

South Okanagan Minor Hockey Annual General Meeting
Sonora Community Centre
April 30, 2014

Board Members Present: Angela, Jenn, Amy, Brianne, Dean M, Dean K, Sean, Laura, Nina, Daryn, Derek, Brian

Regrets: Mark

Members in attendance: 30

Meeting Called to order: 7:02 PM

Dean M/ Sean motion to adopt the Minutes from AGM on April 29, 2013.

Carried

Derek / Angela motion to adopt the agenda for AGM April 30, 2014.

Carried

President Comments: We have a full group on the board since the beginning of the season. There are lots of people here tonight which is good to see.

1) Correspondence:

- a. New President will need to attend the OMAHA AGM on May 24th and 25th in Vernon

2) Reports:

a) Coach Coordinator

- Tom Fortune was the coach coordinator for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the season and resigned for personal reasons
- Sean Harris took over the position with not a lot to do over the last few months of the season
- 10 new coaches were certified with hybrid or Developmental 1 this season
- Head Coach Position
 - John Seminoff was in the paid Head Coach position

- He looked after running practices at the beginning of the year
- He had 100 hours of on ice instruction with our players and did a great job
- As a board we put a program together for development and John was the only person that stepped up and made the program work for us
- We are seeing the results of John's efforts
- John will not be continuing on in the head coach position and we are currently looking for someone to take on the position
- We are currently advertising for a new Head Coach
- Criteria was put together for the job by Dean M and Angela
- The ad will be going on the website if anyone is interested in the position
- The head coach position is a big position spending a lot of time at the arena, running the conditioning clinic, try outs, worked with coaches to make decisions on team make-up
- May 8th is the deadline

b) Treasurer Report

- Financial statement is submitted as of April 30th
- Financial statement is attached
- Try to keep around \$100,000 as a slush fund in the event that there is a natural disaster or some other unforeseen issue
- Replaced jerseys, ordered new jerseys
- Scholarships paid
- Two teams attended Provincial Championships
- Head Coach fees
- Referee allocator received 10% of the ref fees
- Largest cost to the association is ice and referees
- SOMHA supported referees and paid for 19 officials to get their certifications
- Most of the playoff games were in Osoyoos as were specially requested by the coaches

Question from the floor: Has there been much change this year to last year as to per hour cost on ice?

- Ice is going up by 2% this year in both arenas.

- Cancellation requirements of ice in Oliver are much stricter than they are in Osoyoos – Oliver requires 7 days notice to cancel ice or we still pay for the ice time

Question from the floor – Where is the tournament financial report? How much did the tournaments make? The financial report is very vague. The costs should be made available to the membership especially how much is being paid to the referee allocator, head coach?

- There is money in a term account that is not accounted for in this financial statement. The provincial funds are in term accounts. Money was taken for Provincials from general funds.
- We allocate money for Barb to schedule referees that is 10% of the costs of the referees
- John Seminoff was paid \$6346.00.

Question from the floor: Do we do a financial review with an independent company?

- No, so far it has been all internal
- It is a big thing there should be someone looking at the numbers
- The treasurer position is a volunteer position. Doing the books depends on how much time you have to organize yourself.

Question from the floor: Do you have a budget for next year?

- We try to put together a budget, but this is another timing thing
- The board makes motions to spend money, the expenses are typically the same each year ice, referees, timekeepers those costs tend to be the same
- This year we reduced the trophy budget and we have tried to stay inside that budget

c) Ice Ambassador

- Report attached
- We would like to work on a new practice schedule for this year to focus on the development of our hockey players
- Oliver and Osoyoos figure skating clubs are having meetings this month to determine if they will amalgamate with each other. This will help with the practice schedule by giving us more ice time
- Will the practice schedule give an opportunity for AP'd players to practice at the next level higher

- All teams were set up at the beginning of the season to have all players to be able to practice with AP'd teams, coaches have requests for certain days and once a change is made that changes the entire schedule

d) Tournament Director:

- 10 tournaments this year
- Beginning with Peewee rep in November until Atom Fiesta in March
- All tournaments ran very well thanks to the teams and volunteers
- Lots of emails about the success of our tournaments
- We had a few tournaments that were short a few teams and had to run some alternative schedules including 7 and 9 teams
- Atom Fiesta began with 12 teams and we ended up taking on 14 teams
- Tournament Trophies
 - Director placed a mass order for all the tournaments including MVP's.
 - Suggestions for improvement were put forward and director will be working on those for the next season
 - Became a large job for the tournament coordinators and volunteers to organize the trophies
 - Was able to use two different distributors and were able to get some good deals ordering in mass and using different supplies,

e) Registrar Report

- Online registration was very successful last year
- Try to work with the treasurer to get the online payment ready for this year through PayPal
- 2014/2015 registration is online now
- Fees were raised for the 2014/2015 season to account for ice fees going up and OMAHA is charging a \$10 per player fee
- SOMHA is still quite low compared to most associations in the Province
- Respect in Sport will need to be done every 4 years
- Everyone with Speak Out will need to take Respect in Sport

Question from the Floor: How close are we to being a tier 2 association after taking in Grand Forks and Princeton?

- At the beginning of last year we had some players interested from Grand Forks with no place to play. Castlegar would not open boundaries and Nelson was not available to those players.
- President and Registrar communicated with BC Hockey before opening the boundaries to Grand Forks and Princeton. We were told by BC hockey that we would still be within the numbers of a Tier 3 association.
- Email received on November 15th because our numbers are so great at the bantam level SOMHA would be tier 2 for Bantam.
- We have correspondence from BC Hockey in August stating that we were within our tier 3 numbers
- We appealed the decision through OMAHA and was sent on to BC Hockey
- We did not find out until the 10th of January that we were still a tier 3 association
- The numbers for the tiering system are a formula that take a three year average of the associations that we open our boundaries too
- We will be sending a letter to BC hockey and ask if we are alright with the numbers from the other associations to remain a tier 3 association again this season prior to tryouts

Question from the floor: Would it be wiser to not open our boundaries to Grand Forks to keep us from going to tier 2?

- There is strong competition at the tier 2 level how would SOMHA compete?
- This is a question that should be opened up to the membership

Comment from the floor:

- As a Parent that has a player that does not have a chance to play at home (Grand Forks) these players do not have any other opportunity to play hockey anywhere else. Closing our boundaries is keeping kids from playing hockey.

Question from the floor: There are a large number of midget players this year. Is it possible to open up a tier 3 and tier 4 team at the Midget level?

- It would be a challenge to support a house team and two representative teams at the midget level

f) Referee in Chief

- No Report

- Barb Loura has worked as the RIC / Referee Allocator for this season
- Barb receives 10% of the costs paid to the referees for this service
- Barb also mentors the officials

Question from the floor: Why has this position been given to Barb for another year. Other officials are interested in the position.

- It was offered to many of the senior officials and Barb was the only person that was willing to take on the position.

g) Equipment Director

- Purchased new set of jerseys for the Pee wee rep team this year
- new sets of goalie gear for the prenovice and novice levels

h) Sponsors and Programs

- No report

i) Trophies and Awards

- Brought the association out to the awards night, brought out more trophies from the individual teams
- President thinks that he did a good job
- The board appreciates what he has done with the awards this year
- Director would like to thank Brianne Hillson for all her help
- One thing that could be changed is to see who the nominees were for each award
- Next year we will give more notice of when award night will be
- Event started too early in the evening

j) Initiation Director

- **Report attached**

k) Atom Director

- Atom had a fairly successful year
- Congratulations to the Atom Development team for winning playoffs
- The Atom Fiesta went very well
- The House team had a good year not necessarily wins, but a lot of fun was had and coaching staff on both teams was great
- There was very little to do as director which speaks to how great the teams were

l) Pee Wee Director

- Season started off strong with rep and house

- Rep won the banner and congratulations for 3rd place finish in Provincial Championships
- Peewee house had a great year
- The director would like to encourage coaches to put their names out immediately because it makes it harder for the board to move forward and look at numbers when we don't know who will be coaching
- If you are interested in coaching please step forward as soon as possible
- Not a lot of high risk penalties this year due to no contact at Peewee Representative level

m) Bantam Director

- Two different directors were in the position at the beginning of the season
- Both resigned for personal reasons
- The President took over the position
- OMAHA gave a suspension to the head coach of the Bantam Rep team
 - The President issued an additional suspension
- Rep team had a good team and won several tournaments
- Bantam Rep is a team with lots of talent and is surprising that the team went out in the playoffs as soon as they did
- The President/Bantam Director has received such gratification from knowing that our teams are doing so well this year
- President hears at the OMAHA meetings that we are doing well with the numbers that we have
- Hope that these kids are going to continue to be successful as they move on to the upper levels

n) Midget Director

- No report
- All issues have been resolved
- Director will resign as the Midget Director as he has a child that is going to be in that division.

o) SuperLeague Director

- Still Super!
- In the past, a divisional directors has looked over the supervision of Superleague
- A few years ago, OMAHA took over the scheduling of Superleague and we now pay a fee for this

- OMAHA supervision of Superleague has worked well

p) Risk Management

- As the season went on the job mainly consisted of dealing with high risk penalties
- OMAHA is the only association that handles high risk penalties
- Once players get 7 penalties they get a letter from OMAHA that if they get another penalty they will be serving a suspension
- If a player plays they when they are suspended this can affect the outcome of the games
- High risk penalties carry over to the next season

3) Elections

President: Dean Maynard

1st Vice President: Daryn Pottinger

2nd Vice President: Jason Bartsch

Treasurer: Sean Harris

Secretary: Nina Ruck

Ice Ambassador:

Registrar: Brianne Hillson

4 North Directors:

- Naomi Etty
- Jenn Seminoff
- Mark Antonello
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4 South Directors:

- Brianne Hillson
- Derek Ruck
- Angela Paolera
- Laura Slater

2 Members at Large:

- Lee Sapach
- Chris Paker

Past President: Dean Keller

4) Old Business

- None

5) New Business

- **None**

Winner of 2014/2015 Drawing for free registration – Kaden Zakall

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 PM

Next Executive Meeting: May 14th Oliver

Account	Amount	Subtotal
SOMHA Provincials		
Osoyoos Credit Union		
Regular Chequing	\$4177.84	
Shares	\$ 78.00	
Terms 1 & 2	\$13000.00	
	Total	\$17255.84
Gaming Account		
Osoyoos Credit Union		
Regular Chequing	\$81.82	
Shares	\$48.00	
	Total	\$129.82
Interior Savings Account		
Balance as of April 30, 2014, 2014		
Regular Chequing	\$51908.98	
Term	\$11018.81	
Shares	\$ 6.70	
Members Rewards	\$ 71.95	
	Total	\$ 63006.44
		Total
		\$80392.10

AGM Ice Ambassador Report

- **Conditioning Camps** took place August 26-28th
 - Atom/Pee Wee 4-6pm each day
 - Bantam/Midget 7-9pm each day
 - **Contact Clinic** Aug. 29th 3:30-5:15pm
- **Try outs** were held the first week of school: Sept. 3-6th
- Atom Development and Rep practices started in Osoyoos Sept 9th
- All other teams started practices the week of Sept. 16th when Oliver arena's ice was ready.
- The Rep. League started on Sept. 28th and Super League started Oct. 5th
- The referees held their certification clinic on Sept. 15th
- Lace em'Up was on September 22nd
- Clinics were held throughout the year in Oliver on Tuesdays 6:20-7:50pm
 - Power Skating, Offensive, Defensive and Goalie clinics were offered
- **Home Games** are listed below

TEAM	HOME GAMES	Ice Time
PreNovice 1	14	1 hr.
PreNovice 2	14	1 hr.
Novice 1	17	1 hr.
Novice 2	15	1 hr.
Atom Rec.	7	1 ½ hrs.
Atom Dev.	10	1 ½ hrs.
PeeWee Rec.	9	1 ½ hrs.
PeeWee Rep.	9	2 hrs.
Bantam Rec.	8	1 ¾ hrs.
Bantam Rep.	8	2 ¼ hours
Midget Rec.	8	2 hrs.
Midget Rep.	8	2 ¼ hrs.

Initiation Report 2014

Laura Slater

- Lace 'em up was again held in both Oliver and Osoyoos and we did manage to sign a few kids up that attended.
- I also attended the Mass Registration at the Sonora Centre where we had a few inquiries and a couple of registrations
- I would like to thank all of the volunteers for making this season a great one. It is so important for parents to get involved in their children's activities it makes light work for everyone when we all pitch in to help
- This year had a few challenges with numbers
 - I can't stress enough how important it is to the entire association as a whole that parents register their children by the deadlines.
 - Take advantage of the early registration.
 - We don't want to deny any child from playing hockey
 - Our Novice teams had too many kids on each team which didn't allow much ice time during games
 - If we know in advance the numbers of players we can accommodate and make the necessary changes prior to the beginning of the season
- Pre-Novice and Novice tournaments were well received and there were lots of compliments about the great job that was done.
- I would also like to thank all of the older players that helped out on the ice both in Oliver and Osoyoos, it's nice to see them giving back to the association