

Swift Current Minor Hockey Association  
Box 397, Swift Current, Sk. S9H 3V8

Regular Monthly Meeting of Feb 15th, 2012 @ Husky Mtg. Room

Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

- Rich called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call/Regrets

- **Present:** Paula Bowers, Richard Bissonnette, Eric Bloom, Shauna Lacher, Zenon Zemluk, Bruce Reid, Greg Hurrell, Angele Newkirk, Kim Bachek, Kevyn Kristmanson, Cheyenne Arntsen, Jeremy Rondeau and Wade Lacher.
- **Absent:** Al Carey, Darwin Knelsen, Kevin Patenaude, Butch Gering and Dean Quinton.

3. Additions/Adoption of Agenda

- “Kidsport” was added to New Business
- *A motion was made to adopt the agenda as amended/2<sup>nd</sup>/carried.*

4. Acceptance of Minutes- Jan 9th, 2012

- *A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented/2<sup>nd</sup>/carried.*

5. Old Business:

TV'S IN FAIRVIEW LOBBY:

- The 2 TV monitors have been installed in each the Fairview East and West arenas. The remote controls are in the concession. We are looking into a place to acknowledge both SCMHA and the Broncos for the TV's.

ADMISSIONS TABLE:

- The new admissions table has been constructed and is in the Fairview East arena.

FOUR BRONCO MEMORIAL:

- SCMHA has been in contact with Broncos and were able to find a jersey for us to use and are in the process of finding us some pictures as well. The display will be for the Fairview arenas and will basically be the same design as what's at the I-PLEX now. Wallace Construction (who built the original display) gave us a quote. The City would also like the chance to put in a bid as well.

EXTREME PITA:

- Since our last meeting, Extreme Pita has sent SCMHA the money owing for sponsorship and cresting along with 125 gift cards. We have sold about 75 cards so far for \$10. The local franchise is having some interim staffing issues and the hours have been erratic as well as the training to use the gift cards. The Board decided to hold off selling for a bit until the new owner of Extreme Pita has things under control.

### SCMHA AGM:

- Wed- April 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm- Best Western Inn and Suites
- Changes to the Constitution must be in by March 25<sup>th</sup> and applications for Board positions must be submitted by April 11<sup>th</sup>. An ad will be placed in the paper one week prior to the March deadline for constitution submissions.
- As per an earlier discussion regarding the "Goalie" section of our Rules and Regulations- some new wording was suggested. *A motion was made to add Section 2 to Article XII- Goalies to read: In the case where there are too many or too few goalies in any particular Division, the Division Heads, Coaches and families involved will come to a mutual agreement. If an agreement cannot be reached, the Board will make a final decision following evaluations/2<sup>nd</sup>/carried.*

### SCMHA CAMPS:

- There was a suggestion to have spring camps for some or all of the teams at the end of the regular hockey season when everyone is in hockey shape. We would still have fall camps but sometimes evaluations can be skewed as some players have not been on the ice all summer and some have gone to summer camps. . Independent evaluators would rate the players and have a full report for the incoming or existing coaches for the following season. The Board thought it was best to only try it with a few teams this year as a trial and see how it goes. We would start with Midget and Bantam. Invites could be sent with some information from SHA as well as place ads on the website and in the paper. We will check on ice availability (as the City as some extended ice dates this year) as well as with the existing coaches for their input.
- Fall camps for this season will be: Hurricanes and Raiders: Sept 16-18<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- Pee Wee Broncos- Sept 21-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. SSMHL and SBA AHL scheduling will be held Sept 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

### 6. New Business:

#### REF ASSOC:

- *A motion was made to approve an advance to the Referee Association /2<sup>nd</sup> /carried.*

### SSHL AGM: Sun April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30- Palliser Pavilion

- SC is responsible to fill one of the VP positions on the SSHL Executive for the next 2 years. One member of SCMHA Board said he would put his name forth. It is Gravelbourg's turn to run the league this coming season.
- If there are any items you would like on the agenda, email Dean Smith the current President.
- A reminder to everyone that the trophy's need to be returned to the League executive for presentation to the new teams.

### REP TEAM FINANCIALS

- The Midget Hurricanes, Bantam Raiders and Pee Wee Broncos all submitted their forecasted budget until the end of the season to request their portion of their sponsorship fundraising.
- *A motion was made to approve the money that the Hurricanes have requested from their sponsorship money raised/2<sup>nd</sup>/carried.* Greg

mentioned that the Hurricanes could always request more at a later date if the need arises.

- *A motion was made to approve the funds that the PW Broncos have requested from their sponsorship money raised/2<sup>nd</sup> /carried.*
- There were some questions raised regarding the Raider financials. SCMHA will call the manager and resend it out for an e-mail vote for approval.
- The Board would like to set up a standard “budget” format or template that we would give the teams and they would just fill in the blanks so that all the budgets are the same format and easier for everyone to complete and understand. Our treasurer will send one out for approval.
- There was also a suggestion that we try to get a handle on the bank accounts that are set up for the tournament committees. There are probably a lot of accounts that are sitting dormant for a number of years. We would like to try to clear them up and/or delete them and have one standing account per Division for the SSSL league teams at least and have them use the same account from year to year. We would also make sure the account was left with a certain amount of operating money at the end of the season and have the statements come to SCMHA. SCMHA will look into this.

#### **GAMING COMMISSION:**

- When tournament Committees apply to the Gaming Commission for the lottery license to run their progressive 50/50’s- sometimes there will be a portion of that returned. A cheque was given back to the Atom tournament committee from last season. The Board decided that the cheque should just be given back to this year’s committee’s account.
- There was a suggestion that a separate “tournament” account be set up that all the Divisions could access if needed for start- up funds, etc.

#### **CITY OF SC:**

- The Indoor-Ice User Meeting will be held Mar 21<sup>st</sup> @ noon.
- The City sent out a notice that they will be trying a 2-year pilot project to extend the ice season later in the Spring and earlier in the Fall.

#### **KIDSPORT:**

- Kidsport announced that there will be an increase in the yearly allotment per child. There was discussion that SCMHA would like to be able to have an agreement with Kidsport that only allows them a portion unless they take advantage of the Early Registration Discount dates.
- SCMHA also wants to look at a better way to provide more privacy to those applying for Kidsport that have to show it on our SCMHA registration forms. It may be better with the on-line registration.

#### **8. Correspondence:**

#### **9. Financial Report: Eric Bloom**

- *A motion was made to accept the financial report as presented/2<sup>nd</sup> /carried.*

#### **10. Division Reports**

#### **INITIATION: Jeremy Rondeau**

- Tournament Committee is doing an excellent job at getting things organized.

**NOVICE:** Cheyenne Arntsen

- Tournament is coming this weekend- everything is in order. Had one Coaching issue that has been resolved.

**ATOM:** Wade Lacher (report attached)

- Atom Tournament was held this past weekend and went well. SC Bandits lost to Radville in the “A Final”. SC Outlaws defeated SC Rangers in “B” Final. SC Icewolves defeated Prairie Storm Lightning in the “C” Final. All Swift Current teams did well.
- There is a coaching issue that the Board is working with the coach involved and the Division to resolve.
- League is finishing up this week. 5 of the 7 Swift Current teams will make playoffs. Final team placements are not yet available as the points are very close in the standings with a few games remaining to be played.
- 35 players from Atom Division participated in a skating relay during the Rick Hanson Relay event held Monday February 13th at the Iplex. Kids had fun and each player who participated received a small gift in appreciation of their contribution to the event.

**PEE WEE:** Bruce Reid (report attached)

- The Southwest League Regular Season is complete; two of the four Swift Current Teams are in the playoffs. The PW Tournament went very well. I didn't receive any complaints and the committee is to be complimented on their good work and organization. Ponteix won the A final over Lethbridge in a very good game that ended with 2 seconds left in the 3 on 3 overtime. The four Swift Current teams played in the C and D finals.
- The PW Broncos have one Regular Season game left, next week.

**BANTAM:** Dean Quinton (absent)

- Nothing to report.

**MIDGET:** Greg Hurrell (report attached)

- The K-Motel Midget Hurricanes remain in 1st place with a record of 30games played. 23 wins-3 losses and 4 ties for a total of 50 points. They will finish up the league by the end of the month. No problems observed and almost everyone healthy again. They continue to help out the Legionnaires sending up players when available.
- The Midget Knights & Wild finished up the regular season with the Knights in 4th place and the Wild in 5th. Playoffs are underway and the Knights are up 1-0 vs the Wild in the best of three series. They also continue to send players up to the Hurricanes and Legionnaires when available.
- The Provincial team will start the 1st series heading to Weyburn this coming weekend in a two game total point series. The Provincial Wild team has home ice advantage and the second game will be held at the Iplex on Sunday Feb 26th at 6:00p.m.

**SR FEMALE:** Butch Gering (absent)

- Nothing to report.

**JR FEMALE:** Shauna Lacher(report attached)

- Initiation: Initiation tournament is coming up March 9, 10, and 11.
- Novice: Ice Catz & Mustangs attended the Estevan Tournament on January 27, 2012, which was the second out of town tournament that was approved by the board.
- -Ice Catz went through round robin with a 2 and 1 record and won their playoff game securing a third place finish in the tournament. The Mustangs went through the 3 game round-robins undefeated, but lost the “A Final” to a tiered Prairie Storm team by a score of 6-0. The only loss incurred by the Ice Catz was also to the tiered Prairie Storm team. Unfortunately, the Mustang team had a number of players back out of the tournament unexpectedly at the last minute. The coaches and I examined every possible opportunity to try to get some more players to make the situation more doable, but due to the deadline being passed, we basically had no options. The team did not feel it was fair to Estevan to back out of the tournament only a few days before it started and we did not want Swift Current to develop a bad reputation so they chose to go with the 7 players they had left (including our goalie). The Estevan tournament committee expressed their overwhelming gratitude at our decision to come and following the “A Final”, a very competitive Prairie Storm parent group gave the “Super 7” group a standing ovation for their efforts. It was a very proud moment for SCMHA.
- One player has quit.
- Atom: The 4-team Atom tournament was held Jan 21 - 22, 2012. No issues were reported. Lightning are still going strong in playoffs. They plan on playing until the end of March. They will be attending an exhibition tournament the weekend of March 10-11 in Elrose and March Ice in Saskatoon at the end of March.
- Pee Wee: The 4-team Pee Wee Female tournament was held February 4-5, 2012. There was a slight issue with the refs not being scheduled, but it was resolved quickly. The Ice Cats faced some strong competition and did not win any games. Ice Cats lost out of playoffs in the first round and are done the regular season. Provincial Playoff games are this weekend and next weekend. Due to a lack of ice, they are playing their home game in Kyle.
- There was a question as to what happens to left over ice allocation for the house or league teams: Depending on the amount- it can be disbursed back to the parents or sometimes the team or Division will donate the money to a charity like Kidsport or buy some equipment for the younger Divisions, etc. For example- if there was \$1000.00 left in the Initiation account and there are 100 players- it would not be worth writing a cheque back to each family for \$10.

## 11. Committee Reports

### REGISTRATION: Angele Newkirk

- Waiting on SHA for things to slow down to get organized with the on-line registration details.

### RISK MANAGEMENT/PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE: Zenon Zemluk

- If anyone hands in their criminal record check and is “flagged”; they will definitely need the letter from SCMHA confirming that they are a volunteer within our organization. The “letter” is available both through the Director of Operations as well as the President.
- Will update a list of who needs an affidavit for next year.

EQUIPMENT: Darwin Knelsen (absent)

- Nothing to report.

REFEREE REPRESENTATIVE: Kevyn Kristmanson

- We will be losing a high number of senior referees and therefore will be extremely short for next season (equivalent to about 400 games) so if anyone knows anybody who would like to ref; we need help.

LEGIONNAIRE REPRESENTATIVE: Kim Bachek

- Legionnaires are currently in 7<sup>th</sup> place with 40 points and need one win or one Regina loss to continue into post season play. They are on budget but will need assistance going into the play-offs. One goalie is no longer on the team and there are a few letters that have come in to SCMHA.
- The Legionnaires have had to repeatedly call on AP's due to injuries and illness to continue playing out the rest of the season. Thanks to the Hurricanes, Midget Wild & Knights for their help.
- Going forward I would like to propose that we treat the Legionnaires in the same fashion we do the rest of the teams in having Player and Parent evaluation forms completed and sent to the independent evaluator for final year-end report.
- I would also like to ask that we have additional members on the board to assist in the year end interview with the Legionnaire coaching staff, support staff, myself, Midget rep, President and Vice President. I feel this will also assist in seeing where we were strong on completing some of the expectations set out by this board and areas where we were lacking and need to improve on. These tasks will need to be completed and reported on as soon as possible so we as a board know where we are headed for the next season and have the opportunity to make changes or change directions with the program.
- Camp will be March 23-25 and will be by invitation only; with a total of 60 players.

MEMBER AT LARGE: absent position

VICE- PRESIDENT: Kevin Patenaude (absent)

- Nothing to report.

PAST- PRESIDENT: Al Carey (absent)

- Nothing to report.

PRESIDENT: Rich

- Nothing to report.

12. Adjournment

- *A motion was made to adjourn.*

