., harmless from any and all liability, loss, expense, attorney's fees, or claims for injury or damages caused as a result of my request.

I understand and agree to accept these conditions of participation.

Participant Signature: _____Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____Date: _____

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