



SOMHA Minutes: Nov. 3, 2020 7pm

Attending: Brianne, Boyd, Ryan, Kary, Richard, Victor, Greg, Chris W, Mark, Nina, Davinder, Brittny

Not attending: Chris H, Scott, Brian

Call to order: 7:02pm

Introduction of late items

Adoption of Agenda: Motioned by Richard, seconded by Mark. **Approved and Carried**

Adoption of Minutes: Motioned by Kary, seconded by Nina. **Approved and Carried**

Correspondence

Business

1 Sportsmanship in the Stands- Divisional directors asked to follow up to ensure completed by membership.

2 Oliver recreation feedback re: facility use (below)- Brianne sent a reply. Updated safety plan required. Doors to open once COVID ambassador present. Masks mandatory in dressing room. Somha requiring masks in the arenas. Mark arranging for hivi bands for Covid ambassador. Return to play committee meeting Nov, 4. Request for divisional directors to send out an email that masks are required in the building. Chris W will add all the arena current safety plans to SOMHA website, for teams traveling.

3 Inquiry re: if there is lack of consent for live streaming of games from a participant- Brianne to forward email to Davinder as divisional director for inquiry to follow up. OMAHA sent out a release form. Chris will put on website that live streaming will be occurring during games

4 Non parent coach funding- Teams with non parent coaches will get \$1000 for first half of season and another \$1000 for second half of season after budget has been submitted to divisional director. Motioned by: Boyd, seconded by Victor. **Approved and carried.**

5 Roster qualifications report- email out to coaches, managers and divisional directors. Safe return to play needs to be completed. Dev 1 coach course-3 peewee coaches are registered. Inquiring if COVID ambassadors need to be rostered.



Reports

President – As discussed in business

First Vice President – None at this time

Second Vice President- None at this time

Treasurer- Upcoming finance committee meeting

Registrar – 2 new atom rec players.

Ice Ambassador – As discussed in business

Referee in Chief -John- trying to set up clinic for new officials

Coach Coordinator- Boyd- Will check coaches completed required items. Supported by board to support upcoming coaches in their coaching certificates.

Risk Management -Victor- none at this time.

U7 director-Davinder- parent meeting to discuss facility use guideline concerns.

U9 director -Richard- none at this time

U11 director -Chris W-been supporting at some Atom Rec practices

U13 director -Scott-

U15 director -Brian

U18 director – Kary- discussion with coach about player that hasn't been attending and possible additional team member

Equipment director- none at this time

Tournament director

Sponsorship/Awards -

Female director -Greg- need a female in the facility, when female player on team



Player development-Ryan- see about offering power skating sessions to coaches during their practices

Sponsorship and Programs

Communication Director: Chris W (see below)

Committee Reports

Discipline Committee

Governance Committee

Finance Committee

Safety committee:

Unfinished business

New Business PHO order- both facilities are not able to meet requirements to allow spectators,

Adjournment 8:40pm. Motioned by Boyd, seconded by Ryan. Approved and carried.

Next Meeting: Dec. 1 7pm



SPORTSMANSHIP STARTS IN THE STANDS /

SAFE SPORT SURVEY

Sportsmanship Starts in the Stands is an educational program launched in partnership with the Vancouver Canucks encourages positive behaviour by hockey parents in the rink.

The game of hockey is for kids. Kids play the game because they love it and because it is fun. As parents we must realize, that for kids, positive participation is always more important than excellence. The personal and social development that comes from being part of a team is one of the most enriching experiences offered by the game.

Being a hockey parent is no easy task. Hockey parents often fill not only the role of parent, but also the role of an essential hockey volunteer. Parents may be coaches, evaluators, directors, etc. Balancing these roles can be challenging. That is why BC Hockey and Hockey Canada provide resources and programs to assist parents in ensuring that their children's hockey experiences are positive.

Traditionally Associations would hold an in-person parent meeting which is not possible during the current COVID-19 Pandemic. BC Hockey has made the Sportsmanship Starts in the Stands materials available for parents and Associations to complete online.

Here are the instructions for the completion of the Sportsmanship Starts in the Stands program:

STEP 1 - (PARENTS) Watch the [Parent Presentation](#) (Video)

STEP 2 - (PARENTS) Sign the [Parent Code of Conduct and Fair Play Code Form](#) (deadline November 15, 2020)

STEP 3 - (MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATIONS) - Submit the [Parent Meeting Form](#) to BC Hockey (deadline December 1, 2020)



Facility use email:

From: Carol Sheridan <carol@oliverrecreation.ca>
Date: November 2, 2020 at 4:44:22 PM PST
To: Brianne Hillson <brigabrieau@hotmail.com>
Cc: Anderson Jenny <jen@oliverrecreation.ca>
Subject: **weekend observations**

Hi Brianne,

Jenny is in a course today and tomorrow, so although she would normally be communicating with you about this stuff I'm passing on directly what I was told by our facility staff so we can try to get some immediate action.

This weekend on both Saturday and Sunday there were minor hockey games at the Oliver Arena. The SOMHA safety plan that we have on file says that there will be a COVID Ambassador clearly identified that will ensure all protocols are being followed during ice times. On both days, players were entering the arena prior to an adult acting as a COVID Ambassador and were doing so without sanitizing their hands, without distancing and without masks. The Facility guidelines and the SOMHA safety plan says that participants will maintain distance at all times off the field of play. The dressing room capacities are posted as a maximum of 6-8 players depending on the specific room, yet there were approx. 15 players in the home dressing room on Sunday and neither the players nor the adult who identified himself to staff as the Ambassador had masks on. Facility staff also observed parents in the stands who had been let in by participants after the doors were locked and who were also not distancing or wearing masks. I should note that the feedback from the Facility staff is that the visiting teams were doing a better job at following the protocols than the local teams which is disappointing in their home facility.

Our guidelines (attached) clearly state how the facility is to be used as well as how we will ensure compliance:

All user groups must abide by both the Facility guidelines and policies as well as their own safety plan. Failure to do so will result in:

- A .Management issuing a verbal warning for first offence.**
 - B. Management issuing a written warning for second offence.**
 - C. Loss of recreation facility privileges**
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For the protection of our staff and for public safety we must see immediate improvement and communication from SOMHA on these issues.

We will be working to improve our system for reporting on compliance this week and I would like to see an updated safety plan submitted from SOMHA right away in light of the changes to the PHO order and to our Guidelines. Please consider this a friendly reminder as we get going on the importance of every ice user group following the guidelines and submitted safety plan to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and to avoid cancellation or facility closure. The next message of this nature will be considered a verbal warning for first offence.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and if there are others that you would like us to contact regarding these observations please provide names and emails.

Sincerely,

Carol Sheridan
Manager, Oliver Parks and Recreation
President-Elect, RFABC
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Registrar email sent to coaching/management staff

BC Hockey is now reviewing our rosters and they are verifying that all team staff have the required qualifications to be eligible and insured.

Attached are 2 documents that outline the requirements at each level. Please share this with your coaching staff. There are a number of volunteers on U11, U13, U15 and U18 teams flagged as ineligible already, so if you are unsure, please ask before you have them on the bench for any of your 'league' games. If you use an ineligible coach, you may have to forfeit the game.

All coaches, assistant coaches, safety people and Managers need to complete these four items below, in addition to the requirements for their level of play. The Planning a Safe return course is the one most people are missing. All courses can be found on the BC Hockey website under the clinics tab.

Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders
Concussion Awareness Training
Planning a Safe Return to Hockey
Criminal Record Check



To: SOMHA Executive
From: Chris Ward, SOMHA Communications Coordinator
Re: Investigation on Live Streaming SOMHA Games

SOMHA Executive,

On 17-Oct-2020 I issued a report (titled 'SOMHA Investigation on Live Streaming Games.pdf') detailing my investigation into the possibility of live-streaming 2020-2021 SOMHA hockey games. In summary, the report detailed the technical considerations and approximate costs for implementing live streaming cameras in the Oliver Arena for SOMHA games.

Brianne was in contact with Carol Sheridan (Town of Oliver) concerning my report and instructed me to contact Carol directly for further specific discussion. I called and had a very good conversation with Carol on 29-Oct-2020. The important points that came out of that phone conversation:

1. The Town of Oliver is excited to support our endeavour to live stream hockey games
2. The Town is willing to share the cost of this project
3. SOMHA would be expected to front the cost of the cameras and the computer used to process the video / audio information
4. The Town of Oliver would cover the initial installation cost and monthly account fees for the Telus Fiber high speed internet connection
5. The Town of Oliver would use their preferred electrical / data subcontractors (Argon Electric / Visual Telecom) to realize the mechanical / electrical installation of the cameras, data cables, power cables, etc.
6. The new Telus Fiber internet connection would support (a) high speed uploading of live stream data to the Internet platforms (Facebook, Youtube, etc.) as well as (b) new Wifi pickups for high speed downloading of live streams with wifi coverage extended into the exterior parking lots

Major items of concern for both the Town of Oliver and SOMHA:

1. Internet security and inability of the Wifi to be used in a non-sanctioned manner
2. Player privacy concerns – signed releases for allowing photos/video
3. Private live-stream groups administered by individual teams preventing unauthorized viewing of the live-streams

Following this conversation and additional thought on the matter, I have the following recommendations:

1. I **do not** believe that a SOMHA-supported live-streaming platform is in our Association's best interest.
2. Our games are split across two (2) facilities (Oliver Arena and Osoyoos Sunbowl Arena). The live-streaming platform suggested would be a fixed installation in the Oliver Arena only.



3. A live-streaming platform does nothing to support our membership for 'away' games that are in other jurisdictions / facilities
4. Our hands-on administration of the live-streaming platform may exceed our available resources – specifically if we try to support live-streaming all of our Association's teams (U9 through U18)
5. A single live-streaming platform would be difficult to separate for individual teams / private groups.
6. We open ourselves up to liability if some of the players / visiting teams have not provided consent for photo/video. Determining if consent has been provided would be difficult
7. We can not guarantee undesired / unauthorized use of the Arena wifi without incurring maintenance / network management costs.

In summary, the idea of providing a live-stream platform to our membership is a commendable endeavour. However, the hurdles we face (financial, security, privacy, resources, etc.) can not be reasonably satisfied. I do not recommend proceeding any further with this project.

As an alternative, I suggest the SOMHA Board may consider the purchase and supply of Telus gift cards in the amounts of \$25-to-\$50. These cards could be gifted to our membership to alleviate the personal cost/use of cellular data as they live stream their individual team games.

I hope this supplemental report helps our Association. Regards,

Chris Ward, P.Eng

SOMHA Board Member, U11 Divisional Director, Communications Coordinator e:

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