



SOMHA Minutes August 11, 2020 7pm

Attending: Brianne, Scott, Davinder, Greg, Richard, Mark, Boyd, Brian, Victor, Ryan, Brittny, Kary

Not attending: Chris H, Nina, Chris W

Call to Order: 7:09pm

Introduction of late items: Donation letter sent in by Harry Smith in the amount of \$1,000. Kary will develop a thank you letter to be mailed to family and photo forwarded to Mark for thank you note on SOMHA website.

Adoption of Agenda Adoption of minutes of meeting held July 21 2020: Motion to adopt agenda: Greg, seconded by Mark. Approved and carried. Adoption of minutes: motion to adopt: Victor, seconded by Scott, approved and carried.

Correspondence:

Business

BUSINESS

1. OMAHA September meetings -Mark and Boyd can possibly attend the meetings. Brianne will let OMAHA know SOMHA can have 1-2 people to attend.
2. Applications for player movement: Troy Stene, Piper Dupuis, Brody Mclean (see below)
3. Waitlist review: See registrar's numbers in attachment

4. Polls:

Atom:

- *Waitlisted players: Anderson, B-approved
- *3 Midway players approved if OMAHA allows
- *Troy Stene move up-approved
- *Piper Dupuis-approved

Peewee:

- *2 Princeton-approved
- *1 GF-approved
- *2 Boundary-approved

Bantam:

- *Brody M- (declined)
- *1 Princeton-approved
- *3 G-approved,
- *1 Penticton-approved

Midget:

*Midway 1 rec-approved

*Princeton-approved

5. Declarations-Atom, peewee, bantam, midget
6. Conditioning camps and tryouts- other associations looking at Mid Sept/Oct for tryouts. First 2 weeks of September designate to conditioning camp. Look at tryouts during the weekend. Brianne to contact other associations to ascertain their try out dates. Camps may need to be separated in groups, depending on numbers.

Brianne to contact arena to ascertain dates to start up and time needed between sessions.

7. Covid Screening form-Mark part of BC Hockey meeting. Williams Lake doing online google form needed to be completed by every player prior to every session. South Ok looking into Covid screening form to be completed by each ice participant prior to each ice session and monitored by manager/safety person. Mark will email sample form to board members.

REPORTS

1. President –
2. First Vice President
3. Second Vice President
4. Treasurer –
5. Registrar –
6. Ice Ambassador –
7. Referee in Chief -
8. Coach Coordinator -
9. Risk Management -
10. Pre-Novice/Novice Director
11. Atom Director -
12. Pee Wee Director -
13. Bantam Director
14. Midget Director
15. Equipment Director –
16. Tournament Director-nothing sanctioned at this tiime
17. Sponsorships/Awards- Awards are in tournament room in Osoyoos. Motioned by Mark for 2020-2021 season existing sponsors fee is waived, due to uncertainty of number of games this season. Seconded by Ryan. Approved and carried
18. Female Director
19. Player Development –
20. Sponsorship and Programs

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Discipline Committee
2. Governance Committee
3. Finance Committee

4. Return to Play Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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ADJOURNMENT 8:56pm motioned by Mark, seconded by Brian, approved and carried.

Doodle poll for next meeting will be sent by Brianne.

OMAHA September meetings

For the upcoming meetings in September, I will need to know if you are sending anyone to each of the meetings and if so, how many as we will be following social distancing guidelines to ensure that we maintain below the 50 people max.

Please advise attendance by September 01st.

Saturday, September 12th:

Female Meeting - 10 am to 12 pm Yes or No? How Many?

RIC Meeting - 10 am to 12 pm Yes or No? How Many?

Registrars Seminar - 1 pm to 5 pm Yes or No? How Many?

AGM/General Session 1 pm to 5 pm Yes or No? How Many?

Sunday, September 13th

AGM/General Meeting - 10 am to 3 pm (approx) Yes or No? How Many?

Thank you

Sherry Wakelin

Administrator

OMAHA central office

Application for Novice age player to play Atom:

Troy Stene

Monday, July 13, 2020

Dear SOMHA Board,

I am writing in regards to having our son, Troy Stene, attend the Atom Division Tryout for the 2020-2021 hockey season.

Troy began playing pre-novice hockey as a 4-year-old. From a young age, Troy has demonstrated a competitive spirit and internal drive to perform to the best of his ability. In the 2019 Spring Season Troy developed a strong defensive mindset and had the opportunity to work with Defensive coaches to hone this aspect of his game awareness. He was undoubtedly a top defenseman in the AAA tournaments for his respected age. Moving into previous minor hockey season, Troy continued to show his determination to improve all areas of his game from his skating skills, puck handling and shot. His coaches often sought ways to engage him in further development during practices and games.

Troy's success is not only his skill level but his mature demeanor that makes him a positive teammate and a focused player willing to listen and learn from his coaches and peers. His achievements in the Spring hockey season with the Okanagan Warriors has given him the understanding of full-ice hockey rules and positioning. This opportunity to move up will continue to challenge him as his knowledge exceeds the Novice level. You will see in the testimonies of his previous coaches; he meets and is ready for a higher level of game and will successfully participate at the Atom level. Please see that attached letters of recommendation. We ask that Troy to attend the Atom tryouts with the expectation of being treated as a 2011 player.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dave and Amanda Stene

July 4,2020
South Okanagan Minor Hockey
To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter as a recommendation for Troy Stene to be moved up to Atom division this fall.

I have known Troy for several years, and had the opportunity to coach him the last couple Spring hockey seasons. I have been a development coach for the past 16 years and a hockey coach the last 11 years. As such, I have a solid understanding of minor hockey and the talent level within the various divisions.

I can confidently say that Troy Stene is a good candidate to play in the Atom division this year. Troy is a strong candidate for moving up a league for a few reasons. He is a talented hockey player and has a maturity level that is above his age group. Troy is head and shoulder above his peers. He has a high compete level and a strong skill set. He has a solid drive to do well and improve his skills.

Because he has a higher level of maturity, he will fit in well with the older children in Atom. If you require further information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Tyler Liebel
250-470-8646 gamefacehockey@gmail.com

Ryan Dunkley 15 Raven Court **Osoyoos, B.C. V0H 1V5**
(250) 535-0769

SOMHA Board of Directors

Dear Executives,

I am writing this letter regarding, and in full support of, The Stene Family's request to have Troy Stene participate in the selection process for Atom Development for the coming 2020/21 season. I have had the privilege of coaching Troy for the better part of three seasons, through Initiation and Novice, and thoroughly believe it is in his developments best interest to be included in the process, and to be evaluated against the other players at the Atom level. His progress as a hockey player is now past the point where he would benefit from returning to Novice hockey, as he was already elite for that level as a first-year player and competes against much stronger competition during Spring Hockey. Please give their application your full consideration, for what is best for this players development, both now and in the future.

Warm regards,

Ryan Dunkley
SOMHA Coach

July 6, 2020
South Okanagan Minor Hockey
E: Troy Stene moving ahead to Atom Division
Dear whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of moving Troy Stene up to the Atom level.

I have had the pleasure of coaching Troy the past 3 hockey seasons as well as watching him grow with the 2012 AAA Okanagan Warriors in the Spring season.

Troy continues to excel in all areas of his game. His skating is undeniable, and his knowledge and patience of the game is way beyond his age. With his skill set, powerful skating, and maturity he would without question be an asset to the Atom level.

I personally believe that Troy would excel at the Atom level where he would be challenged in both practices and games. If Troy were to remain playing another year of Novice hockey, I do believe it would slow down his development that he has worked so hard for in the past years.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any further questions.

Sincerely,
Jason Dupuis 1-250-485-8970
dupuisconstruction@outlook.com

Application for Novice age player to play Atom:

Piper Dupuis

Dear SOMHA Board of Directors,

I am writing this letter in hopes of moving our daughter Piper Dupuis from the Novice division to the Atom division.

Piper is a fearless hockey player with a mature mindset. She is dedicated to the game and is continually pushing herself to be better. We strongly believe that playing another year of Novice hockey will hinder her abilities to play at her full potential. Piper should be playing with players of the same development level to push her going forward. With her strong skating, powerful size, skills, and ability to follow direction at a high level we believe Piper would be an asset to the Atom division.

I hope you strongly consider moving Piper up to the Atom division to help and encourage her to develop her skills in a group that mimics her skills and mindset.

Please see attached to this letter reference letters from previous coaches.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tanya and Jason Dupuis

Hello SOMHA Board of Directors,

I'm writing this letter in support of Jason Dupuis request to move his daughter Piper into Atom instead of another year of Novice hockey.

Piper was among the top 5 players in all of SOMHA Novice last season, I feel it would strongly hinder her development to play at the novice level again. She was one of the most aggressive players I saw play novice last season, she is fearless. She would have no issue keeping up at the atom level as she is a strong skater, has good size, maturity to play with the older kids and a great work ethic.

Piper definitely fits in much better with the 2011 age group as opposed to the 2012/13 ages. It would benefit both the novice and atom teams in our association by moving Piper up to atom. She would be able to continue developing with kids the same skill level in atoms and be pushed to another level while players in the novice group will get more touches on the puck and won't be intimidated by a dominant player like Piper.

I hope you seriously consider Jason's request and move Piper into the atom age group. Having players play in a division that mirrors their skills and maturity is a great tool for developing players whether it's moving players to a higher level or a lower level, and Piper belongs in the atom age group.

Thank you for your time,

Derek Ruck

July 5, 2020

South Okanagan Minor Hockey

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to communicate my support to move Piper Dupuis ahead to the Atom division. I have been coaching Piper for the past three years and have had the opportunity to watch her tremendous development over that time. Her strength, skating and skill set on the ice is without question, at the level of an Atom player. Her commitment and respect for the game, players and coaches, both on and off the ice, is unprecedented.

I feel that if Piper were to play another year of Novice, her development would slow and potentially stagnate. I believe that Piper would be a great addition to the Atom division. If you have any further question feel free.

Sincerely,

Tyler Liebel
(250)470-8646
gamefacehockey@gmail.com

Application for peewee aged player to play Bantam:

Brody Mclean

July 20, 2020

South Okanagan Minor Hockey Association

MOVE UP REQUEST FOR BRODY McLEAN

Dear SOMHA Board Members,

I am writing this letter to request that Brody McLean be allowed to forgo his last year of Peewee and move up to Bantam for the 2020/2021 season.

I would like him to try out for the Bantam Representative Team and understand that if he does not make that team, he would be playing Bantam Recreation.

Being that we do not really know what the coming season is going to look like on the ice and that it may be a season without games, it will all come down to on-ice development through practices. Brody has always been someone that excels when pushed to achieve a higher level and being at the Bantam level will assist with his development. He will be forced to work harder at the Bantam level to make an impact and this is what he thrives on.

Brody has had a virtual trainer since COVID-19 shut down the end of the season right before Provincials and also put an end to the Spring season where he was really excited about the prospect of playing with the Okanagan Hockey Academy 2008 Elite team. Through all this disappointment he has stayed diligent and still works out every day building his strength, stamina, speed, and his love for the game. We do not tell him he has to do any of this, he chooses to push himself to achieve his goals.

I am not saying that Brody is going to be the next Brent Burns or that he is better than the other kids in Peewee, just that he thrives on being pushed to get to the next level. Having approval to move to the Bantam Division will be a huge aid in doing that for him. He also loves the physical part of hockey and would do well in a division where contact is allowed.

I thank you in advance for your time and consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or need clarification on anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Best regards,
Len McLean

South Okanagan Minor Hockey

Hello, I'm Steven Harrison, the Bantam rep head coach for the 2020-2021 season, and the former 2019-2020 Pee Wee coach. Today I'm writing a support letter for Brody Mclean moving up to Bantam this year. Brody developed immensely last years season and I feel like he is ready to play at the Bantam level. Playing at the Bantam level will furthermore enhance his skill development and hockey IQ playing against bigger and stronger players. He is also used of our coaching style and understands the systems we put in place which will help him with the jump up to Bantam. If there is anymore questions don't hesitate to contact me at 250-498-9935, thank you.

Steven Harrison

Registrar's report:

PreN - 22 Notified 2 wait list they are accepted, so possibly **total of 24**

Novice - 16

Atom - 24 total, 2 goalies included. 19 tryout including 2 goalies. includes the 2 novice moves. Notified 3 waitlist they are accepted, so **possibly 27 total and 22 tryout**.

PW - 37 total, 5 goalies included. 26 tryout including 4 goalies Notified 5 waitlist they are accepted, so **possibly 42 total and 31 tryout**

Bantam - 33 total, 3 goalies included. 22 tryout including 3 goalies Notified 5 waitlist they are accepted, so **possibly 38 total and 26 tryout**

Midget - 21 total, 3 goalies included. 16 tryout including 2 goalies. Notified 2 waitlist they are accepted, so **possibly 23 total and 17 tryout**