

Swift Current Minor Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes – April 07th, 2014
Best Western Plus

1. Call to Order

Bruce Reid called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

2. Roll call/Regrets

Present: Darwin Knelson, Nola Smith, Kim Bachek, Greg Hurrell, Cheyenne Arntsen, Shauna Lacher, Norm Tonnie, Bryan Braun, Jason Silzer, Eric Bloom, Kyle McIntyre, Rich Bissonnette, Kevin Patenaude, Wade Lacher, Bruce Reid, Angele Beaulac, Dean Quinton, Jeremy Rondeau

Regrets: Kevyn Kristmanson

3. Additions/Adoption of Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded. Carried.

4. Minutes –March 10th, 2014

Bruce read the minutes from March 10th. Motion that the March 10th minutes be accepted as presented. Seconded. Carried.

5. Old Business:

Director of Operations

Bruce advised that the new contracts for the Director of Hockey Operations and Ice Scheduler are being written up and are at the Lawyers to ensure equality and legal terms are met and fair for all parties concerned.

Bruce attended the Zone 3 Meeting on March 14th in Swift Current. Items discussed were Social Media policy which is in place and we will follow the policy and guidelines set out by SHA. Midget AA tryout evaluation camps will have a date that they must be completed by and will be set at the SHA AGM in June of this year. Sask Energy hockey weekend in Saskatchewan was a success and went very well. Concussion Awareness policy “Be Aware” was discussed and SHA is wanting to ensure more coaches and team officials are following the policy set out in the guidelines. Referee supervision in smaller rural areas was discussed. The Sask. southwest is the best in the province however more mentoring is always challenging and the referee division is trying to continue to meet the challenges of assisting newer referees and keep them interested. Greg Haubrich was re-elected by acclamation as the Zone 3 rep for SHA.

-Provincial Coaches mentorship weekend in Regina was discussed. A list of names of local coaches was brought forward and Bruce will contact people on the list to see if anyone is interested in attending the course. Greg is to draft an email to all coaches regarding the Mentorship Seminar and Angele will mass email it out to coaches listed who are registered with SCMHA.

-3 on 3 hockey goalie equipment was discussed as we had voted via email to allow the organizers to use the equipment. Discussion continued as some members wanted tighter controls over the use of our equipment. It was decided in the future whoever

uses the equipment will have to make a deposit ensuring the equipment is returned in good order.

-Team and coaches fines were discussed. Anyone not having completed proper coaching courses by May 01st of the following year will be charged the additional fines set out by SHA and added to their child/ren's registration fee's the following year. They will also not be allowed to coach in the current year until they are certified. Angele will keep track of these fines.

- Request from the Sask Bantam AA League to wear WHL patches on jerseys as the Western Hockey League is trying to promote in the bantam league. The Sask Bantam AA league will receive \$5,000 for their use. Bruce Reid advised the league that the Kabos Bantam AA Raiders will wear the patches on team jerseys.

-Nola advised the board regarding the winter user group meeting that she, Bruce and Greg attended. Items discussed was ice allocation to all users, fall ice has been booked and the recreation department along with Minor Hockey and the Broncos are seeing what can be arranged regarding the Midget AAA Legionnaires practice times not falling into school hours. Nicole from the recreation department is making a concentrated effort before leaving on maternity leave to have this rectified.

-Greg informed the board the SCMHA office in the Fairview west arena is now ready for use. It has Wi-Fi, internet, phone and fax capabilities and a few more purchases will be made in the future so Board division heads can use the office to meet with other coaches, parents etc. Be mindful that the Midget AAA Female Wildcats are also sharing this with us.

-Greg requested all Board members submit year end reports by April 19th so he can prepare the packages for the AGM on April 23rd.

-Bruce advised of a request from Central Butte Minor Hockey that we take over the Southwest Sask Minor Hockey league executive as they have no teams next year. They in turn, would follow us two years later. It was decided not to accept this request as we are undergoing a major change on our executive this year and there will be a lot of new faces on our Minor Hockey Board of directors. Bruce will advise them.

-to date the following names have been put forth for Board of Directors Positions:

Cheyenne Arnsten - President, Kevin Patenaude & Bruce Christianson for Vice president. Aaron Bakus for Atom Division head, Jim Dekowny for PeeWee Division head, Gerald Johnson for Initiation Division head, Roland Tancowny for Midget Division head and Dave Smith for Senior Female Division Head, no other names have come forward for Board positions.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. Correspondence

None

8. Financial Report

The financial report and made a motion to accept it as presented. Seconded. Carried.

9. Reports

Initiation

Nothing to report t. Jeremy will submit his year-end report and finish out his term.

Novice

Kyle asked about the Dodge caravan financial support and was concerned regarding whom or what teams in the Division gets to split the money. He believes whoever applies for the grant should reap the benefits of the financial aid rather than all the teams. After a discussion the teams who apply for the grant money from Dodge will split the money equally.

Atom

-Nothing to report

PeeWee

- Nothing to report. A motion was made to return rest of ice allocation money to the PeeWee League teams. Seconded. Carried

Bantam

- Nothing to report.

Midget

- Nothing to report. Ice allocation money being refunded to Midget Knights.

Jr. Female

- Novice season has wrapped up- all jerseys and equipment collected.
- Atom: The atom carded team had a good showing at the March ice tournament losing only one game and finishing in 3rd place overall in the tournament. The team missed the opportunity to play in the "A" final by only one point in a tie breaker series against Prince Albert. All jerseys and equipment have been collected in this division.
- Ice Cats could not sustain their advantage against the Southwest Cyclones experiencing devastating overtime losses in both games 2 and 3 of the final round of SSHL Playoffs. In Provincials, the team defeated Regina in the final round of SHA Provincial playoffs and brought home the Provincial Female Title .Congratulations to the team on their achievement. Waiting to collect all PeeWee jerseys and equipment.
- Shauna brought a request for consideration for registration of Female Players for next season requiring all female players to register in the female program and brought her reasons why this should be done by our association. After lengthy discussion by all board members it was decided that female players will still have the option to register in either female or co-ed division and will have to work out a solution based on numbers of female players regarding the number of teams.

Sr. Female

- Nothing to report

Legionnaires

- Spring camp went well with approx. 70 players in attendance.
- Spring Camp was held on March 29th and 30th at Fairview West
- Still like to meet with City, Broncos, SCMHA and Skate Club to discuss ice allocation

Equipment

- Collecting jerseys; Division Heads need to round up rather than have coaches drop off
- Bauer still wanting to see some jerseys. Still working on this

Registration

- Will need to have a discussion regarding fees for the 2014 – 2015 season. As the city has not informed us of what they intend to increase ice fees it was decided to be proactive and raise fees by 5% to offset the cost.

Vice – President

-Nothing to report.

Past – President

-Richard concerned about referee recruitment, should we be paying more to keep the younger officials interested in refereeing as we seemed to lose more officials every year. Was advised that referee fees will be increased next season.

President

-Nothing to report

10. Other

11. Next meeting

Our next meeting will be on May 12th at 7:00 pm. The location to be announced.

12. Meeting adjourned