

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

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

Minutes

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

- Rich called the meeting to order.

**2. Roll Call/Regrets**

- **Present:** Paula Bowers, Bruce Reid, Eric Bloom, Kim Bachek, Richard Bissonnette, Kevin Patenaude, Greg Mackay, Craig Gatzke, Kevyn Kristmanson, Angele Newkirk, Greg Hurrell and Butch Gering and Cal Carey
- **Absent:** Darwin Knelsen, Wade Lacher, Zenon Zemluk, Tim Tisdale, Cheyenne Arntsen and Warren Hope.

**3. Additions/Adoption of Agenda**

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

**4. Acceptance of Minutes- Nov 15th, 2010**

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

**5. Legionnaire Representatives:**

- Members from the former Legionnaire Board of Directors (LBOD) requested to attend our board meeting. Four members attended.
- They spoke on the inception of the LBOD (approx 8 years ago) and the things they have accomplished in those years such as the new dressing room with new carpet, mats and stalls.
- They discussed the fundraising and what it has accomplished such as the purchase of a washer and dryer, 120 practice jerseys for try-out camps, new helmets, gloves and 2 sets of home and away jerseys, wind suits, winter jackets and hockey bags, office furniture, 2-3 computers, video cameras and an insurance policy to cover the equipment.
- They were proud of the fact that they used to operate on a deficit and now have a comfortable bank account. Their goal was to never be in that situation again.
- The budget was discussed. They emphasized that the Legions have had an excellent relationship with their Home Hardware major sponsor and want to ensure that SCMHA keeps in contact with the owner and all the guys at Home Hardware as they have donated generously over the last 3 years.
- They had concerns that SC couldn't compete with other clubs for recruitment. The "parent" fee was discussed and they are looking for ideas on how to attract new players.
- There were concerns on how the whole situation was handled and felt that there was a breakdown in communication.
- The SCMHA Board expressed their gratitude and appreciation of all the work that the LBOD have done over the years and made sure they knew that they

were welcome to stay and help. SCMHA felt that there may have not been communication between the Coaching Staff and the LBOD and that is why they may not have been aware of all the issues. The LBOD were grateful that SCMHA was actually naming the issues.

- SCMHA assured the former members that our intentions are to improve the program for the betterment of the players.
- The members thanked SCMHA for their time and wished us good luck in the future.

## **6. Old Business:**

### SCMHA MISSION STATEMENT:

- SCMHA will talk to the City about getting permission to post our vision statement at all 3 rinks.

### SHA PROVINCIAL PACKAGES:

- All teams reported receiving their packages. Female deadline for rosters was today (Dec 15<sup>th</sup>) and Male deadline is Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. All rosters should be completed and handed in to SCMHA/SHA for registration.
- As soon as teams received their packages, (which means they are approved from SHA) they are allowed to practice and have exhibition games.

### EXECUTIVE MTG- NOV 16<sup>TH</sup>:

- Minutes from the meeting were emailed to all SCMHA members.
- Discussion included dissolving of the LBOD and all the details surrounding that and an advance for the PW Bronco team and approval for the Female Bantams to fundraise for Moscow game.

### CITY OF SC- INDOOR ICE USERS MTG:

- January 11<sup>th</sup>- 12:00 IPLEX Auditorium- 3 SCMHA members will attend.

### CITY OF SC NON-RESIDENT PARTICIPANT FEE:

- The day after our last board meeting, City Council announced that they would be “holding” any fees collected so far until April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011; giving time for the City and the RM’S to resume negotiations. Depending on the outcome; the City will either refund the fees or keep them.

## **7. New Business:**

### LEGIONNAIRE COACH/MANAGER AD:

- An ad for Head Coach and separate position for Manager as well as the combined position was placed in the SW Booster, Star Phoenix, Leader Post, SCMHA Website, SHA Website, AAA Website, Saskjobs.ca, Workingjobs.ca, Kijiji and SC On Line with a deadline of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. There has been one application so far, with another one pending.

### PW AND MIDGET TEAM FEE ISSUES:

- Both Divisions have teams that are having trouble collecting the parent fee and were looking to SCMHA to put a policy in place for collecting the fee. It was suggested that we add it to the Coaches Orientation for discussion and that

there needs to be a deadline set at the first parent/team meeting and if it is not met that that they can only practice until that fee has been paid. Some felt that registration fees and team/parent fees should be separate as it is the choice of each team to take busses, buy wind suits, etc.

- Members said they are willing to help parents apply for additional help from Kidsport or Jump Start programs.

#### ATOM CARDED TEAM- HOME TOURNAMENT:

- One of the coaches has checked for ice availability and wants to host a home tournament Mar 18<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011. SCMHA said there is enough ice for a small tournament as the Wildcats have their Spring Camp that weekend as well. *A motion was made to approve the Atom Carded team to hold a home tournament with any proceeds going to SCMHA coffers/2nd/carried.*
- Information will be posted on the SCMHA website with Kevyn as contact.
- *A motion was made to approve Coaches for the Atom Carded team/2<sup>nd</sup>/carried.*

#### APPROVAL FOR PROVINCIAL COACHES:

- *A motion was made to approve the Head Coaches and Asst Coaches for the Provincial teams/2<sup>nd</sup>/carried.*
- Female Midget decided not to form a Provincial team this year.

#### PLAYER NAMES ON JERSEYS:

- Some teams were wondering if there is a rule regarding having players name on their jerseys as there was nothing in the Rules and Regulations.
- There were concerns that the jerseys may be damaged by sewing on player names and then removing them each year.
- *A motion was made that player name bars may only be placed on Initiation and Novice jerseys and not allowed from Atom thru to Midget Division/2<sup>nd</sup>/carried.*
- This will be added to the Rules and Regulations under Article VI and update the website.

#### SCMHA WEBSITE:

- The Referee Association has decided not to use RAMP for their assigning and have changed to Arbiter systems. It is more user-friendly and a bit cheaper.

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

- **Chev Safe and Fun Hockey:** asking us to host
- Let them know we are not interested this year.

#### **9. Financial Report:** Eric Bloom (report attached)

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

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

##### INITIATION: Kevin Patenaude

- The IP Jamboree was held last Saturday and was well attended. There about 60 parents. Barry Wollbaum was the instructor. It was held at the Stockade with the parents in the lobby and the kids in the arena playing floor hockey. Great

location. The Initiation teams are having a little “mini” tournament out in Herbert the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup>.

NOVICE: Cheyenne Arnsten (absent)

- Nothing to report

ATOM: Wade Lacher (absent)

- Nothing to report

PEE WEE: Bruce Reid (report attached)

- League play is continuing for the A teams. I have yet to receive any complaints directly from parents. The A tournament is full and the committee is well ahead in the plans.
- The PW Broncos have had a couple of weekends off from league play and are hosting their tournament this coming weekend.
- The Provincial A team has been chosen and the entry form will be signed and delivered for submission to SHA. Asst Coaches for the Provincial team will be sent out and voted on by email.
- Things seem to be going well to date in the Pee Wee Division.
- Parent/team fees were discussed earlier.

BANTAM: Craig Gatzke (report attached)

- Everything is running smoothly with no complaints.
- Canucks, Eliminators and Broncos hosted their home tournament. The tournament was a success with the Broncos losing to Yorkton in the B final and the Canucks defeating the Eliminators in the C final.
- Rick Roosen and his committee did another excellent job insuring everything ran smoothly.
- League is going well with the Canucks in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a record of 3 wins and a loss; Eliminators in 4<sup>th</sup> with a record of 2 wins 7 losses and a tie; Broncos also in 4<sup>th</sup> place with a record of 2 wins 4 losses and a tie.
- Some issues with Assiniboia and their parents not willing to pay at the gate.
- An AP draft was held. Everything ran smoothly with each team taking 7 players for their AP list.
- The Raiders are rolling with a record of 7 wins 2 losses and a tie. They will be attending the GSHL tournament in Saskatoon over New Years.
- Tier 2 Provincial team have coaches in place as well as a trainer. They will have their roster in prior to the deadline.

MIDGET: Greg Hurrell (report attached)

- The K-Motel Midget HURRICANES are doing extremely well and solidly in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a record of 14-5-4 in the South Sask Minor Hockey league. They continue to work with the Legionnaires and with the League teams sending players up and bringing up League players when needed. No issues have been brought to my attention to date.
- Both the Re/max Midget KNIGHTS and Midget WILD attended a Tournament in Redcliff, Alberta on Nov 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. The Wild did not win any round robin games but played well and won the D side event with only 10 skaters and one goalie. The KNIGHTS did very well in the tournament and went to the A championship losing to Notre Dame 5-2. In League the Knights are in last place with a record of 1-8-1, the Wild are tied with several other League teams with

a record of 3-6-1. There have been problems in the Southwest Sask League with "Abuse of Official" penalties, and players receiving multiple game suspensions. These are being addressed by the League and Referee Division. There was also an incident with a linesman in Maple Creek with the Midget Wild and is currently being investigated by SHA. Another incident in the same game with the workers in the penalty box and this is being handled by Maple Creek Minor Hockey. Both teams are struggling to keep players and have to constantly call up league Bantam players and from the Kabos Raiders. There is an issue with commitment from some of the 17 year old players on both teams. Currently the KNIGHTS are down to 14 skaters and 1 goalie. The WILD have 15 skaters and 1 goalie but will be losing a senior player in January with a major operation and will not be returning for the rest of the year. Team fees were discussed earlier.

- The Wild went to Moose Jaw for a tournament on DEC 10, 11 & 12. The team did very well winning 3 out of 4 games with only 10 skaters and one goalie and NO AP's. They won the A consolation side. The Provincial Team has been picked and is currently having the team registration form completed to meet the DEC 20th Deadline. The team has only one goalie and will likely have to sign a Bantam league goalie excluding any Bantam goalie carded with the Tier 2 Provincial team) as a back-up. On the 23rd of DEC 2010 the Re/Max Midget WILD will be playing exhibition game vs Eatonia. The game is at Fairview West at 2:00P.M. All the proceeds from the game are going to the Jayci Wittmier Fund. A Huge thank-you to the Referee Division for giving of their time, the City for the ice time, the parents who were lined up to work the game, Minor Hockey for advertising and the players for coming to play. Please come out to support this worthy cause and tell everyone to come out to watch and support Jayci if you can. The Midget Provincial team will be going to Eatonia on the 2nd of JAN, 2011 to play an exhibition game.

SR FEMALE: Butch Gering

- Nothing to report.

JR FEMALE: Warren Hope (absent)

- Nothing to report

## 11. Committee Reports

REGISTRATION: Angele Newkirk (report attached)

- As of Dec 15th- we have 604 players registered with SCMHA. There are 459 males and 145 females.
- Most teams are registered except for some in the Novice Division. Teams are asked to register asap.

RISK MANAGEMENT/PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE: Zenon Zemluk

- The RCMP have added that if someone's gender and date of birth matches someone on the pardoned offence registry then there will be a letter that will go out saying that there is a possible match based on this criteria. They say it's a safety mechanism to protect against someone changing their name.

EQUIPMENT: Darwin Knelsen (absent)

- Nothing to report.

REFEREE REPRESENTATIVE: Kevyn Kristmanson

- Nothing to report.

LEGIONNAIRE REPRESENTATIVE: Kim Bachek (report attached)

- There was a parent meeting after the game on Friday and it seemed to go fairly smoothly.
- The team will be going to a tournament in BC Jan 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

MEMBER AT LARGE: Greg Mackay

- Nothing to report.

VICE- PRESIDENT: Tim Tisdale

- Nothing to report.

PAST- PRESIDENT: Al Carey

- Nothing to report.

PRESIDENT: Rich

- Nothing to report.

## 12. Adjournment

- *A motion was made to adjourn.*