

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

Regular Monthly Meeting of September 24th, 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), Richard Bissonnette, Greg Hurrell, Kevin Patenaude, Angele Newkirk, Cheyenne Arntsen, Kevyn Kristmanson, Shauna Lacher, Eric Bloom, Kim Bachek, Jason (Fuzzy) Silzer, Butch Gering, Darwin Knelsen and Dean Quinton.
- **Absent:** Wade Lacher, Jeremy Rondeau and Zenon Zelmuk.

3. Additions/Adoption of Agenda

- *A motion was made to adopt the agenda as amended/2nd/carried.*

4. Acceptance of Minutes- Sept 10th, 2012

- *A motion was made to accept the minutes from Sept 10th meeting as presented/2nd/carried.*

5. Old Business:

EXTREME PITA CARDS:

- There are still 21 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.

MIND THE NET:

- The Goal Tending Clinic will be held in Swift Current on Sept 29th and 30th at the Fairview Arenas. 15 out the possible 24 spots have been booked so far.

WEBSITE:

- The new SSSL site is now live. Paula has been working on the content and encouraged everyone to look thru the site to see if any changes need to be made. The address is www.southwestsaskhockeyleague.com. The SCMHA teams will have access to both the SCMHA and the SSSL site. The rest of the teams will only be available on the league site. Paula will explain how it works in more detail at the scheduling meetings. Once the managers have been named; logins and passwords can be sent out for access to the team sites.
- There is a 5-yr domain fee that the board agreed that SCMHA pay until such time the SSSL is willing to take it over and run it and then would pass on the pro-rated balance. *A motion was made that SCMHA pay the fee to own the SSSL website domain/2nd/carried.*

JERSEY RENTAL FEES:

- This discussion is to be tabled for next meeting.

- The one topic the Board did discuss was the allocation of the Division Sponsorship money. As it stands; the money that comes in for a particular Division is divided amongst all the teams in that particular division equally. They are given a credit on their ice accounts. The Board decided to leave that policy the same.

ICE USERS MEETING: Sept 19th

- 3 members attended on behalf of SCMHA
- Some of the topics discussed were block ice and the extension. The ice will be shut down by Mar 24th unless there are still some SCMHA teams in play-offs. Following that summer ice rates are in effect (\$140/hr). This is also depending on where the Broncos are at with Play-offs as well. If you are requesting ice past this time, the City asks any requests be in by Dec 31st of this year. Even if you do put in a request, there is a chance you could be bumped by the Broncos unless they are finished. There was a reminder that the dressing time lines are ½ hr before and ½ after the game. There were some chewing tobacco instances last year (bantam/midget) so we are to remind teams of the tobacco policy in place. Ice contracts need to be signed. The City wants Legion games to be at least 2.5 hrs. Recovery rates were discussed as well as an open-ice section will be posted on the City website as well as Facebook and Twitter.
- Some board members would like a better system for dressing room key access; especially during tournaments.

6. New Business:

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Referee Clinic- Sept 29th @ 9:00am - Irwin School
- Coach Orientation: Oct 3rd- *Atom-Midget* @ 7:00pm- Stampede Room
- SSHL Female Scheduling Mtg- Sunday- Oct 14th- 1:00- Stampede Room
- SSHL Bantam/Midget Scheduling Mtg- Tuesday October 16^t @ 7:00pm- Stampede Room
- Coach Orientation: Oct 17th- *Initiation & Novice* @ 7:00pm- Stampede Room
- SSHL Atom/Peewee Scheduling Mtg- Thursday October 18th 7:00- Stampede Room
- Clinics: Level- Oct 13th, IP- Oct 14th, Safety/Speak-out- Nov 3, Body Check- Nov 14th

** Clark and Paula will be available for the scheduling meetings and wanted to remind teams to have their tournaments dates picked prior to the meetings to avoid game cancellations and scheduling changes.

A motion was made that SCMHA will advance funds for the cost of up to 2 tournament entry fees per team per season to be paid back by Dec 31st of the current season/2nd /carried.

- The Board felt this will help coaches have their tournaments in place earlier as they will not have to pay for the entry fees out of their own pockets.
- The fees will be billed back thru the team ice account.
- SCMHA will make up a tournament fee request form to have available and also mention at the upcoming coach orientations.

SPONSORSHIP:

- The Board discussed whether or not it should be increased. The Board decided to leave it as is. Invoices have been sent.

BANTAM 3 ON 3:

- There was some discussion regarding the protocol when booking something outside of SCMHA regular block ice. The Bantam Division has organized a 3-on-3; using ice at Gull Lake this year.

8. Correspondence:

- Nothing at this time.

9. Financial Report: Eric Bloom

- Nothing to report at this time

10. Division Reports

INITIATION: Jeremy Rondeau (absent)

- have 56 kids in Senior initiation. Hoping to have 4 teams at 14 players. I have 15 coaches.
- have 42 kids in Junior Initiation. Hoping to have 3 teams of 14. I have 12 coaches.
- The jamboree is set for the 9 th of December.

NOVICE: Jason (Fuzzy) Silzer

- 95 kids; 7 teams. 5 teams of 14 and 2 of 13. *A motion was made to approve the g coaches for the Novice Division teams/2nd/carried.*
- Applicants for the Assistant Coaches will be brought forth by next meeting.

ATOM: Cheyenne Arntsen

- 107 players-7 teams. 4 @ 16 players and 3 @ 15 players. Short 2 coaches. Will email for approval or bring to the next board meeting.

PEE WEE: Wade Lacher (absent- report attached)

- Currently have 78 players registered. Two players registered will require releases from Herbert and Shaunavon. Will have to look into SSSL approval if they are able to play here.
- Looking at 4 or 5 teams depending on how many local kids make the Broncos. Assuming 9 players make the team, 68 players will be left. Suggesting 5 teams of 12 players plus 8 goalies distributed amongst the teams. (One goalie depends on player release from Herbert). 4 teams would be 15 players per team plus goalies. The Board agreed to have 4 teams. Once coaches have been established, will put forth for approval.
- The PW Bronco try-outs were held this weekend with 56 players registering. Initial cuts were made Saturday night and a second round of cuts was made following the inter-squad game on Sunday. Team will be finalized after final cuts on Thursday September 27.
- *A motion was made to approve the Assistant Coaches for the AA PW Broncos/2nd/carried.*

BANTAM: Dean Quinton (report attached)

- AA Raiders have completed their team selection process
- *A motion was made to approve the Assistant Coaches for the AA Raiders/2nd/carried.*
- 2 of the applicants have not been certified with their Speak-out Course and the teams have been fined for approximately the last 3 years. They are required to have the course and are not allowed on the bench until they do so.
- 33 players and 8 goalies are registered for house hockey
- We need to come up with some solutions to rectify this unfortunate situation. Some members suggested a pro-rated registration and team rate if the teams had more than one goalie.
- There was some discussion as to how many kids are allowed on the certification form SHA states the following: “The most you can register on a team is 21 of which 2 must be goalies...you can only play with a maximum of 17 skaters and 2 goalies. You can always register more goalies but if you do you take away skaters spots...ie...17 skaters, 4 goalies.”
- Dean will come up with something and bring it to the Board.

MIDGET: Greg Hurrell (report attached)

- K-Motel Midget Hurricanes held their Evaluation Fall camp and 38 players registered. All players were able to take part in the Black & White Inter-squad game. Players were evaluated and released based on several different evaluation methods. All players were spoken to by the coaches after the camp. At the present there are 19 players selected however some are still in the “BUBBLE” awaiting word from AAA hockey league. Those parents and players have been informed as to why a spot has not been guaranteed on the team until final releases from the AAA league are made.
- The team went to Whitewood, Sask. Hosted by the Pipestone Valley Jets and participated in a 6 team South Sask League evaluation tournament. The team won 2 games handily vs two Notre Dame teams and tied the Pipestone team. Hopefully by the end of the week the team will be finalized and Team registration form will be submitted. League scheduled is finalized with the 1st regular season game starting on the 06th of October 2012.
- From my calculations there are 23 forwards and 5 goalies left in the Midget Division. This could change by 1 or 2 depending on releasing from AAA and AA. Still not enough for two teams due to several 17 year old players with jobs and high school sports. Several scenarios pop up as what to do however the best option at the moment would be to contact every player to ensure they are committed to playing and then see where the numbers are at. SHA allows 21 to be registered on a team. Suggestions??
- One suggestion was to form a ghost team and rotate players.
- *A motion was made to approve the Head Coach for the Midget Wild team/2nd /carried.* He is a former SCMHA player and resides in Swift Current and has no children in Minor Hockey.

SR FEMALE: Butch Gering

- One Bantam team of 15 players and 2 goalies and one Midget team of 17 players and 1 goalie. They have decided to stay in the AA Division of the SSFHL.

JR FEMALE: Shauna Lacher

- Initiation: Currently have 20 girls registered, of which 2 are thinking of switching to coed.
- Propose to have 2 teams in Initiation as follows:
- 20 Initiation Players; 4 x 1st year Novice Players, 1 x 2nd year Novice Player
Total = 25 players (possibly less 2) for teams of 12 and 13 respectively.
- Because of the over-proportionate amount of older players in the Initiation division (17 out of 25 players), we would like the girls to be scheduled against the Sr. Initiation teams. *A motion was made to approve the coaches for the Female Initiation Division/2nd/carried.*
- Novice: currently have 19 girls registered of which we are proposing to move 5 to initiation, leaving a team of 14. Because the entire team will be 2nd year players, we are proposing to share ice with the Novice boys. *A motion was made to approve the Coaches for the Female Novice Division/2nd/carried.*
- The team will have to apply to the board for a concession if they would like more than one overnight tournament this season.
- Atom: Currently have 13 girls registered for one team. Have received a letter from 2 Ponteix parents requesting that we allow their daughters to join the Atom team. *A motion was made to accept the 2 Female Atom players from Ponteix on the basis that they do not play on any other team as per our regulations/2nd/carried.*
- Have received a request to release 1 Atom aged player from Herbert to play on Ponteix Pee Wee Girls team (release was granted). *A motion was made to approve the Head Coach and Asst Coach for the Female Atom team/2nd/carried.*
- Currently have 16 players registered for one team. Received a request to release 2 Pee Wee aged players from Herbert to play on Ponteix Pee Wee Girls team (release was granted). The coaches were approved last month.

11. Committee Reports

REGISTRATION: Angele Newkirk (report attached)

- As of Sept 24th, 2012, there are 594 players registered (not including the Legions). 448 male and 146 female. There are 6 refunds to be sent out that are not included in these numbers.

RISK MANAGEMENT/PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE: Zenon Zemluk

- The list of who has had their criminal record check done in the last 3 years was resent to the Division Heads to pass onto their teams and coaches.

EQUIPMENT: Darwin Knelsen

- Rep team socks are in and have been distributed and will be billed this out thru their ice accounts.
- It is Darwin's recommendation that the male PW jerseys and the entire female divisions' jerseys be replaced next year.

LEGIONNAIRE REPRESENTATIVE: Kim Bachek (report attached)

- Final roster is still not completed but have released 1 goaltender and waiting on the other still in SJHL and should know by Wed. Released 1 local player on Sat after exhibition game and 2 more this evening. Carded 14 players last week and will be possibly carding a couple more and run with a few AP players until we feel the possibility of players returning is exhausted. Most registration forms are completed. The player-release issue for new players coming to SC has been resolved. Parent fees are coming in. Have submitted 3 more commitment letter to the league for a total of 8 to date. Completed 3 exhibition games with 2 wins and a loss. Refs thought the games were play-off caliber. Some issues with the dressing room and the City have been resolved.

REFEREE LIASON: Kevyn Kristmanson (report attached)

- Clinic is coming up this Saturday September 29th from 9 - 1 pm at Irwin School.
- The Association requested for their advance for the start of the upcoming season.
- We would like to start a discussion regarding the two referee one linesman system: ie. Feedback from last year and what teams, divisions were thinking this year as well as a fee schedule for the upcoming year. Last year the referees association split the fee for one ref two lines between the three doing the game. This year were looking for a small increase. Last year fee for pee wee to midget was \$50 - \$35 - \$35 for a total of \$120. This is optional for each level and therefore the referees association wants to make it as viable an option as possible if there is a demand.
- The Board agreed that if a division wanted the 2 ref/1 linesman system that it would be based on availability and that the fees would be for 2 actual ref fees and one linesman- so for example: Midget would be \$50 + \$50 + \$35 = \$135.00

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.*