

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

Regular Monthly Meeting of Nov 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), Greg Hurrell, Kevin Patenaude, Angele Newkirk, Kevyn Kristmanson, Eric Bloom, Kim Bachek, Butch Gering, Richard Bissonnette, Darwin Knelson and Dean Quinton.
- **Absent:** Wade Lacher, Shauna Lacher, Jason (Fuzzy) Silzer, Zenon Zemluk, Jeremy Rondeau and Cheyenne Arntsen.

3. Additions/Adoption of Agenda

- Clark will discuss “ice” following the Division reports.
- *A motion was made to adopt the agenda as amended/2nd/carried.*

4. Acceptance of Minutes- Oct 15th, 2012

- *A motion was made to accept the minutes from Oct 15th meeting as presented/2nd/carried.*

5. Old Business:

EXTREME PITA CARDS:

- There are still 18 cards left and they are at First Ave Dental Group.

VACANT BOARD POSITIONS:

- Member @ Large- We are still seeking anyone interested in filling this position.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:

- An interview committee has been formed to help recommend someone to fill the Director of Operations and/or Ice Scheduler position(s). They will meet following this meeting to bring a recommendation to the board for next meeting.

JERSEY RENTAL FEES:

- The Raiders were requesting to keep one of the new sets of jerseys this year as they have so many returning players from last year. SCMHA told them that they would have to pay for an extra set over and above the old set.
- There was discussion regarding the rental fee for jerseys for each team and if it was justified as some divisions keep their jerseys a lot longer than others before they have to be replaced.
- *A motion was made to amend Article IV of the Rules and Regulations to read as follows: “The Pee Wee Broncos, Raiders, Hurricanes replace one set of sweaters annually. All teams in the Atom and Pee Co-ed Division and the Female Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget will pay a \$15 per-player jersey rental fee annually and replace the jerseys every 5 years. All teams*

in the Co-ed Bantam and Midget Division will pay a \$25 per-player jersey rental fee annually and replace the jerseys every 3 years. Each team will have the option to purchase the oldest set of sweaters at actual replacement cost at the end of the season.” 2nd/carried.

- SCMHA will look into the cost of the Wildcat jerseys and the rotation of the replacement and will add the Wildcats to the rental policy next meeting.
- The Rep teams were billed this year for the new jerseys which they will not, in fact, be purchasing for their own teams until next year. This year they will be getting the old jerseys. SCMHA will amend their ice accounts to reflect the amount cost for the jerseys from last year.

SHA ZONE 3 MEETING:

- The President attended on behalf of SCMHA. There were about 5 Associations being represented. Topics of discussion included input for any future rule changes, implementing a fall registration deadline date for Associations, Mentorship Initiative (make sure they get to all the communities), changing Female Sask First to Under 16 and Under 18 and reducing the number of zones, adjusting the dates to apply for Provincials earlier, setting up a release policy, setting a minimum number of players in an Association before allowing to tier teams and digression while using social media and networking when representing SHA.

6. New Business:

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Body Check- Nov 14th- 7:00pm @ Fairview School
- SCMHA has requested have a 2nd clinic for IP and Safety/Speak-out in Jan. SHA will let us know by end of Nov. If anyone is interested- contact SCMHA, we will put them on a list- but no guarantees.

PLAYER MOVEMENT:

- There was an email vote sent out earlier: *A motion was made to approve the movement of an Atom player to Novice/2nd/carried.*

E-MAIL PROTOCOL:

- SCMHA is working on a protocol hoping to eliminate the amount of emails going out to all the board members instead of just the ones the issues pertain to.

OUTSTANDING BILL:

- It was brought to the attention of the Legion staff that there was an apparent outstanding bill stemming back to last season. *A motion was made that the total amount owing be paid out of the Legionnaire Special Events account. The motion was amended to read that 50% is paid out of the Legionnaire Special Events account and 50% be paid out of SCMHA general account/2nd/defeated. A motion was made that the total amount owing to be paid out of the Legionnaire Special Events account/2nd/carried.*

CELL PHONES:

- The Board felt it necessary that SCMHA come up with a policy regarding the use of cell phones by players, parents or coaches in the dressing rooms. We would like to implement a no-tolerance policy with regard to social media so that no

inappropriate photos, etc. are not shared on Facebook, e-mails etc. Someone suggested checking with the Comp School as to what their policy is. The Legions are in the process of writing one up, so will forward the wording so that we can incorporate the wording so that it applies to SCMHA. SCMHA will also research what the SHA has in place for a policy. It will be brought to the next meeting for approval.

8. Correspondence:

- Any pertinent e-mails received were forwarded to the board members.

9. Financial Report: Eric Bloom (report attached)

- The only newly added substantial items would be the ice bills from the City and the pre-registration fees for SHA. The cost for cable is included with the phone bill for SCMHA.
- *A motion was made to accept the financial report as presented/2nd/carried.*

10. Division Reports

INITIATION: Jeremy Rondeau (absent)

- Nothing to report at this time.

NOVICE: Jason (Fuzzy) Silzer (absent) report attached

- Everything moving along, teams are final, 7 teams in total, 4 teams of 14 players and 3 teams of 13 players.
- *A motion was made to approve 2nd assistant coaches for the Novice teams/2nd/carried.*
- I have received approval for a Novice carded team. There was an email vote sent out previously. *A motion was made to accept the Head Coach and the Asst Coach for the Novice Carded team/2nd/carried.*
- Plans are to enter two out-of-town tournaments and host our own March 23rd weekend with the Atom team. In lieu of this new team, which I would like to see annually, I would like to approach the board for a new set of white jerseys. 15 skaters and 2 goalies. Novice Broncos. The existing Bronco set is short.

ATOM: Cheyenne Arntsen (absent)

- Have booked a home tournament for the Atom carded team Mar 22-24th. There was a concern with the league teams that have multiple tournaments booked with such a heavy league schedule as well as tournaments booked late in the year. The Atom carded team is formed and then would not be able to attend the tournaments planned for this team. The Board agreed that since the carded teams can start play after March 1st that they be allowed to attend the carded team tournaments as long as they are not interfering with the regular teams league play. The players' first commitment is still to their league team, but after March 1st; doesn't include league team tournaments. *Rich made a motion to amend Article IV, section 2, part g) to read: "Tournaments are allowed after Provincials and League play is completed. All tournaments must be approved by the Division Head, prior to attending. The players' responsibility is to his/her development team until that team is eliminated from league play, including play-offs"/2nd by Darwin/carried.*

PEE WEE: Wade Lacher (absent- report attached)

- To the best of my knowledge, Pee Wee division is running smoothly. Most teams have played 4 or 5 games in league so far.
- Some teams are concerned about having 1.75 hour game slots as they are not able to fit in two floods, which is not really acceptable at the Pee Wee level. Clark explained that this was discussed earlier and because the Atoms and Pee Wee's schedule together for the SSSL- that both Divisions had to be the same time allotment. He said that when he can, he will lengthen the PW games to 2 hrs for the rest of the season. He suggested that next year both Divisions stick with 2 hr time slots as it does not benefit the ice scheduling enough on one day/per rink to make a dig enough difference.
- The Pee Wee Broncos are steadily improving. They have played 6 games and are currently sitting in 4th place with a record of 1 win, 4 losses and 1 tie. They are frustrated with the constant changing of practice ice times, but are learning to live with it. Clark explained that none of the teams have an exact ice time for practice week to week, but he tries to keep it as consistent as he can, according to everyone's schedule. There was an email sent earlier regarding the Provincial Head Coach approval.
- *A motion was made to accept the Head Coach and Assistant Coach for the PW Provincial Team/2nd/carried.*

BANTAM: Dean Quinton (report attached)

- Both the AA and A Bantam Leagues are well underway, for the most part lots of competitive games in the SSSL league and the Raiders are currently sitting third in the South Conference of their league.
- The Raider tournament will be starting on Nov 23rd and the A tournament will be starting on Nov 30. All of the AA Tournament games were brought into Swift Current this year. The teams attending consist of Alberta and Manitoba AAA teams and Saskatchewan AA teams. The Raiders went 2-1-1 in a 25 team Regina tournament this past weekend but it was not good enough to play pass the round robin portion of the tournament.
- All issues involving player movement have been resolved.
- *A motion was made to accept an Assistant Coach for the Bantam Canucks/2nd/carried.*

MIDGET: Greg Hurrell (report attached)

- The K-Motel Hurricanes are currently 10 games into the regular season. They currently sit in 6th place with a record of 3 wins 4 losses and 3 ties. They have been bitten by the injury bug as of late but have most of the injured players back playing. They are utilizing the AP system and sending players up to the Legionnaires and Jr B when asked. No issues identified at this time.
- The Re/Max Midget Wild is now into the regular season. There have been many issues identified with this team with suspensions and conduct. SCMHA has met with the coaches explaining the rules and regulations. SCMHA also met with the team and explained our Expectations from this team going forward. We are hoping that this team has resolved most of the issues they had and they are being closely monitored. There was a mirror broken in the dressing room which will be billed directly back to the team.

SR FEMALE: Butch Gering

- There have been no issues brought to my attention to date. Organizing the Provincial teams and coaching staff. Used the Coaches Selection Committee to interview coaches. It was a tough decision. *A motion was made to approve the Coaches for the Bantam Provincial team/2nd/carried.*
- The Coaching staff for the Midget and PW Provincial teams will remain the same as the League team coaches.

JR FEMALE: Shauna Lacher (absent- report attached)

Initiation:

- An Initiation parent asked me to bring to the board a concern she had regarding ice time being scheduled on Remembrance Day at 11:00 am. She acknowledged that ice time is difficult to come by, but felt it was very disrespectful to have an ice time the morning of Remembrance Day. She asked that in the future, this be given some consideration. Clark said he would keep it in mind, but schedules ice time on all the other holidays as well.

Novice:

- We are looking at having to cancel the Novice Female Tournament as there is only 1 team that is able to commit for the weekend it has been scheduled (December 15-16). This is a very difficult time of year for parents to attend a tournament and there are a very limited amount of Novice girls' teams in Saskatchewan to recruit from. The major Female tournament in Saskatchewan runs in Regina the first weekend in December, which is only two weeks prior to our tournament date. Also, Moose Jaw runs their tournament in November as well as Lloydminster. These tournament dates have been established for years and because of that, we are only getting left-overs. We ran into the same issues last year and had to decrease the tournament size. I indicated my concerns to Clark at the beginning of the year and he was going to see if he could move the tournament into March. I have emailed him to see if it may be a possibility to have the tournament moved to an alternate date. Clark said there were no weekends available in March until the very end- so didn't think that would work and will be in contact to rebook after Christmas if possible.

Atom:

- The Atom team has brought some concerns forth regarding the number of early morning ice times their team was allocated in the last ice schedule. (They were scheduled for 7 early morning ice practices between November and December - which is almost weekly). I can understand this position; however I think we need to consider that any divisions who have 20+ games scheduled in their leagues (which I understand we do not always have any control over) should be the first to receive the early morning practices as they are already receiving a substantial amount of "prime" ice to accommodate their game schedules. I also noticed that the Pee Wee or Atom teams were not given anywhere near the same amount of early morning practices, even when they are getting two practices during the week. The issue has been dealt with, but I do think they have a valid concern. Clark said that he starts with the ice allocation allotted to each Division governed by the City. That means that Atom

only gets so many hours per day/week which is usually one practice and one game per week. He gave early mornings if the teams wanted an extra practice during the week and when the schedule allows- he will place the extra practices during prime times. He agrees that the Atom teams that scheduled a 24 game schedule this year should not be allowed to go to several out-of-town tournaments, forcing them to book their games during the week as they are busy every weekend.

Pee Wee:

- The Coaches for the PW Provincial team will be the same as the league team.

11. Committee Reports

REGISTRATION: Angele Newkirk (report attached)

- As of Nov 12th, 2012, there are 623 players registered. 477 male and 146 female. There are 26 refunds to be sent out that are not included in these numbers.
- Almost all the teams have been registered with SHA.

RISK MANAGEMENT/PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE: Zenon Zemluk (absent)

- Nothing to report.

EQUIPMENT: Darwin Knelsen

- Nothing to report at this time.

LEGIONNAIRE REPRESENTATIVE: Kim Bachek (report attached)

- Nothing to report at this time.

REFEREE LIASON: Kevyn Kristmanson (report attached)

- For all leagues; it is likely that we will have to bring in officials from out of town. We will try to let the teams know when this is happening, but anytime that this occurs; the official who travelled is to be paid for their mileage at the game. Paula will send out an email to all the Division Heads to notify their teams.

MEMBER @ LARGE: Vacant Position

VICE-PRESIDENT: Kevin Patenaude

- Nothing to report at this time.

PAST PRESIDENT: Richard Bissonnette

- Nothing to report at this time.

PRESIDENT: Bruce

- Nothing to report.

12. Adjournment

- *A motion was made to adjourn.*