

**Swift Current Minor Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes – May 12th, 2014
Railway Health Center**

1. Call to Order

Cheyenne Arnsten called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

2. Roll call/Regrets

Present: Darwin Knelson, , Nola Smith,, Greg Hurrell, Cheyenne Arnsten, Shauna Lacher, Norm Tonnies, , Jason Silzer, Kyle McIntyre, Wade Lacher, Angele Beaulac, Gerald Johnston, Jim Dekowny, Brian Christianson, Darwin Knelsen, Dave Smith, Kevyn Kristmanson

Regrets: Eric Bloom, Bruce Reid, Aaron Bakus, Roland Tancowny, Kim Bachek

3. Additions/Adoption of Agenda

Wade Lacher made a motion to accept the agenda as amended Kyle McIntyre seconded. Carried.

4. Minutes –April 07th, 2014

Cheyenne read the minutes from April 07th. Wade moved that the April 07th minutes be accepted as presented. Kyle seconded. Carried.

5. Old Business:

- *There was only one application to attend the Provincial Mentorship weekend in Regina hosted by SHA on June 7 & 8th. Others were asked who had a lot of experience coaching who would be able to mentor at all levels of coaching . After a discussion it was decided that we would not be sending anyone from our association to attend the seminar. The applicant who wanted to attend would be notified.*
- *Central Butte will provide a President and recording/financial secretary for the next two years for the Southwest Sask Minor Hockey League .*
- *Director of Hockey Operations for Swift Current Minor Hockey and Ice Scheduler contracts were presented to them and were signed by Greg Hurrell and Nola Smith and by president Cheyenne Arnsten. The contracts will run from April 01st 2014 to March 31st 2015.*

NEW BUSINESS

- Wade and Norm Tonnies attended the SBAHL AGM that was held on Saturday May 10th in Davidson, Sask. Highlights of the meeting as follows:
- Lumsden/Bethune sent in an application again to enter a team into the league for the upcoming season. They were given a chance at the meeting to present their proposal. After some debate amongst the voting members their request was denied due to concerns regarding stability of numbers for the team in the future and based on the thought that the league was getting too big and watered down. With the bantam draft being a consideration , members felt it was important to keep the league as competitive as possible. Saskatoon put forth a request to drop to 4 teams instead of 5 teams in the league. Their request was denied based on the fact that their teams were very competitive last year and going down to 4 teams would give them an unfair advantage in the league. League fees remain the same at \$850.00 per team and need to be paid at the scheduling meeting. Schedule remains the same at 31 games, which is comprised of home and home series in your respective division and each team playing the cross-over division

teams in the league Once. Scheduling meeting will be held September 06th in Davidson which will cause an issue with the bantam Raiders as that is the weekend of tryouts. The league requires two representatives from each team to attend. League starts September 26th 2014. \league regular season will end February 15th, 2015. At that time , teams placing 6th through 11 will play a survivor series with the top 3 teams advancing to the playoffs. Each playoff round will be 1 week with playoffs ending March 28th 2015. The consolation series between non-playoff teams at the end of the year was voted down due to lack of interest. In the past Notre dame has not been allowed to participate in playoffs or Provincials. It was voted that they will be eligible to play in playoffs, but they will continue to be excluded from Provincial play. Referee fees will be increasing to \$60.00 and linesman will be \$40.00 per game. Playoff costs will be \$75.00 for referees and \$50.00 for linesmen during playoffs and Provincials. The request to increase fees was made to ensure good quality refereeing due to competition with Senior and AAA Midget games. WHL sponsorship to the league will be \$5,000 per year. WHL crests will be supplied by the WHL, but we will have to cover the cost of adding them to the jerseys. The League executive will remain the same for this season as they are currently serving their 2nd term.

- Greg and Wade attended the South Sask Minor Hockey League AGM that was held on Sunday May 11th at the Hockey Regina offices. Meeting highlights were:
- League executive will change from Yorkton to Balonie Prairie storm. They will provide recording financial secretary and Vice President. Larry KIENAS will remain the league president and statistician. League fees will remain the same at \$300.00 per team due at league scheduling meeting. Midget Division will consist of 13 teams. No other teams requested entry into the league. PeeWee division remains at 6 teams. Scheduling meeting will take place for both Midget & PeeWee divisions on Sunday Sept 07th 2014 at the Cooperators Center at 1:00 p.m. League will start on Saturday Sept 27th and regular season ends Feb 22nd 2015. Midget League Provincial and playoffs will consist of the top 8 teams. The teams must have 20 regular league games played by Dec 31st to enter Provincial league playoffs and ranking will be by winning percentage at that time. Midget teams will play a 3 home & away series vs each team in the league as there are 13 teams. This will be a 36 league game schedule. Top 8 teams will make the league playoffs. The consolation round with the bottom 5 teams was voted out by the league voting members. PeeWee will have 6 teams in the league and the rules have not changed for Provincials or league Playoffs. 20 regular game schedule.
- Coaching applications for all the Tier 1 teams have been advertised in the Booster and on the Website. Applications are being accepted until May 23rd 2014. At that time coaches will be selected as soon as possible by a selection board.
- Early Registration date has been set with a new fee structure due to increase ice user fee not set by the city Recreation department and new referee pay increase. Fee was discussed by the board. Angele Beaulac made the motion to accept the new fee and seconded by Jason. Carried. The early registration date will be cut off at June 02nd 2014 and will have one session where members of the association can come to register at the Sask Hockey Hall of Fame between 6:30-8:30 p.m. Angele will mass email everyone in the association and it will be put on the Website under Registration with directions on how to complete registration online. We are hoping that everyone will register online and possibly next year will be mandatory on line. It will also be advertised on Eagle Notes and Swift Current On Line to ensure everyone is aware of the cut off date for discounts to early registration.
- All the old jerseys that were stored at Diamond Energy have now been disposed of.

- Rules and regulations governing the new Atom Tier 1 team will be added to the SCMHA rules and regulations as there is nothing there at the present governing this team. They will not be allowed any imports and not be allowed to fundraise other than team sponsorship they receive at present.
- An executive meeting was held on May 01st discussing parent player evaluations. Cheyenne advised that there were ongoing issues with some coaches on teams that are being addressed by the Risk Manager/Progressive discipline. Coaches will be interviewed and advised of issues that came from our legal counsel. Some coaches have been spoken to already. A letter will be sent to one parent of our association and informed that they will not be allowed to be part of a team executive in any way for a two year period. More to follow in Norm Tonnie's report.
- We have missed the deadline for nominating an Outstanding Volunteer award given to a worthy candidate by SHA. Deadline was May 01st 2014.
- Dates to remember:
- Southwest Minor Hockey League AGM Sunday June 08th 1:30 p.m. Sask Hockey Hall of Fame all Division heads should be attending this meeting as well as executives.
- SHA AGM June 14th at the Regina Inn at 1:00p.m. Members attending will be Eric, Cheyenne, Wade and Norm. it's a voting year so we will send as many as possible from our board.

6. Correspondence

Trisha Feil-Johnson sent a letter which all board members and division heads received advising of her power skating services and that she is available to all teams in our association.

7. Financial Report

Eric could not attend. He advised by email that we received a grant of \$500.00 from the City of Swift Current. The final monthly rent we were paying for use of the Sask Hockey Hall of Fame was paid and we will no longer require the use of that facility other than pre-arranged meetings. No other significant changes from report presented at the AGM. We presented his financial report and made a motion to accept it as presented. Motion to accept his report made by Angele seconded by Shauna. Carried.

8. Reports

Initiation

Nothing to report.

Novice

Atom

-Nothing to report

PeeWee

-Nothing to report

Bantam

- Nothing to report

Midget

- Nothing to report

- *Jr. Female*

- **Nothing to report.**
Sr. Female
 - Nothing to report

Legionnaires

- Nothing to report

Equipment

- Nothing to report

Registration

- As per new business fees set and will be setting up the on line registration quickly. Early Registration end date of June 02nd 2014. Same date for members to come in if no access to computers at the Sask Hockey Hall of Fame between 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Vice – President

- Nothing to report.

Past – President

- Not available to attend. Nothing to report.

President

- As per new Business and will advise all new division heads next meeting when more are available of duties and responsibilities they are required to know as a board member.

9. Progressive Discipline/Risk Management

- Norm advised that he received the year end evaluations report from our legal counsel recently. After reviewing them with the executive committee he forwarded them off to the division heads. Other than a few teams most of the evaluations were positive. A few coaches have already been spoken with and he has a few more to follow up with this month. In regards to the evaluations received from the Atom girls Division a recommendation is being made to send a member of the association a letter advising them they are forbidden from being involved with coaching/management of any SCMHA team for the 2014/15 and the 2015/16 seasons. Former president drafted the letter and was viewed by the board. As far as the amount of responses received this season the legal counsel said they are 3 to 4 times greater than last year. This is an improvement, but he feels they still could be better. Next season Norm will email the amended evaluation form directly to SCMHA families. Hopefully this way were able to get more of a response from our association membership.

10. Next meeting

- Our next meeting will be on June 09th at 7:00 pm. Railway Health Clinic.

11. Meeting adjourned –Angele