



SOMHA meeting minutes April 22, 2021

Attending: Brianne, Brittny, Boyd, Richard, Greg, Kary, Scott, Mark, Davinder, Chris W, Nina, Brian, Chris H, Ryan

Not attending:

Call to order: 6:30pm

Introduction of late items

Adoption of Agenda: Motioned by Boyd, seconded by Scott. Approved and Carried

Adoption of Minutes: Motioned by Richard, seconded by Kary and Nina.

Correspondence

Business

1. For discussion in the meeting before the AGM, would like the group to decide if we are still leaving the deposit at \$25 or should we increase it this year? Maybe \$75 deposit? I have attached the draft reg policy for review and approval. It was updated last year to reflect our deadline changes.

April 22- Boyd motions: July 1 registration and Deposit \$75 plus try out fee (if ap. First payment, August 1, September 1, October 1. Seconded by Greg.

Approved and Carried

Reports

President – See below

First Vice President- This season was very usual, and as far as the VP role it was very uneventful. Fall meetings with OMAHA carried the same tone with input from small associations ignored to cater to the larger associations. Omaha is still moving forward with regional-based teams in an effort to provide an alternative program to academies. The female structure was looked at being revamped possibly using central registry but that is yet to be rolled out. The winter OMAHA meetings never going they were rescheduled three or four times and eventually never happened. The next OMAHA meetings should be in May or June.

Second Vice President-

Treasurer-



Registrar

U7 - 23 players, 1 player moved mid season, dropping to 21

U9 - 16 players

U11 Recreation - 13 players, 1 goalie. 1 player moved mid season, dropping to 11 players.

U11 Development - 11 players, 1 goalie

U13 Recreation - 15 players, 2 goalies

U13 Rep - 16 players, 2 goalies. 2 Residential Waiver players decided to return to their home association in December, dropping to 14 skaters. Includes 2 Boundary and 1 Grand Forks player

U15 Recreation - 16 players, 1 goalie

U15 Rep - 15 players, 1 goalie. Includes 1 Boundary and 1 Grand Forks player

U18 Rep - 15 players, 2 goalies. 2 players dropped out early, leaving 13 skaters. Includes 2 Grand Forks players that joined the team in December.

Ice Ambassador –

Referee in Chief -

Coach Coordinator- This year was the first year I many that we had all rep coaches in place by the beginning of July. We also had recreation coaches and initiation coaches step up prior to the conditioning camp in August. Most of our coaches were all involved in the rep team selection process. Our coaches did an excellent job keeping hockey going through the pandemic restrictions. This year we build capacity certifying more dev one coaches. Moving forward I have made initial contact with many of our coaches about returning. The overwhelming response is they are interested if we are going to have a regular season not a Covid guided season.

Risk Management - -

U7 director--

U9 director - This season brought on many changes for everyone involved from players to coaches and parents. The U9 group put in lots of time and effort and although the gameplay was limited, the amount of ice time that the players got was well used. A big thank you to Nikki for keeping it all organized off the ice and Morgan for the same on the ice. A successful year given the circumstances.

U11 director – see below

U13 director - In a season with many ups and downs including limited gameplay and no gameplay at all for a large portion of the year, all of the players from both of the U13 teams (recreation and rep.) were still able to continue to develop their hockey skills. This was a result of great, committed coaching staff in place for both teams.



Both teams adhered to the various COVID-19 safety protocols for inside the arenas, both on and off the ice which were challenging at times. There was one positive COVID-19 case associated with the U13 Rep. team within the coaching staff in January 2021. Fortunately, it was limited to one person and did not appear to be transmitted to other coaches or players to the best of our knowledge.

I'm sure that all of the players and coaches are looking forward to the possibility of a more 'complete' 2021-2022 hockey season!

U15 director - The 2020-2021 season was different than most due to covid. The U15 players still had tryouts which created one Rep team and one House team. Although only a handful of league games were played, the season still went on with socially distanced practices. Head coaches Steven Harrison and Greg Cosorso, U15 Rep and House respectively, carried on and worked hard to keep the kids interest up. Thanks for the effort and commitment from the coaches and players who stuck around and made the best of an anything but normal season.

U18 director – Similar to every other division, the U18s had a very challenging year due to Covid19 restrictions. In speaking with the head coach he mentioned that this will be the final year of minor hockey for 4 of the players.

Prior to returning to stage 2, the team managed to play a few games with positive results. Even with a very small team they managed to keep all of the kids very engaged even though it made the training very challenging. The players did remarkably well staying committed to coming to all practices despite not having any competition to look forward to.

I think the consistent overall assessment of the 2020-2021 season was that it was disappointing. It was a team with a lot of potential, engaged coaches and it was unfortunate that the team really did not get an opportunity to show what they could do.

Coach Ryan was extremely appreciative of the assistant coaches and manager who all really stepped up and supported a very tough season and did the best they could despite the circumstances.

Equipment director- We are missing lots of jerseys. Some from kids not returning to teams after the November Covid shutdown There were two teams that had not returned their jerseys to me as well They may have gave them to arena workers. I have not been able to check. I will when the arena re opens.

Tournament director

Sponsorship/Awards -



Female director - This year saw challenges all around with the pandemic. Our female players played on the co-ed teams as no travel or games were allowed this season. My hope is to have a female team that can draw from the co-ed teams next season where we can run additional practices and perhaps attend some tournaments

Player development-

Sponsorship and Programs

Communication Director:

Committee Reports

Discipline Committee- 20/21 season was primarily working with COVID protocol
Given all the extra Parameters put in place to deal with Covid happy to report that the discipline committee did not have any issues to resolve this year.

Governance Committee

Finance Committee

Safety committee:

Unfinished business

New Business,

Adjournment

Next Meeting:



REGISTRATION & FEES

No player shall be allowed to practice or play hockey until he/she has paid registration fees or made appropriate arrangements through the Registrar.

Registration fees will be reduced by \$75.00 for early registrations completed **by July 1** .

Committed to creating a positive hockey experience for all, in 2018-2019 the South Okanagan Minor Hockey Association implemented the Respect in Sport - Parent Program requirement. One parent or guardian must complete the RiS – Parent Program prior to the player being allowed to participate in any SOMHA events, including conditioning camp and tryouts. To register for the course, visit the [Respect In Sport - Parent Program](#).

SOMHA will only be accepting registrations and payments online. Online payment can be made with a credit card via the TeamSnap Registration system. To register through TeamSnap, you will need your child's Hockey Canada ID number. Please contact the Registrar if you need assistance on how to obtain their ID.

In our ongoing effort to declare the appropriate number of teams per division and not have to declare oversized teams, started with the 2020-2021 season, the registration deadline will be July 1 . Any registrations received after this date will be waitlisted until such time as team and participant numbers are confirmed. If accepted, these registrations will pay the full price of registration, plus a \$75 late fee, prior to being allowed to participate in any SOMHA events. [The \\$75 late fee does not apply to families who are new to SOMHA.](#)

Registration must include payment in full or the payment installments set out that will be paid in full by September 1 .

Players who request assistance from groups such as Kid Sport Canada, Jumpstart, or Spirit of the Game, should contact the Registrar for instructions on how to proceed for the 2021-2022 season. The **registration deadlines will be applicable**; however, payment may be received once funding has been provided.

First time players to hockey will pay the early registration fee, however registrations submitted after July 1st may be placed on a waitlist until team and participant numbers are confirmed. If your player is new to hockey, please contact the Registrar for information on how to register your player and which documents you will need to provide for a Hockey Canada profile to be created.

U13, U15, U18 players who plan to try-out for the representative team are required to register and pay the try-out fees **by July 1** . Players may still follow the same registration payment options



available to all players. Rep team fees will be collected by the team manager and given to the association treasurer by October 15th of the current season. Players who have not paid their carding fee will not be permitted on the ice after October 15th.

U11 players who plan to try-out for the U11 Development team are required to register and pay the try-out fees **by July 1** . Players may still follow the same registration payment options

available to all players. Once confirmed to the U11 Development team, players must pay an additional fee, currently \$100, to play on the team.

Players who wish to play in SOMHA on a Residential Waiver, must either provide the completed Residential Waiver or inform the Registrar of their interest prior to July 1 .

Residential waivers will not be considered until after the SOMHA player registration deadline of July 1st and will be reviewed on a division by division basis. Any Residential Waiver requests received after July 1st, may not be accepted if the division numbers do not permit for team sizes deemed acceptable by the SOMHA board.

If the residential waivers are accepted, players with waivers who wish to tryout for a SOMHA Representative team will be required to register online and pay the non-refundable tryout fee. If selected for the Rep team, to secure the reduced registration rate, the full registration fees will be due immediately. The registrar will provide instructions on how to make the tryout fee payment.

Started in the 2020-2021 season, SOMHA will be charging a \$100 per player mandatory volunteer/jersey deposit. The money will be collected by the team manager/treasurer. The deposit will be returned once all shifts and other duties laid out by team officials have been completed and the player's jerseys are returned. Failure to volunteer with team activities will result in fees being retained by the team to pay other volunteers to do shifts/roles.

Three or more registered players from one family in one year will receive a 10% reduction in total registration fees paid. Please contact the registrar for your discount code.

Started in the 2020-2021 season, volunteer board members will receive a discount code which will provide them with a \$100 discount to be applied to their player's registration. Discounts may only be used for the board member's player(s) and are not transferable.

A draw allowing one free registration will be held at the Annual General Meeting.

Player registrations received after January 1st will be charged 1/2 of the full registration fee. Subject to roster availability.



Registration refunds are pro-rated and subject to a \$20 administration fee.

There will be no refunds after December 31 of the current season unless due to injury, sickness (doctor's note) or relocation.

Representative Team Composition: After registration of players interested in trying out for Rep or Development teams, the SOMHA Board reserves the right to determine the number of Rep teams and composition, based on the number of registrations received for that division.

Recreation team rosters for each division will be capped at 17 players including goalies.

Registration will be accepted in the date order in which they are received. Any registrations received after July 1st will be waitlisted in the order in which they are received, until team and participant numbers are confirmed.

Registration requirements for player application to play U18 Recreation as an Overage player:

- Registrations received for overage players will be waitlisted regardless of when the registration was received;
- Registrations will be held on the waitlist in the order received until such time as team numbers are confirmed;
- Registration is subject to roster availability;
- Maximum age of an overage player is 18 years of age as of December 31st of the current

playing season;

- Player application must be accompanied by a letter from two previous coaches

recommending acceptance to register;

- Applicant's discipline history will be given primary consideration;
- Successful applicants abusing team officials, game officials, other players or receiving excessive high-risk penalties may be subject to immediate suspension and further penalties up to and including termination as determined by the Discipline Committee.



REPORT

PRESIDENT REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 22, 2021 - AGM

TO: Executive and Membership

FROM: Brianne Hillson, President

SUBJECT: **President Report**



Although this season did not turn out the way we expected to, I believe that there are definitely achievements that our association should be proud of. The season began differently this year due to COVID and the pandemic restrictions that were mandated by the Public Health Officer, but SOMHA was able to offer conditioning camps and try-outs for players who were interested.

SOMHA was able to hire paid non-parent coaches at the U18, U15 and U13 Rep levels which has been something that we have been working towards for the past several years. Thank you to our coach coordinator for his great job in securing coaches for all levels.

Most teams were able to play some games, prior to being restricted back to Phase 2 of Via Sport's Return to Play guidelines. This enabled the players to have some normalcy of activity during the season. Thank you to all the coaches, covid-ambassadors, safety people and parents for your cooperation and dedication in making this season happen for our players.

Moving forward to the next season, SOMHA is better prepared to offer programming if restrictions are still in place, and will have a better plan on moving into the next phase of sport when allowed. Thank you to our Return to Play Committee for your time in creating our Covid Safety Plan.

To our players and timekeepers who are moving on to the next phase of your life, we wish you all the best in your future. We hope that one day you return to your hockey roots and don't forget where you came from.

Thank you to all the SOMHA Executive for your hard work this past season, as we would not have been able to provide the players, coaches and parents of our organization an opportunity to practice and play the game of hockey. For that, I thank you on behalf our membership.

Look forward to seeing you all next year at the arenas!



To: SOMHA Executive

From: Chris Ward, SOMHA Board Member, U11 Divisional Director **Re:** 2020/2021 Division Director Year-End Report

Executive,

South Okanagan Minor Hockey Association – U11 Division

Please accept the following year-end report from my participation as U11 Divisional Director for the SOMHA 2020-2021 Hockey season. The 2020/2021 U11 division consisted of one (1) Development team (Dev) and one (1) Recreational team (Rec).

The Dev coaching staff consisted of Ryan Dunkley (HC) with assistant coaching support from Jason Dupuis/Dave Stene/Bo Macfarlane and team management courtesy of Diana Roxo. As U11 Divisional Director, I was present/active during the initial try-outs and player selections. Each player/parent was provided an individual letter noting their child's selection (or non-selection) for the Dev team. We also provided Evaluation Results from the try-out process to those parents who requested the results.

We responded to some early season confusion/concern about a certain player who was not selected for the Dev team. This involved speaking directly to that player's parents concerns, the try-out selection committee and other informed parent opinions. In the end, that player was added to the Dev roster without compromising the number of players at the Rec level.

The Dev team experienced a player who was contact-traced with potential exposure to COVID-19. The team staff and parents followed the required isolation protocols keeping that player away from the team for a 14-day period. In the end, the player had a negative COVID test and returned to the team after the appropriate delay.

The Rec coaching staff consisted of Cam Fraser (HC) with on-ice support from two parents as well as some older SOMHA player mentoring. I had the fortunate opportunity to participate as an additional on-ice helper for the U11 Rec team at various times during the season. Coach Fraser provided his team with a consistent coaching approach and active skill-development practice plan. The U11 Rec team benefited from this approach with a large amount of individual player progress from beginning to end of the season.

The U11 Rec support team of Chandelle Hay and Susan Fraser did a phenomenal job of maintaining in- arena cleanliness and mask / safety protocols. The year-end scrimmage ended with many smiles on the faces of the young players and their appreciation for the efforts of the Fraser family was clearly evident.