

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

Regular Monthly Meeting of March 15th, 2010 @ Diamond Energy Mtg. Room

Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

- Al called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call/Regrets

- **Present:** Paula Bowers, Al Carey, Greg Hurrell, Tim Tisdale, Kevyn Kristmanson, Brian Van Stone, Eric Bloom, Warren Hope, Bruce Reid, Billy Lee, Rich Bissonnette and Craig Gatzke.
- **Absent:** Butch Gering, Angele Newkirk, Cam Dickie, Kevin Patenaude, Wade Lacher and Zenon Zemluk.

3. Additions/Adoption of Agenda

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

4. Acceptance of Minutes- Feb 8th, 2010

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

5. Old Business:

EVALUATION FORMS:

- The new revised evaluation form is on the website; available for members to print off, complete and mail to the new Independent Evaluation Consultant. SCMHA has not heard if any have been received as of yet. A Board member commented that there has been a lot of positive feed back about the new process. Members were reminded that Risk Mgt will still deal with written complaints that come up during the season, but the evaluations that come in at the end of the season will be summarized by the IEC and then sent back to Risk Mgt with no names attached. If Risk Mgt sees any issues that the Board or the Coaches Selection Committee needs to be aware of; he will bring those issues to the Board to be dealt with. Nobody on the Board ever sees the signatures on the evaluation forms.

SCMHA AGM:

- Wed. April 21st @ 7:00pm in the Palliser Pavilion- upstairs in the Stampede Room.
- Members were reminded to prepare their year end reports for the power-point presentation and not just "read" them at the AGM- but summarize for the group.
- 2 Board members reviewed the Constitution and presented the changes that they recommended. *A motion was made to move the proposed changes to*

the Constitution as discussed and presented to be approved at the SCMHA AGM/2nd/carried.

LEGIONNAIRES:

- A meeting will be organized with the Legionnaire’s Coaching staff, 2 Board members and Kelly McClintock to review the past year and policies.

OUT-OF-TOWN PLAYER POLICY:

- There was a concern brought forward that there may be a day when SCMHA may have many requests from surrounding communities for their children to play in Swift Current and would like the Board to be prepared. The Board commented that each year is different and we will have to decide as the time comes. There has always been an “unwritten” rule that rural players are welcome as long as we have room. The Board made it more official by adding it to the Rules and Regs as follows: *A motion was made to update the Rules and Regs Article 9 by adding section 5) to read “Out-of-town players will be accepted to register with SCMHA based on availability”/2nd/carried.*

6. New Business:

INTENTIONS:

PRESIDENT	2 YR TERM	Acclamation	Rich Bissonnette
VICE PRES	2 YR TERM	BOARD ELECTED	_____
PAST PRES	2 YR TERM	Acclamation	Al Carey
TREASURER	2 YR TERM	BOARD ELECTED	Eric has let his name stand
INITIATION	2 YR TERM	Kevin Patenaude	servng 2nd of 2 yr term
NOVICE	2 YR TERM	OPEN	_____
ATOM	2 YR TERM	OPEN	Wade has put his name forth
PEE WEE	2 YR TERM	OPEN	Bruce has put his name forth
BANTAM	2 YR TERM	Craig Gatzke	servng 2nd of 2 yr term
MIDGET	2 YR TERM	OPEN	_____
JR FEMALE	2 YR TERM	Warren Hope	servng 2nd of 2 yr term
SR FEMALE	2 YR TERM	OPEN	Butch has put his name stand
DR OF RISK MGT	1 YR TERM	OPEN	Zenon has let his name stand
DR OF OFFICIALS	1 YR TERM	APPT'D BY REF ASSOC	Kevyn- has let his name stand
DR OF REGIST'N	1 YR TERM	OPEN	Angele has let her name stand
MEMBER AT LARGE	1 YR TERM	OPEN	Tim has put his name forward
EQUIPMENT MGR	1 YR TERM	OPEN	Greg has let his name stand

SSHL AGM:

- Tues- April 27th - 7:30 @ Elk's Hall in Shaunavon
- Warren is serving 2nd year of 2 yr term for Female Commissioner
- Rich will let his name stand for VP
- This meeting will be covering Constitution changes- send any requests with whoever is attending. So far Paula and Rich will be attending for sure.
- Some issues were over-time rules and neutral refs.

EARLY REGISTRATION:

- **Thursday- May 27th** and **Monday- June 1st** will be the dates. Once the location has been confirmed (usually just outside Co-op at Wheatland Mall) - times will be posted and ads in the paper, radio, etc.
- Fees for next year will be discussed at the April meeting.

HOSTING A TOURNAMENT:

- A "How to Host a Tournament" template was put together for the board to review and thought it would be helpful to post on the website and hand out at the coach's orientation at the beginning of the year to help the Committees.

ADMISSION TABLE:

- SCMHA approached a volunteer to build another gate admission table so that there will be one for each side of the Fairview rink. Division Heads are to remind the teams that there are often other games scheduled in amongst the tournament (so that they don't have to play back to back) and they may need the admission table for those games.

RAFFLE AND CASH BOXES:

- A member of a tournament committee had approached SCMHA with the idea to purchase our own draw barrel and a few cash boxes that each home tournament can sign-out from SCMHA instead of borrowing some all the time. The Board agreed that would be a good idea as long as teams leave a deposit when they sign them out to ensure that they are returned. Greg (equipment) would be in charge of monitoring it.

ICE ACCOUNTS:

- Paula just wanted confirmation that when a team or Division ends up with money left in their ice allocation account that the money is the team's to do with what they want.

FIGHTING STATS:

- SHA has asked the help of SCMHA in compiling the number of fights in our league (SSHL). Angele is in the process of gathering score sheets from the League Commissioners and totaling the numbers.

TOURNAMENT SCORE SHEETS:

- In the event that there is a suspendable offense in a tournament, it is the referee's responsibility to send a report and copy of the game sheet to SHA office. The Tournament Committee is only required to mail the score sheets and game reports in to SHA within 3 days of the end of the tournament.

SHA ZONE 3 MEETING:

- The meeting was held on March 10th at the Holiday Inn. Al and Paula attended on behalf of SCMHA. There were several topics discussed such as AA radius expansions and try-out opportunities, regulation changes to SHA, nomination procedures for Board members, SHA's part in promoting hockey, Hockey Day in Sask, new proposals for minimum suspensions and summer hockey.

7. Correspondence:

- E-mails were sent out to Board members.

8. Financial Report: Eric Bloom (attached)

- Eric's prediction is that SCMHA will break even this year or maybe a slight surplus. Will be able to project if we should raise registration fees or not after all the ice bills are finalized.
- *A motion was made to accept the financial report as presented/2nd/carried.*

9. Division Reports

INITIATION: Kevin Patenaude (absent)

- Nothing to report.

NOVICE: Wade Lacher (absent)

- Season is over for house teams. It was a good season with very little problems. The carded team has played 2 exhibition games and was in Weyburn this weekend only winning 1 of 4 but making some good strides as team and hopefully will do well in Warmen this coming weekend.

ATOM: Cam Dickie (absent)

- Tournament went well - committee head Nola Smith did a great job, as did the committee.
- Ice Wolves won the league.

PEE WEE: Brian Van Stone

- PW Stallions season is finished; they lost to Gravelbourg in playoff series.
- Chargers and Mustangs still in playoffs.
- PW "A" Team has advanced beating North Battleford in two game series. Now play LaRonge. First game here on Sunday at FVW.
- No problems to report.

BANTAM: Craig Gatzke

- Raiders have advanced to second round of league playoffs against Weyburn.
- Tier 2 Broncos had a short season as they lost in the first round.
- Broncos lost in the second round of league playoffs to Gravelbourg. Their season is over.
- Eliminators are playing the second game against Shaunavon tonight in their second round series. Down 2 goals after the first game. Won the Paradise Hill tournament on the weekend. (near Lloydminster)
- There were a few concerns about some of the coaches in the Division.

- Craig will stay on for his 3 of 4 years as Division Head.

MIDGET: Billy Lee (report attached)

- We still have two teams competing. The Hurricanes finished with the best record ever produced in that League finishing fourth. I would like to congratulate Sean Chapman and his whole team of players and Coaches. They are only losing five players so next season they will be even stronger. The team has been a pleasure to deal with all season.
- There were some scheduling and practice problems with the Tier II team. I have decided to step down from SCMH and leave the sport I love. I have been involved nearly 20 years; serving on this board seven years and two years. I will aid the new person should they need my assistance. Thank-you to all and good luck in your hockey. Remember you are here for the good of all; it is very easy to become self-serving.

SR FEMALE: Butch Gering (absent)

- Nothing to report.

JR FEMALE: Warren Hope

- We have a shortage of girl players born in 2002. This means there may always be a shortage in the age group and would like to come up with some solutions through the schools, or Kidsport, McCleary/Marleau Foundation or hosting a “try hockey for free” day. This would allow these girls to join hockey while they are still in Novice and/or initiation. If we don’t act now we will have a gap moving up through Atom, PeeWee, Bantam, etc. We only need about 6 more girls to join.
- SCMHA will wait to see how the numbers play out after early registration and make a decision from there.

10. Committee Reports

REGISTRATION: Angele Newkirk (absent)

- Nothing to report.

RISK MANAGEMENT/PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE: Zenon Zemluk (absent)

- Nothing to report.

EQUIPMENT: Greg Hurrell

- Greg told the Rep teams which set of jerseys to give away at the end of the season. He will evaluate the condition of the jerseys as they are turned in this year and make a decision as to which ones need to be replaced. Greg will set up a few dates when jerseys can be returned to the rink and let the Division Heads know.

REFEREE REPRESENTATIVE: Kevyn Kristmanson

- All teams hosting a provincial game may need to be reminded that it is the home team’s responsibility to provide an addressed and stamped envelope for each home game and the envelope is to be given to the referee so they can send in the game sheet. For the AA teams, this only applies after their team advances out of their League and hosts representatives from other Leagues.

MEMBER AT LARGE: Bruce Reid

- Nothing to report.

VICE- PRESIDENT: Rich Bissonnette

- I think we need to look at what we are going to do about coaches who refuse to follow the SCMHA mandate on equal playing time. If any of the comments I'm hearing are an indication, we should see a few evaluations going in that reflect this. One of the offenders was already warned this year. I guess more time has to be spent on this during the "Coach's Orientation" as some people just aren't getting it.

PAST- PRESIDENT: Tim Tisdale

- Nothing to report.

PRESIDENT: Al Carey

- Nothing to report.

11. Adjournment

- *A motion was made to adjourn.*