

SOMHA Executive Meeting Minutes
February 22nd, 2018 @ 6:00pm
Watermark Conference Centre

Members Present: Pat, Phil, Chris P., Steve, Boyd, Lynne, Chris H., Brianne, Nina, Gary,
Regrets: Brian, Ryan, James, Victor
Meeting Called to Order:

Boyd & Chris H. motion to adopt the Agenda for February 22nd, 2018
Carried

Lynne & Chris P. motion to adopt the Minutes from the Meeting January 17th, 2018
Carried

1) Business Arising from Last Meeting:
OMAHA Semi-Annual meeting

OMAHA Membership Semi annual general meeting. Saturday Jan 20 2018.

These are the notes from the meeting that were prepared by Steve Robinson who was in attendance.

A) The following are answers to the questions posed by the SOMHA board at our January meeting to take forward to the OMAHA meeting.

1 – Seeding for playoffs. If you refer to the playoff format you will see that the teams in last place will play three teams of different placing.

2- Novice Aps. Does not always show on score sheets. No consequences were laid out at this OMAHA meeting. A letter will be written by OMAHA reminding associations of the use of Novice Aps.

I stated that the use of novice Aps to Atom would be a big help for our association when we can balance lines at games where we have more than the minimum amount of Atom players as laid out by OMAHA.

Chuck made it clear that novice Aps are not to be used just to balance lines. He re affirmed the numbers as put forth earlier this year.

B) General Meeting information

1 – There was talk about how to use a surplus of funds in the OMAHA budget. There is a possibility of funds available for associations to apply for through OMAHA. Up to 1000.00 per association. The funds are to be used to help members of our associations. There will be details to follow. OMAHA to come up with an application form for the funds.

2 – Hosting a playoff tournament.

a) Association is not to be out of money. Teams attending are to pay for ice. Association supplies ice and officials, the home team supplies time keepers.

b) The general consensus amongst associations is that ice is booked up. There is not enough ice available to host all the teams/tournaments.

c) No solutions at this time.

3- Atom hockey review. George from BC hockey and OMAHA are looking for suggestions on how to move forward with improving the hockey program at the Atom level. I told the group that we are happy with how it is run with Atom and Atom Dev, I suggested we continue status quo.

George “the game itself is really being examined.....cost to the parent.....is this the right time to be introducing Atom Dev.....there are a lot of different things being looked at”

Chuck “we are trying to run a fair for all program.”

George “ IP has been looked at by BC hockey” it is Atom level’s turn.

3- IP program. Half ice rules must be followed. BC hockey has a cross ice violation warning policy that is to be followed if there are cross ice violations.

4- Kamloops is piloting a “2 season” recreational hockey program with the help of BC hockey. The purpose is to help with the participation commitment. Allow players an opportunity to go skiing or what have you for half the season.

5- Atom transition is for internal practices not for games. Atom transition can start after Feb 1 st .

6- Over age exemptions will continue for 2018/19 as the did this season.

7- There were 51 Novice Aps approved this season.

8- Possible Tiering tournament for next season for PeeWee Bantam and Midget T3. Associations and parents need to decide what is more important – travel distances or competitiveness.

2) Director Reports

A. Sponsorship and Programs:

Kevin Primeau presentation.

Co-organized with Gord Brandford. Sticks and Picks – May 16-17, 2018 Canuck Alumni vs Oilers Alumni at SOEC. Celebrity golf tournament in Oliver, Country concert at Spirit Ridge. Local business would 'adopt a team' to help sell tickets. If you get a referral for sponsorship, team would get 1% of sponsorship fee back to team. Top fundraising team will get to play with the alumni, runner up will get autograph session with alumni. Remax, A&W already on board in all locations West K, Penticton, Summerland, South Okanagan.

Opportunity to raise funds via selling tix to the Oiler/Canuck Alumni game. Still waiting on details, but should be around \$3-6 per ticket that we get.

Team that sells the most tix gets to play a mini game with the Alumni. Only Atom and under should be eligible. There are several local businesses that have agreed to sell tickets on our behalf

I know that at the best of times, getting parents to do this would be difficult, but possibly impossible at this point in the season

I think that Rep teams, Peewee, Bantam and Midget, should all have to sell 5 per kid and put that money into the Provincial fund, still not doing any fundraising, but their hands are going to be out looking for money if they make it. This has to change! If no teams want to do this and businesses are willing to sell on our behalf, then SOMHA would get that money anyway

I think we could also ask Randy if some kids could come out during the Coyotes playoffs and sell tix at the game. **Will put out to managers, purchase as an association and money coming back as commission will go in to the player development fund.**

B. Coach Coordinator Report:

I feel that we should put some time in developing a mission / vision statement (or something to this effect) that states what our associations goals are for our players and teams so potential coaches can evaluate if that fits in their personal coaching philosophy before they apply to coach for our association. This can be developed in April and May when the season and awards night is complete, this way it can be presented to applying coaches for June. I feel we need to focus on developing individual and team skills with our players (of course), along with sportsmanship and self discipline. We need to remember that we are preparing players to play at their highest potential, but that most players will play recreational hockey, hopefully for a life time. The emphasis has to be on fun, along with commitment and healthy competition. We need to retain our players and make the game fun, while challenging them at what ever level they play at. I think we should also have a committee create a list of interview questions based on the associations coaching philosophy or mandate. Questions about how team unity will be created, team roles defined, and ice time allotted along

with how discipline will be handled. Along with how open they will be to having feedback or a potential mentor. These are just some suggestions, but things to be considered for the upcoming interview process.

These are some ideas and suggestions I have, especially in light of hearing about the possible loss of some players over the year and negative hockey experiences. These are difficult ideas to convey in an email and I would rather discuss them in person with interested people. However, Since I will be away for the upcoming meeting, I wanted the discussion and thinking to begin.

C. Player Development:

We have paid Lars Hepso \$2114 (double check with Chris) for his power skating and skills services. We have had many positive responses from coaches and players about continuing to use him in the future. I am working with him to see if he can be present for the beginning of the season and possibly having a him commit to a more regular schedule for next year. I will also contact Eli Wilson and Brent Bradford about future goal tending camps. Please let me know if there are any further ideas or leads on player development.

D. Registrar Report:

Total registrations to date:188

All volunteers are either Approved or Pending in the HCR

Prenovice:

All 26 players will be listed on one Hockey Canada Roster

2 prenovice players withdrew, they were not ready to play this year.

Novice:

All 26 players are listed on one Hockey Canada Roster

Atom:

We received approval to AP 6 novice players, 3 to each Atom Rec team.

Atom Rec 1: 15 rostered. 2 players rotate in goal.

Atom Rec 2: 14 rostered. 2 players rotate in goal.

Atom Dev: 11 players, 1 goalie. 5 AP players, 1 AP goalie

Pee Wee:

Recreation: 15 players, 2 goalies. No AP on roster

Rep team: 15 players, 2 goalies. 4 Atom and 3 Pee Wee Rec AP rostered

1 PeeWee Rec player has decided not to play this year

Bantam:

Recreation: 12 players, 2 goalies. 5 AP players, 1 AP goalie. 3 players decided not to play.

Rep team: 14 players, 2 goalies. 5 AP players, 2 AP goalies. 1 permanent goalie broke his arm and is out.

Midget:

Recreation: 13 players, 1 goalie. 1 AP. 1 player quit. New player joined, moved to Cawston from Merritt.

Rep team: 15 players, 2 goalies. 2 players left for Zone Team, 3 AP players (2 from Summerland, 1 S.O.) and 1 AP goalie. 1 goalie and 1 player have been AP to Coyotes.

E. Treasurer Report:

Looking into renos of equipment room in Osoyoos

F. Initiation Director Report:

G. Atom Director Report:

Atom Development playoff rules.

H. Pee Wee Director Report:

Head coach finished suspension, back as coach. He will finish the season as head coach. New manager in place with the Tier 3.

I. Bantam Director Report:

J. Midget Director Report:

K. Equipment Director Report:

L. Female Director:

Waiting on BC Hockey to finalize

M. Tournament Coordinator Report:

Novice tournament – half ice requirement

N. Risk Management

O. Trophies and Awards:

Winners as voted by the board.

AJ Turner Memorial Award

Bantam – Arman Deol

Midget – Gursharan Braich

Sr. Female – Caitlin Robinson

Jr. Female – Kaitlyn Hillson

SOMHA Defenseman awards

Atom – Danica Maynard

PeeWee – Ben Edwards

Bantam – Tyler Seminoff

Midget – Liam Bissonnette

Time Keeper and Score Keeper

Oliver- Ethan Hagel

Osoyoos- Kaelyn Burton

Chris Goodman memorial award – Tim Hachey

Dale Barker Memorial Trophy PeeWee – Sienna Vieira

Dale Barker Memorial Trophy Midget – Carson Shortreed

SOMHA Bantam sportsmanship trophy – Odin Finsen

Ron Brimacombe Memorial – Ryder Martin

Murray Schulte Memorial Trophy “Lady Byng” – Elias Frost

Pat Bousfield Memorial Trophy Sr Goaltender – Shelby Ety
 NAPA Jr Goaltender Award - Zach Shales
 Jr. Referee of the year Osoyoos- Crae Dawson
 Jr. Referee of the year Oliver - Gursharan Braich
 Sr. Referee of the year Osoyoos – Blake Loura
 Sr. Referee of the year Oliver - Joel Nantais
 SOMHA Award – Above and Beyond – Brad Hillson
 RCMP Jr – Bret Calhoon
 RCMP Sr. – German Barahona
 Daniel Verbaan Memorial Trophy, “Love for the Game” – Grayson Ward
 Coaches Awards
 JR – Igor Pavlina
 SR – Steven Harrison
 Jack Koteles Award “Volunteer of the Year” – Gary Burton

P. Ice Ambassador Report:
Breakdown of Ice Usage:

Weekend Ice Use – January				
Team	Practice	Game	Weekday Practice Missed	Friday Practice Picked Up
Pre Novice		3	1	
Novice B	1	3	1	
Novice M		2	1	
Atom Rec #1		1	1	
Atom Rec #2		2		
Atom Dev			1	1
Peewee Rec		3	1	
Peewee Rep		2	1	
Bantam Rec		1	2	
Bantam Rep		1		
Bantam T2	1			
Midget Rec	1	1	1	
Midget Rep		2		

- Arenas were closed on January 1st due to Stat holiday.
- Peewee Rec and Bantam Rec lost their practices on Wed, January 3rd due to the Coyotes.
- Pre Novice and Novice lost their practice on January 5th due to Atom Rec Tournament

Tournaments

- Atom Recreation tournament was held January 5-7th
- Pre Novice fun day was held January 13th
- Bantam Rec tournament was held January 19-21st

3) New Business:

Fees for OMAHA Playoffs

Nina motion Mark 2nd SOMHA make a donation of \$500 to Princeton family while in Vancouver at Children's hospital.

Carried.

4) Correspondence:

Atom fiesta opening ceremony

Motion to End Meeting: Phil and Chris Parker Carried

Meeting adjourned at: 10:53pm

Next Meeting Date: March 14, 2018