

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

Regular Monthly Meeting of October 11th, 2011 @ Husky Mtg. Room

Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

- Rich called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call/Regrets

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

3. Additions/Adoption of Agenda

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

4. Acceptance of Minutes- Sept 26th, 2011

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

5. Old Business:

TV'S IN FAIRVIEW LOBBY:

- A representative from the City of Swift Current was asked to attend our Board meeting to discuss the negotiations between SCMHA and the City to install the new TV monitors and program in the Fairview arenas. SCMHA decided that we would not put the sponsorship advertising on the monitors this year. The City did mention that they may move the sponsorship board to the FE Lobby to make more room in FW. The City would still like to have use of the monitors when possible for various reasons. SCMHA will meet with City to discuss the final decision as to the location of the monitors and the expense of installation. The City was thinking of installing their own monitors to be situated so that they could input a program to show the rink schedule and dressing rooms, etc. and be visible to the players when they enter the rinks.
- The Board will have further discussion at next meeting as to how many channels will be programmed and available on the monitors and what kind of programs to run such as tournament draws, team schedules, stats, etc.

ICE ALLOCATION:

- After going over the proposed income and expenses for the year, the Board projected that we could increase the ice allocation by \$25 per player. We could justify the increase as with the increase in registration numbers, the administration fee does not go up. In the younger Divisions where they may not need the extra- the teams may want to include other things to be used as expenses in the ice account like socks, or not charge parents for fundraising for the tournaments like progressive 50/50, etc.

- *A motion was made to increase the ice allocation by \$25 per player for the 2011-2012 season/2nd/carried.*

SSHL SCHEDULING MEETING: (Bantams/Midgets)

- One SC player and one Gravelbourg was approved to play as an over-aged Midget with the stipulation that if he starts scoring lots, etc. the other teams in the league have until Dec 15, 2011 to file an appeal and the team he is on could be banned from play-offs.
- There will be 9 Midget teams and 8 Bantam teams.

LEGION BILLS:

- There were 3 significant bills that came in at the beginning of this season for the Legions that had to do with last year. The new Coach/Manager was unaware of the bills and didn't feel it was fair that this year's parents pay for last year's expenses. *A motion was made that SCMHA pay for the accounting bill and the other 2 bills paid out of the Legion Special Events (savings) account/2nd /carried.* The Board also discussed the fact that SCMHA is still holding money in trust for the Legionnaires from years ago. *A motion was made to transfer the Legionnaire money held in trust with SCMHA to the Legionnaire Special Events savings account/2nd/carried.*
- It was noted that the Legionnaires need SCMHA Board approval to request money from the Special Events account.

HI-TEK HOCKEY:

- SCMHA has been in contact with Hi-Tek Hockey and they are working on a clinic that would be 2-3 days and have at least 2 ice session per day. There would be 5 groups of maximum 12 players per group for a total of 72 kids. Clinics would be geared toward specific classes such as defense, forward and goal tenders. The clinic would be run during the school break at Christmas. Still finalizing details such as ice and if we are taking registrations or Hi-Tek hockey would be doing it; trying to keep the cost down for the kids.

7. New Business:

MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS:

- The Initiation and Novice Divisions, including Female, have had a lot of requests to move players up or down. SCMHA wanted to make sure everyone was on the same page. At registration; parents were told to make a note of their request and it would be considered, but no promises made. A lot of these notes were not clear and were being missed by the Division heads. The Board thought that the parent should have to write a formal letter to the Board with their request no later than one week following the last SCMHA date. These Division Heads wanted to make the wording in the Rules and Regulations more clear so they could fall back on them for guidance. The Board decided that if parents wanted their child moved just for "convenience" sake, that we would not allow that, but in the case of their "ability" that the player would have to be judged at the evaluations of their actual age group, then the Division Heads would have discussion and bring forth a recommendation to the Board for approval.
- *A motion was made to amend Rules and Regulation- Article IX- Players to read "In order for a player to be placed in a lower or higher division, parents must submit a formal letter to SCMHA no later than one week*

following the last SCMHA registration date. Players will be assessed at the evaluations in their appointed age level first. The Divisions Heads involved will bring forth a recommendation to the SCMHA Board for approval. Requests based solely on convenience will not be considered."/2nd /carried.

- The Division Heads will inform the parents of the process.

HOCKEY VS OTHER SPORTS:

- A representative involved with the SC Football League approached SCMHA with a concern that our coaches were telling the football players that “they cannot play football if they play hockey”. It so happens that football practices and games fall on a lot of the same nights. He suggested the possibility of SCMHA changing their practice times and we explained how that would not be a viable option for us. He will look into maybe changing theirs. There was a suggestion from the Board that maybe SCMHA could change the ice just at the beginning of the season to work with the Football League next year.

PW BRONCO AND RAIDER BUDGETS:

- *A motion was made to approve the Bantam AA Raider budget as presented/2nd/carried.*
- SCMHA will get the PW Broncos to adjust and resubmit their budget for Board approval at next meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **CLINICS:** (ice at FE and classroom at Fairview School)
- **LEVEL:** Sat- Oct 15th- full day
- **IP:** Sun- Oct 16th- full day
- **SPEAK-OUT/SAFETY/TRAINER-** Sat- Nov 5th- full day (combined this year)
- **BODY CHECK-** Wed Nov 16th- evening
- ***DEVELOPMENT I:** Nov 5th & 6th full days- was cancelled- no registrations
- **COACH ORIENTATION:** All @ Stampede Room (Palliser Pavilion)
- Oct 19th: Init- Novice- Clive Tolley will be making a presentation
- 2nd Level Clinic- Jan 21st
- 2nd IP Clinic- Jan 22

8. Correspondence:

- The Board decided that any type of emails such as “Hockey Gimmicks or Fund Raising Ideas”, etc will be forwarded to Risk Management to review and if he thinks they may benefit the Board- will forward them to the rest of us.

9. Financial Report: Eric Bloom

- Eric presented the proposed budget for the year. *A motion was made to accept the financial report as presented/2nd /carried.*

10. Division Reports

INITIATION: Jeremy Rondeau (report attached)

- Ice time begins this weekend (15th and 16th); parents have been informed of the ice times via email. First weekend purpose is to get the kids on the ice, no evaluations. Second weekend we will be doing the evaluations
- We will pick teams on Monday October 24, 2011. Teams will practice for the first time together the last weekend in October. Coaches have been scheduled to run the ice times for the first two weekends. Coaches have also been informed of the clinics they are required to attend and given instructions to register. We have had some requests to have kids move divisions or play together. At this time we have communicated to parents that we will make the decision after the evaluations.

NOVICE: Cheyenne Arntsen

- Still in search for Coach/s for the 8th team. A few guys said they would help.
- Will send out an e-mail to vote on any movement of players if necessary after evaluations.

ATOM: Wade Lacher

- Evaluations started today. Things seem to be going okay. Requested that their Tournament be listed on the website as an Atom Tier II/III as they are getting all sorts of teams applying that are not of the same caliber.

PEE WEE: Bruce Reid (absent- report attached)

- The Coaches for 3 teams were approved last meeting. *A motion was made to approve two Head Coaches for the 4th PW team/2nd /carried.* The name for the fourth team will be the Wranglers.
- The Board accepted his request to approve 4 players from out of town to be on the PW teams.
- The PW Broncos had a rough start to the season against Yorkton, but Dwayne is optimistic that things will improve.

BANTAM: Dean Quinton (report attached)

- The Raiders are doing well; their record is 1-2 but both losses were by one goal. There will be two Bantam teams in the South West League. Each team will have sixteen skaters and three goalies. Some parents have been asked to step up as Asst Coach for the Broncos but so far no one has volunteered. The league will be running an East & West Division and there is a Swift Current team in each division. Playoffs will be a crossover with 1 playing 4 and 2 vs 3. Overtime in the 1st round will be as per league guidelines. The subsequent rounds will be 5 on 5 sudden death games.
- There is lots of interest in our tournament and we will strike a tournament committee shortly to take care of it.

MIDGET: Greg Hurrell (report attached)

- As of yesterday the K-Motel Midget AA Hurricanes are in 1st place in the South Sask Minor Hockey league with a record of 3 wins and 1 loss. They are doing very well and as of yesterday have one player injured with a broken collar bone.
- The Southwest League had ice scheduling last week and there are 9 teams in the Midget Division. Swift Current has entered two teams; the Re/Max Wild and the Re/Max Knights. There will be 17 players on one team including two goalies and 18 players on the other including two goalies. The Midget Division voted on two over-aged players one from Swift Current and one from Glentworth. Both were allowed to play in the league this year and will be watched by the League to

see if they are a negative influence (penalties) or high scoring and could affect the team in playoffs. Midget evaluations start Tuesday night. It is quite obvious to me after watching the K/Motel Hurricanes and AAA Legionnaires; the new Head checking rule and the inconsistencies of the refereeing; some calling it close some being lenient that it will be absolutely necessary for the coaches to ensure that players really understand this rule as it will effect outcomes of the game. I want also to thank the AAA Legionnaires players who will be helping us with on and off ice help during the midget evaluations.

- *A motion was made to accept 2 Coaches for the Midget Knights team/2nd /carried.*

SR FEMALE: Butch Gering

- *A motion was made to approve 2 Asst coaches for the Female Bantam team and one Head Coach and 2 Asst Coaches for the Female Bantam team/2nd /carried.*
- SCMHA will look into when and if we advertise for Provincial Coaches.

JR FEMALE: Shauna Lacher

- All concerns were discussed earlier in meeting.

11. Committee Reports

REGISTRATION: Angele Newkirk (absent))

- Nothing to report.

RISK MANAGEMENT/PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE: Zenon Zemluk

- Zenon reviewed the procedure if someone's police check comes back with a flag. This means that your name and/or date of birth has matched someone with the same that has a record under the Vulnerable Sector portion of the police check and they will need to give their finger prints to the police to prove otherwise. The sooner the better; but they will have 60 days to get this process started and to let Zenon know that you have done this. The results may take about 6 weeks but then at least we have done our due diligence. They will still be allowed to coach/manage/billet/volunteer unless we have some other reason to say otherwise. If the flag is that they have a past criminal offence then that will show up on the police check accordingly and we will continue to use our past procedures to have that followed up with. When the teams are all registered; Zenon will cross reference the list of coaches and names with the list he has and see who still needs a police check done or an affidavit or finger print follow-up. The police have been asking for a form that proves that these flags are volunteers for SCMHA. SCMHA will have the forms and will sign them upon requests.

EQUIPMENT: Darwin Knelsen (report attached)

- The new Midget and Bantam jersey should be ready by tomorrow. As for the extra Atom and Pee Wee jerseys- they are on order. We may have to make due with old jerseys until they arrive.

REFEREE REPRESENTATIVE: Kevyn Kristmanson (absent)

- Ref Clinic went well. About 55 registered (31 juniors) and still should have a few more to register yet.

LEGIONNAIRE REPRESENTATIVE: Kim Bachek (report attached)

- Legionnaires are currently sitting in 8th place with 6 games played resulting in a 2 win, 4-loss record. Legionnaires are coming off back to back wins over the weekend. Next game action is at home against the Contacts Oct 15th & 16th.
- All players are now carded.
- A budget for 2011 / 2012 season will be presented to the Board shortly.
- SCMHA is following up on the nominations for players from last year for scholarships.
- Coach has the boys very involved in the community. They are helping with the JDRF wall for a cure plus taking donations at the door of the game. Also the boys will be going door-to-door for the food drive.

MEMBER AT LARGE: Greg Mackay

- Nothing to report.

VICE- PRESIDENT: Kevin Patenaude

- Nothing to report.

PAST- PRESIDENT: Al Carey (absent)

- Nothing to report.

PRESIDENT: Rich

- Nothing to report.

12. Adjournment

- *A motion was made to adjourn.*