

Swift Current Minor Hockey Association
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Regular Monthly Meeting of Dec 12th, 2012 @ Husky Mtg. Room

Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

- Bruce called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call/Regrets

- **Present:** Bruce Reid, Paula Bowers(skype), Clark McMillan(skype), Kevyn Kristmanson, Kim Bachek, Wade Lacher, Shauna Lacher, Jason (Fuzzy) Silzer, Zenon Zemluk, Jeremy Rondeau, George Bowditch and Dean Quinton.
- **Absent:** Cheyenne Arntsen, Eric Bloom, Greg Hurrell, Angele Newkirk, Richard Bissonnette, Darwin Knelsen, Nola Smith and Kevin Patenaude

3. Additions/Adoption of Agenda

- “Heroes in the Community”, “Novice Coach”, “Legion AP list” and “Raiders” were added to the agenda.
- *A motion was made to adopt the agenda as amended/2nd/carried.*

4. Acceptance of Minutes- Nov 12th, 2012

- *A motion was made to accept the minutes from Nov 12th meeting as presented/2nd/carried.*

5. Old Business:

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:

- The position of Director of Operations has been filled. From Dec 1 to end of May he will be training with the current Director of Operations at which time he will take over the position completely. The President read through the proposed contract for Director of Operations and the Ice Scheduler. *A motion was made to accept the Director of Operations and Ice Scheduler contracts as presented/2nd/carried.* Since he works for the Hockey Hall of Fame which is located in the IPLEX building; eventually the phone and office equipment will be moved over to that office so that he can attend to SCMHA business during the day. The position of ice scheduler has also been filled. She was not at this meeting but has also agreed to the above.

JERSEY RENTAL FEES:

- As per our discussion last meeting, we wanted to add the Wildcats into the jersey rental program. The Wildcats purchase a higher quality, more expensive jersey than the regular league jerseys that SCMHA purchases. After SCMHA did some research regarding the jerseys, we came up with the following: *A motion was made to amend the wording in the Rules and Regulations, Article VI-section 7) “.....The Female AAA Wildcats will pay a \$65/player rental fee annually and replace the jerseys every 4 years”./2nd /carried.*

CELL PHONES:

- The Board had discussed implementing a policy regarding the use of cell phones and trying to protect our Association and members. *A motion was made to add Article XXVI "Social Media" to the SCMHA Rules and Regulations and to read as follows: Definition: Social Media can be in the form of: Texting, Photography, Face book, Twitter, E-mail, Blackberry messenger or any other social media network that allows users to communicate on-line.*
1) No member of the SCMHA Association will use any means of social media to deface, embarrass or degrade the organization, the community, officials, and any league of which they are members and include any fellow members/volunteers of the SCMHA.
2) Any conduct deemed to be inappropriate may be subject to disciplinary action by the team or SCMHA/2nd/carried.
- The Board agreed that the Division Heads should pass this new policy on to the coaches as soon as possible so that all players, parents, coaches, etc are aware. It will also be emphasized at the Fall Coach Orientations.

Wildcat/Legion Pre-Season Tournament:

- Our ice scheduler has been negotiating with the City to ensure that we have enough ice in the Fall for both teams to host a tournament. The City has agreed to let us apply for a Fall Special Event (separate from our other 3 special events) so that we secure the ice and cannot be bumped that weekend. The Legions stated that they are flexible on which weekend, but agreed this weekend works best.

6. New Business:

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Dec 15th:** All Female Minor teams who have entered Provincial Playoffs must return all Provincial Team Registration forms to the General Manager
- **Dec 20th:** All Minor teams who have entered Provincial Playoffs must return all Provincial Team Registration forms to the General Manager
- **Jan 10th:** Date teams may apply to register a 'carded' tournament team
Final date by which additions and deletions can be made to any affiliation list.
Carded teams may begin practicing as of January 10th provided it does not conflict with their certified team(s).
- **Jan 19th:** IP Clinic- 10:00am-4:00pm Fairview School
- **Feb 1st:** Final date by which all team officials need their appropriate clinics
- **Feb 8-10: SHA Zone Camps**
- **Feb 10th:** Date 'carded' Tournament team rosters must be submitted to the SHA.
- **Mar 1st:** Date 'carded' Tournament Teams may begin to play games.

SR FEMALE DIVISION HEAD:

- Since last meeting, the Sr Female Division Head has given his resignation from the Board and we are now in the process of trying to fill that position.

ATOM TOURNAMENTS:

- There have been some concerns from coaches from a couple of teams regarding being short players for their tournaments that they had previously booked due to

conflicting tournaments with the carded team. A meeting will be set up with the Division Head and maybe some of the coaches involved trying to come up with a solution. Some were wondering if the team(s) would need to apply for a concession from SHA to AP straight across to acquire players from the other league teams. SCMHA will contact the league to confirm play-off dates and rules and go from there.

TOURNAMENT ROSTERS:

- SCMHA had an incident during the Bantam tournament where by a team entered our tournament, unbeknownst to SCMHA, that was a combination of their 3 Bantam teams which was not approved by SHA. SHA sent out the following reminder: *With every association in the province online now it is imperative that each community hosting a tournament ask those teams that are attending their tournament to forward an approved roster prior to the tournament. That way you know the teams attending are legitimately registered. Every association can print off an approved roster at any time. This helps avoid situations where teams show up for your tournament with an un-registered team and therefore uninsured. [Every team that plays against an un-registered team forfeits their insurance for that game!](#)*
- As soon as the Bantam Division Head was informed- he did not allow the team to continue in the tournament. The reminder from SHA was sent out to all Division Heads to pass on to their coaches immediately.

GAME CANCELLATIONS:

- The City would like to work together with SCMHA regarding games cancelled due to inclement weather. In the past, the ice was just cancelled and therefore not charged to SCMHA. The City requests that the home team use a portion of the ice for a practice (usual time of 1.25 hrs) so that the City is not always eating the cost and that we would then share the cost. The procedure is to e-mail the ice-scheduler and the Dir. Of Operations at the time of the cancellation with the details and the email will then be forwarded to the City for us to sort out the billing.
- As far a league game cancellations go; it is very difficult to reschedule games (due to the shortage of SC ice) and also not fair to the opposing team. They are left without a game and usually unable to pick up another game as everyone else has already scheduled. The ice scheduler would like everyone to know why he makes it difficult for teams to cancel and reschedule without a very valid reason. SCMHA has battled with other teams in the league in the past not to do this and therefore would like our teams on board. It was mentioned that SCMHA would like all the rationale behind these types of situations and decisions noted so that the board members have the knowledge to pass on.

COACHES SELECTION COMITTEE:

- SCMHA received a letter from a member of our Association with concerns regarding our Coach Selection protocol and policies. After reviewing the letter, the Board felt confident that we were following the correct procedure in the past. SCMHA will contact this member and assure him that we will take his suggestions under advisement.

LEGIONNAIRE INVOICE:

- The AAA League combines all the expenses for out-of-town refs and splits the bill amongst all the teams in the league. The problem falls in that they do not send out the invoice until Dec of the following year; so therefore the Legions did not budget for it this year but will do so in the future. *A motion was made to approve paying the AAA League invoice for Ref mileage out of the Legionnaire Special Events account/2nd /carried.*

HEROES IN THE COMMUNITY:

- The Broncos contacted SCMHA regarding donating a 36 ticket flex pack. The Board decided to give them to the Novice Division to split how they choose and will send a thank you card to the donor.

NOVICE COACH:

- SCMHA received a call from a concerned coach regarding the conflict with regular house-team tournaments and the Novice Carded team tournaments. This is similar to the situation in Atom but the Novice teams are not in an organized league and therefore are not definite deadlines as to when their season officially ends and what the rules are. A committee was formed and will meet to brainstorm some ideas for guidelines for this year and possibly the future should we have this type of team on a yearly basis. Some would like to see some guidelines in place within our Rules and Regulations. It was stated that from year to year; these types of teams need to be applied for; firstly through SCMHA and then secondly by SHA. Some of the guidelines they would like to see set are how players are picked and if they are only local, end-of-season dates and tournament priority, etc.

LEGION AP LIST:

- There was an inquiry as to the reasoning behind the limits of AP's to certain teams; in particular the Legionnaires being allowed to AP Raider players. The new AP protocol was put in place approximately 3 years ago. The Board wanted to amend the rules to reflect the needs. *A motion was made to allow the Legionnaires and the Hurricanes to AP up to 4 Bantam players to each team/2nd /carried.*

8. Correspondence:

- Toques from SHA arrived for the Initiation Division and the Dodge Caravan package arrived for the Novice Division.

9. Financial Report: Eric Bloom (absent)

- Nothing to report.

10. Division Reports

INITIATION: Jeremy Rondeau

- Nothing to report at this time.

NOVICE: Jason (Fuzzy) Silzer

- There was a proposal to grant approval for a Novice Tier II team and if granted host a tournament the same weekend as the Atom and Novice Tier I teams. They are proposing coaches for the team. They would like to practice at the end of the Novice season and attend one overnight tournament. Before the

Board would make decision- felt we needed additional information. The Novice Division head. Fuzzy was informed that the Novice carded team cannot practice until after Jan 10th.

ATOM: Cheyenne Arntsen (absent- report attached)

- No Formal complaints thus far
- Tournament committee has been selected and all visiting teams have registered
- The only issue is the Atom teams being short players as discussed earlier in the meeting. Would also like to table a discussion for next meeting on what we can do to avoid this situation happening in the future.

PEE WEE: Wade Lacher

- There are no major issues.
- Suspensions have been served.
- The tournament committee is getting organized.
- There were some concerns regarding the protocol for picking players for the Provincial team. The Coaches were informed that try-outs were not mandatory and that the Head Coach was up front that he was going to pick the players by evaluating them throughout the season. He was also present during the picking of the league teams. This information was to be passed along to the parents.

BANTAM: Dean Quinton (report attached)

- Both Bantam tournaments have been completed. The Raiders lost the A semi-final in a shootout. The Bantam House teams competed in the B and C finals of their tournament. One Association entered an unregistered provincial team which resulted in the cancellation of the A Final. The tournament committee will be sent a partial refund to the opposing team.
- All the bantam teams are competitive within their respective leagues.
- Provincial team selection is underway.
- The Raiders are requesting their fundraising/sponsorship money. They need to present a budget by Jan 1, 2013 with reasoning behind the request for the funds.

MIDGET: Greg Hurrell (absent-report attached)

- The K-Motel Midget AA Hurricanes are proceeding well in the South Sask Minor Hockey League with a record of 18 games played. 9 wins 6 Losses 3 ties for a total of 21 points and are currently tied for 3rd place in the league. They are continuing sending up players to the AAA Midget Legionnaires when asked and using AP players from the Midget League team and Kabos Bantam AA Raiders. Lines of communication between all three coaches are running smooth and no problems identified.
- The RE/MAX Midget Wild is proceeding well in the Southwest Minor Hockey League. They have a record of 8 games played, 0 wins, 4 losses and 4 ties. All seems to be running well at the moment. The Midget Tournament Committee has been formed and they have identified 11 other teams from Alberta & Saskatchewan who will be attending. They have requested official documentation from each team confirming membership and proper certification from Alberta Hockey and SHA. They are preparing selection of players for the Provincial Team and ensuring proper documentation is being filed prior to the final date. There was some confusion with AP players from

the Midget B team to the Midget A team and K-Motel Hurricanes but this has now been rectified and thanks to our Director of Registration once again for all her patience and hard work.

SR FEMALE: (vacant position)

JR FEMALE: Shauna Lacher (report attached)

- **Initiation/Jr. Novice:** Both the Initiation and Jr. Novice teams participated in the Initiation Jamboree this past weekend. Thanks to Jeremy for a job well done organizing.
- **Novice:** Novice team attended the Sasktel Female Challenge in Regina November 30-December 2nd, where they demonstrated a fantastic team effort going undefeated in the tournament and brought home the gold medal (in spite of the girls' pleading, they would not let them bring home the trophy). The girls played their hearts out and won quite handily over the typically strong Prairie Storm and Regina teams. The team received a lot of positive acknowledgements on the quality of coaching and level of girls play from both parents and coaches from other teams.
- No alternate date has been set for the Novice tournament. At this point, we are going to see if we can get ice out of town to have a few teams in.
- The Novice team would respectfully request a board concession in order to attend a second overnight tournament on January 26-27, 2013 in Estevan. ***A motion was made to approve a 2nd over-night tournament for the Female Novice team/2nd/carried.*** Although the team has been fairly competitive with the Novice boys, we are having trouble finding even co-ed teams who are willing to play an "all-girls" team. Also, given that a home tournament may not be an option this year, the parents feel strongly that the team should be allowed this opportunity for the girl vs. girl experience which we cannot get locally due to the lack of all girls teams at this level.
- **Atom:** Atom team attended the Sask-tel Female Challenge in Regina as well. They got off to a rocky start, losing 3 games straight but managed to find their legs in a win over Saskatoon to advance to the B Semi Final. They had a strong finish but lost to Brandon in the B final, with an overall fourth place finish.
- In league, the team is currently in 2nd place with a record of 2 wins and 3 losses. As you all know, the Atom team has requested to put together a carded team in order to play in the March ice tournament in Saskatoon. Board motion was sent out via email and received majority board approval. I have contacted SHA to request a concession be granted in order for the Atom team to be allowed to form a carded team.
- The Board agreed that the team should be made up of local players only. Shauna will contact the females playing on the co-ed teams as this tournament should not interfere with league play. In that case; there would be no need to card a team. ***A motion was made for SCMHA to grant a concession to Article IX, Section 1) of the SCMHA Rules and Regulations to allow up to 4 minor Atom females registered on a co-ed team to also be registered on the Female Atom team for the 2012-2013 season for the purposes of the Saskatoon tournament only/2nd/carried.***
- **Pee Wee:** Pee Wee team also attended the Sasktel Female Challenge. They got off to a strong start, with 2 wins and 1 tie in round robin play, but lost a crucial game to a strong Saskatoon team in the A Semi-final, which knocked them out of a chance for a medal. In league, the team is currently in 1st place with a record of 5 wins and 1 loss.

11. Committee Reports

REGISTRATION: Angele Newkirk (absent-report attached)

- As of Dec 12th, 2012, there are 623 players registered. 477 male and 146 females. There are 26 refunds to be sent out that are not included in these numbers.
- Angele provided a list of all the teams and any of the officials that still need their clinics. Division Heads need to inform the Coaches immediately. Bruce reminded the Board that SCMHA can enforce these people be removed from the bench and not be able to be on any other certification form in the fall until they have completed their courses.

RISK MANAGEMENT/PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE: Zenon Zemluk

- Will be sending out a list of who has not completed their criminal record checks or who requires an affidavit.

EQUIPMENT: Darwin Knelsen (absent)

- Looking into a set of sweaters for the Novice Carded team.

LEGIONNAIRE REPRESENTATIVE: Kim Bachek

- The team has tied a lot of games but can't seem to pull out a win lately. One player has quit the team. The Manager has received positive feedback from parents as to the progression of the team.
- Requesting SCMHA to put together a process to follow for players quitting any development team being allowed to be accepted to a team without first having the discussion with the board or at a minimum the executive.
- Understanding that the WHL can affect the Legionnaire process and allow them to have a player back and in turn could end up sending a local player back to the Hurricanes. This is a process that SHA endorses and we can only follow protocol.
- I also believe that each situation will warrant discussion as there are several scenarios to each of these situations going forward.

REFEREE LIASON: Kevyn Kristmanson

- Nothing to report.

MEMBER @ LARGE: Vacant Position

VICE-PRESIDENT: Kevin Patenaude (absent)

- Nothing to report at this time.

PAST PRESIDENT: Richard Bissonnette (absent)

- Nothing to report at this time.

PRESIDENT: Bruce

- Nothing to report.

12. Next Meeting:

- Tues- Jan 8th, 2013 @ 7:00pm. There was discussion of possibly moving the Board meetings to every 2nd Wed of the month from now on.

13. Adjournment

- *Dean made a motion to adjourn.*