

SOMHA Executive Meeting Agenda

July 31th 2018 @7.00 pm

Osoyoos Town Council Chamber

Members Present: Brianne, Ryan P., Boyd, Kari, Lynne, Brian, Steve, Chris H, Mark, Nina, Victor

Regrets: Brandt, Ryan Miller

Meeting Called to Order: 7:06pm

Adopt the Agenda for July 31th 2018.

Moved by Brianne

Seconded by Boyd

Adopt the Minutes from the Meeting [July 10th, 2018](#)

Moved by Boyd

Seconded by Nina

1) President Report

SOMHA President Report July 31 2018

Thank you everyone for volunteering this season.

As Members of the board you are an integral part of SOMHA and have an important role in supporting our community and our players.

We are lucky or blessed to have the large number of players registered at Peewee and I hope we can maintain it through Bantam and Midget. There will be many things to consider tonight in regards to team declarations and subsequent requirements once recommendations are made.

I encourage everyone to look at things tonight as they affect all ages and levels of play in the association and consider how our decisions will affect the development and enjoyment for all of the players in our association.

We know that the competition at all levels Recreation and Representative is continually increasing and we need to include this in our considerations.

It will be important to consider the present and the future - how our decisions could affect the direction of the association.

We can learn from associations like Penticton who last season tried to support two development teams - they ending up with a watered-down teams that had a tough time competing. We also have Penticton who at Peewee level a couple years back supported T2 and T3 and house teams to find kids that did not make the T2 team play recreation instead leaving a T3 team that

had a hard time competing. This left a very competitive T2 and Rec team with their T2 team going on to provincials.

We know that Kamloops changed the way they did things at Midget and saw their Recreation numbers soar.

Summerland and Merritt with Rec teams only at Midget has increased their ability to compete at these levels and retain players.

Last year we saw our own T3 peewee team compete and do very well after selecting the best players. Our Peewee Rec teams also did very well for the first time in many years.

I would like to address a couple of comments from correspondence that we have received. "Open boundaries" - As for open boundaries causing the number jump I feel open boundaries an important part of our association. For years the boundaries have been open for Bantam and Midget Rep helping create very competitive teams and building the bond between communities through hockey. I also feel it is important to allow players an opportunity to play at their highest level, this year we voted in favour of two Atom age players to play up and try out for Peewee Rep.

"Please consider two teams if the skill level is there" – do we feel the skill level is there?

"Consider allowing kids that did not sign up to try out" - If there are two representative teams then the remainder of the kids registered for Peewee will be given the opportunity to try out.

"Competitiveness of Rec will be affected" – We already see this at bantam and Midget – We saw this also at Peewee before last season. We are playing in a league that has associations with balanced teams at Rec making this a very competitive league.

I would like to remind everyone that we all have a voice and it is important to offer each other an opportunity to speak on any issues or decisions that are being made in a mature and respectful manner.

I also want to remind you of the importance of confidentiality and standing together as a board once any decisions are made. I realize there will be discussions outside of these meetings it is only natural. I implore you to leave names and members opinions out of any conversation unless at a board meeting.

SOMHA operates following our Policies, Governance, Constitution and bylaws. It has been brought to my attention there was a concern regarding a recent meeting of the Major executive. Over the last few years there have been and will continue to be meetings of the Major executive between

General meetings to strategize and bring ideas forward to the board. These meetings are an important part of our volunteer board and supported by SOMHA Governance.

Let's put our heads together and come up with the best programs possible for the upcoming season.

2) Registrar Report

- Total registrations to date: 160
- Prenovice – Total: 17 Female: 5
- Novice – Total: 19 Female: 3
- Atom – Total: 31 Goalies: 4-6 Female: 2 Try-out: 23 (3 goalies)
- Pee Wee - Total: 49 Goalies: 4 Female: 7 Try-out: 36 (4 goalies) 6 on Residential Waiver.
- Bantam - Total: 21 Goalies: 2 Female: 1 Try-out: 17 (0 goalies) 6 on Residential Waiver. One player (Goalie) not counted, apparently in the process of transferring to us, family moved in to our boundary
- Midget - Total: 23 Goalies: 3 Female: 0 Try-out: 16 (1 goalie) 3 on Residential Waiver

3) Declarations

Atom:

- 2 dev, 2 rec

Pee Wee:

- One Top team aiming to play in Tier 2, possibly one rep team that would Tier 4 and try to play tier 3 if skill is there. If not, those players would go back to rec program to be divided into 2 balanced recreation teams.

Bantam:

- Initial declaration Rec and Rep - wait for numbers before final declaration. Contact Penticton/Summerland to see if there is a Tier 3 goalie available. Will contact the local players currently registered to tryout to see if they would be willing to play recreation if we can't get a goalie.

Midget:

- Initial declaration Rec and Rep - wait for final numbers before final declaration.

4) Coach Coordinator

Coach selection committee recommendations:

Tabled until next meeting, still talking to people.

? and ? motion to approve Coach Selection Committee recommendation of ?? as Head Coach Atom Development

? and ? motion to approve the Coach Selection Committee recommendation of ?? as Head Coach Pee Wee Rep

5) Player Development

BC Hockey Summer camp proposal, have not been able to come to an agreement on pricing. Does not look good to run the BC Hockey camp this year. We will run our own programs as usual.

6) Equipment Director

Will need another set of Pee Wee jerseys since we will have at least 3 teams. Found boxes of brand new socks, will order the ones required from Laga. Missing some Prenovice and Novice goalie gear.

7) Tournament Director Report

Will meet with Nina to discuss awards for tournaments. RoomRoster links should be available soon.

8) Correspondence:

Three letters to be read.

9) New Business

2018-2019 Photos – OK Photo? They proposed October 24th, since the following Wednesday is Halloween.

Will contact Barb to let her know we would like them to do the photos again.

Do we want to change the signatures on the bank account?

Yes, will do paper work to add President, Tournament Director

Motion to End Meeting: Victor, Nina

Carried

Meeting adjourned at: 9:47pm

Next Meeting Date: August 14 2018 7pm Oliver Community Centre