

SOUTH OKANAGAN MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (SOMHA)
EXECUTIVE MINUTES
April 21, 2022

PRESENT: Brianne, Mark, Ryan P, Brian, Chris Parker, Boyd, Greg, Chris Ward, Davinder, Chris Hanson, Kary, Victor and 13 members

Absent: Amanda

Called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Moved by: Ryan

Seconded by: Brian

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of AGM Minutes from April 22, 2021 for adoption

Moved by: Brian

Seconded by: Ryan

That the AGM minutes of April 22nd, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PRIOR MINUTES

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by: Brian Dragseth

Seconded by: Ryan Pyatt

That the agenda of April 21st, 2022 be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS

1) Reports

- President – Brianne Hillson - See attached
- 1st Vice President – Boyd Turnbull - It was nice to get back to a semi normal season but with that brought many restrictions that individuals had to decide whether they were willing to adhere to restrictions and participate. Generally, we were able to work with teams and facilities and most of the membership was understanding and found a happy medium that allowed the children to play hockey. OMAHA hired a second employee this year, Dave Dupas to take on more of the hockey operations. With that came the restructuring of the Representative system. The integrated system now has Elite Hockey League (AAA), OMAHA Regional Zones (AA), Minor Hockey Rep (A).

For the 22/23 system OMAHA is taking over the female program. They will have 2 sets of teams:

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OMAHA Regional Representative (A), OMAHA Regional Recreation

This is a response to trying to streamline the process and provide an opportunity to play on all female teams.

From an operational perspective for SOMHA I am bringing to the AGM that the membership looks at and votes on hiring or contracting out the role as an administrator. The executive has relied for many years on volunteers to run efficiently. These volunteers at the executive level also take on many roles at the team level, coaching, managing, team treasurer, tournament coordinator. To limit the burden the administrator could take on role like tournaments director, awards, sponsorship, ice ambassador, timekeeper and official scheduler, even just getting the mail. There are a variety of ways to cover the cost of this position from raising fees, to using money that RIC would get for allocating games, even using a percentage of sponsorship money. The first step in the process is to have the membership at the AGM decide if a paid part time administrator is the direction the association would like to go.

- 2nd Vice President – Greg Casorso – It was great to have a full season again. Covid still caused some headaches for everyone but I'm proud of our association for the way we got through it.
- Treasurer – Chris Parker – See financial documents
- Ice Ambassador – Brianne Hillson – See attached
- Registrar – Mark Antonello
Projections for next year if all players come back.
U7 (2016-2018) – 11 remain in U7
U9 (2014-2015) – 12 from U7, 15 from U9. U9 total potential of 27.
U11 (2012-2013) – 4 from U11 Dev, 10 +1G from U11 Rec, 6 from U9, 3 kids from Boundary so no guarantee they will be here next year. U11 Total potential for 20 skaters and 1 goalie. Possibility to move a some up to recreation like in 2021/2022.
U13 (2010-2011) – 6 +1G From U11 Dev, 4 from U11 Rec, 4 from U13 Rep, 6 +1G from U13 Rec. U13 Total potential for 20 skaters and 2 goalies.
U15 (2008-2009) – 7 +1G From U15 Rep, 8 From U15 Rec, 10 + 2G from U13 Rep, 4 +1G from U13 Rec. U15 Total potential for 29 skaters and 4 goalies
U18 (2005-2007) - 6 From U15 Rep, 8 +2G From U15 Rec, 8 +1G from U18 Rep.
U18 Total potential for 22 skaters and 3 goalies 7 players and 1 goalie graduate from U18 after this year.

OMAHA is pleased to announce host associations for the 2022-2023 season in the South Region. OMAHA will be in charge of all Regional teams as well as tryouts, player selection, coach selection, etc.

Penticton Minor Hockey Association will be hosting Female U18 and Female U15
Summerland Minor Hockey Association will be hosting Integrated U15 – Head Coach Colin Minardi and they are finalizing a host for the U18 Integrated team, but the Head Coach will be Wade Parker. They are hoping for the initial tryouts for the

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South region to happen in May/June where they can choose to commit to players then. The final tryout ice times will be in mid August. Permission to tryout forms are available for download on the OMAHA website and must be signed by a SOMHA representative before sending in.

- Equipment Director – Ryan Pyatt –
- Player Development – Ryan Pyatt –
- Tournament Director – Brianne Hillson – See attached
- Female Director – Greg Casorso – I'm happy to report that the girls and the parents I've spoken with have had a great season! Next year, OMAHA will be hosting both of the U15 and U18 Zone teams in Penticton. The number of girls in hockey continues to grow and it is exciting to see all of the different options available to our kids.
- U7/U9 Director – Amanda Stene - The U7 and U9 season started with separate meetings for both divisions. Boyd and I both attended to go over expectations of the season with volunteers. The changing Covid-19 restrictions implemented by Interior Health were managed with a few reminders as protocols changed. The players saw great progress as reported by both coaches. These divisions were both able to host their respected tournaments. Each tournament was run efficiently with the limited time to prepare and extra protocols. A job well done by each of the coordinators.

Recommendations for next season:

- Ensure the website is updated with an acknowledgement of additional fees players will be expected to pay beyond registration. A letter could be presented upon registration or the beginning of the season to all players to increase communication.
- Ensure team managers, at all levels, include the \$100 tournament/jersey fee in the team costs and explain why this is implemented.
- Re-evaluate expectations of players when registering for the hockey season. For example, if a child is not independently skating, are they ready to play or learn the game? Should they have a parent on the ice until they can move independently?
- U11 Director – Kary Steele - This year was an extremely successful year for both SOMHA's U11 Rec and the U11 Dev teams. The U11 Development team had a near flawless season and placed first in their division and 1st in the OMAHA 11 B Playoffs. The team also won the Atom Fiesta. The U11 Recreation team also fared extremely well placing 5th overall. Both teams were small in numbers but run very well thanks to their coaching staff and particularly the team managers. Coming off a year with no games, both teams took to the ice without skipping a beat.
- U13 Director – Brian Dragseth –The 2021/22 SOMHA season saw two U13 teams, one at recreation and one at representative level. The U13 recreation team had smaller numbers to start the season and unfortunately lost more players as the season went on. Although the team played the majority of the season with depleted

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numbers they finished strong and ended up placing 6th out of 7 teams in their respective season. They topped off the season playing in a tournament in Grand Forks and had a strong showing. The U3 representative team had a strong season going undefeated in the regular season claiming the regular season banner and finished first in the playoffs, clinching the playoff banner as well. Following the playoffs the U13 representative team attended the Provincials which were hosted in Trail. They played well but ultimately fell in the final game to settle for silver, still a great achievement.

- U15 Director – Victor Costa – Well I just wanted to start out and thank all parents and kids and volunteers for a great season. For a quick U15 recap goes as follow, The U15 Rep team was a small group with 13 players and 1 goalie, they were fortunate to have a few AP's for some of their games as well as the playoff and the Provincials. The group played 18 games and attended 1 tournament. They had some success in the playoff playing for the final game for the banner. We as an association hosted the U15 T3 provincials, as the U15 Rep Group coordinating this event had no small task as there was 11 team draw and a very busy 6 days. Credit goes out our parent volunteers for all of their time and work to make this event happen. The U15 group received numerous comments from attendees about how well everything worked and the communication that we provided to keep all informed.

Moving toward the U15 Rec team they had a good season as well, they came in 4th in the league and had gone into the playoff's where they won and enable them to qualify for the District Championship unfortunately the team ended up coming in 6th in the OMAHA district. They had some minor issues like every team has with some personal conflicts but that was resolved within the team and a few injuries as well but nothing that was extreme in nature.

Over all both teams did very well and I would like to thanks to all our players, coaches and parents for their support this season.

- U18 Director – Chris Hanson – The U18 team had a great season. The team started out planning to play Tier 3 but eventually decided to play in the Tier 4 division. This was 8 of the players last season for minor hockey. Congrats to all those players! Although they didn't host a home tournament they were able to go to a Tier 2 tournament in Kelowna and competed well. Don Chase, Narcisse Baptiste, and Ryan Miller, as the coaching staff did a great job with the kids and they responded by playing some great hockey. Over the season there weren't many issues. There were a few player suspensions, as there usually is at this level but nothing serious. There were a few coaching suspensions, however they were suspensions that were issued for sticking up for their players. Perhaps some could of been avoided however the coaching staff did a great job with the team. Overall, the team had a great season going undefeated in league play. The team was able to bring home 3 banners. First winning the league banner, then following up winning the playoff banner and finally topping it all off with the Provincial Championship Banner. Hopefully we can continue having a committed coaching staff like we did this season.

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- Coach Coordinator – Boyd Turnbull – This season we had all Representative and Development Coaches selected by July 1. This was strategic in encouraging players to select to play with SOMHA. Furthermore, we were able to have all recreation coaches selected prior to September, validating the quality of our recreation leagues. All of the coaches did an excellent job and were committed to their teams. Issues that arose during the year resulted in one coach resigning because of lack of parents' support. Moving forward we have a keen group of coaches that want to support our Representative teams. As an association we may want to look at increasing the carding fees to provide an honorarium to the non parent coaches. Penticton's carding fees are \$600 vs ours are \$150.
- Discipline Committee – Boyd Turnbull - The Discipline committee had to respond to eight issues this season. Three of the issues surrounded members not adhering to COVID restrictions. These issues were dealt with phone calls and supporting team ambassadors by attending there events. The members involved were able to come to a consensus on how they could operate within the restrictions. There were two issues arising from parent complains towards coaches behaviour. The first complaint was rescinded during the investigation. The second incident had multiple complaints that required investigation. The result was poor communication between the coach and parents was the catalyst to the allegations. There were three coach suspensions that were reviewed by the discipline committee. The two suspensions the coaches were required to verse themselves on Section 11 of the Hockey Canada Rule Book on maltreatment of officials. The third instance had the coach's suspension was dealt with at the BC Hockey Level. Due to the length and the discipline committee did not see any further response was necessary. We also had multiple player suspensions that did not need further action by the discipline committee.
- Communication Coordinator – Chris Ward - See attached.

CORRESPONDENCE

NEW BUSINESS

2022-2023 Board Elections

President (2 year term) – Jason Moreau

2nd Vice President (1 year term) – Chris Ward

Treasurer (2 year term) – Kathy Bracken

Secretary (1 year term) – Nikki Ferrier

10 Directors (1 year term) Ryan Pyatt, Davinder Sandhu, Kary Steele, Morgan White, Tuson Pearl, Jen Homer, PJ Forbes, Diana Roxo, Mark Antonello, Brian Dragseth, Jaime Crain

2022-2023 Registration Winner

Brianne Hillson

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Ryan Pyatt

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Seconded by: Brian Dragseth
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37PM.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday May 3, 2022 @ 7:00 pm - Zoom /Sunbowl



South Okanagan Minor Hockey Association
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To: SOMHA Executive
From: Chris Ward, SOMHA Board Member, Communications Coordinator
Re: 2021/2022 Year-End Report

Executive,

Please accept the following year-end report from my participation as Communication Coordinator for the SOMHA 2021-2022 hockey season.

- The Oliver Arena added a new Telus PureFibre internet connection for shared SOMHA use. This worked out very well – we did not hear much about poor streaming performance this season at the Oliver Arena. Thanks to Carol Sheridan (Town of Oliver Parks and Recreation) for setting this up.
- Many teams continued to stream their games using Facebook Live and private team groups. SOMHA was not able to offer an Association-wide streaming option – mainly due to cost of equipment and privacy concerns.
- The SOMHA website was kept somewhat ‘current’ with news updates. I don’t feel the website does the best job of drawing attention to our Association. Teamsnap has taken most of the day-to-day scheduling and team communications away from the website.
- I feel the Association could invest some time / effort into cleaning up / streamlining the website. Important items like registration information, tournament information, important documents, etc should be at the forefront. In general, we are carrying a lot of older information that isn’t required.
- Maybe a little bit of a tune-up to the layout / graphics / pictures might generate some more interest in the website.
- Should we integrate more tightly / more cleanly with the larger Teamsnap platform?
- Should we be integrating more tightly / more cleanly with social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, etc? Would this benefit our membership?

Thanks to the Executive and the larger SOMHA membership for allowing me to participate in this role during the 2021-2022 season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Chris Ward", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Ward, P.Eng
SOMHA Board Member, Communicator Coordinator

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REPORT

PRESIDENT REPORT



MEETING DATE: April 21, 2022

TO: Executive and Membership

FROM: Brianne Hillson, President

SUBJECT: **AGM Report**

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for working together the past two years to put together a Minor Hockey program during the pandemic. It has not been an easy two years and we have faced many challenges in putting together a program to serve our communities. However, the board has worked together, with OMAHA and BC Hockey in providing a program to the children of our communities and for that I am very proud.

I want to thank the SOMHA Executive for their contributions to offer Minor Hockey to everyone in the South Okanagan. Thank you to all of you who have put in the countless hours taking time out of your day and away from your families to ensure that we are putting out the best program that we could.

At the beginning of the season we faced the unknown with spectating limits, masks, vaccine passports, etc. but working together as an association we powered through it. We were able to offer conditioning camp, tryouts, practices, games and tournaments. Although a few tournaments and games were cancelled due to Covid and the restrictions against events/gatherings it was a successful year.

I believe the biggest challenge for the association moving forward is volunteers and officials. Looking around the board room table this year most of the executive had children U15 or over. We did not see any with U7 or U9 and a few with players in U11. To make the association more successful, I urge the parents at the U7, U9 and U11 level to volunteer on the executive, even if it is for a year or two, to ensure that there is a SOMHA in the future. It is imperative that parents learn the roles of the board, to ensure that we can continue to grow as an association and that there people who can take over when the others leave.

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Our greatest challenge moving forward will be the lack of senior officials. Many of our current senior officials are graduating, have other commitments or do not wish to officiate. We need to encourage others in the community to volunteer to officiate, we need to educate our parents, players and coaches that is not okay to yell at the official. Volunteering at the U18 Championships in March, gave me the opportunity to sit with Larry Lenerduzzi who is the Officiating Supervisor for our area. Larry was a wealth of information and will be a useful contact for the Referee in Chief. Moving forward, the new executive should be looking at officiating retention and recruitment as their number one priority to ensure that SOMHA will be able to offer a program in the fall.

Finally, let's celebrate our association's success during the 2021-2022 season. Our U7 and U9's had a fantastic season, learning to skate, learning the skills of the game with the help of excellent coaches and volunteers. The SOMHA teams who participated in league play had many successes this year. The U11 Dev were playoff champions, the U11 Rec and U13 Rec had competitive games throughout the season. The U13 Rep team who are League and Playoff Champions and came 2nd in Provincials. The U15 Rec who are Playoff Champions and who were the first team to go to District Championships for the association probably in the past 15 years. The U15 Rep placed 2nd in Playoffs and hosted and competed in their Provincial Championships. The U18 Rep team who not only are League and Playoff Champions but are Provincial Champions.

This past year has been challenging, sometimes unforgiving but most of all rewarding. To see the smiles on the players faces when entering the rink, on the ice and after a game is the biggest reward of all. Again, I want to thank everyone for their time and commitment to our association to help grow the game. I truly believe that this board has acted in the best interest of every player on the ice and hope that the new executive will do the same.

Warmest regards,

Brianne Hillson

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TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR REPORT



MEETING DATE: October 5, 2021

TO: Executive and Membership

FROM: Brianne Hillson, Tournament Director

SUBJECT: **Tournament Director Report - October**

U15 Rec (Oct 22-24) – 10 teams attended the tournament. Clearwater won the tournament and the SOMHA U15 Rec team clinched third. There was a waitlist for this tournament as well, only challenge running it a Rec Tournament is sometimes recreation teams are formed later than rep. Could run as U15 Rep/U15 Rec.

U18 (Nov 12-14) – Did not run. Next year, would suggest that teams do not have an option to run a tournament. If we can fill a tournament the team should be running it. It is the only fundraiser we have for teams and the association.

U13 Rec (Nov 26-28) – Ran as a 8 team tournament due to the flooding. We had to refund the 5 teams attending from the Coast their tournament fee. There was quite a waitlist for this tournament so recommend keeping the date. Kamloops #5 won the tournament in a heated finale. This tournament probably had the most issues with parents spectators with wearing mask, passports etc. Kudos to the team for a great job in dealing with the difficult patrons.

U9 (Dec 3-5) – Again this was a challenging tournament, as we had teams drop out last minute due to the flooding on the coast. We had to refund a few coast teams, but filled their spots with teams in the Okanagan whose tournaments were cancelled. This ran as a 14 team tournament not 16 due to the flooding. This tournament had a waitlist as well and suggests keeping the same weekend.

U11 Rec (Jan 7-9) The tournament was cancelled due to Event/Gathering Order. Suggest keeping the weekend the same due to the number of teams applying. Thank you to the team and volunteers who worked to try to put this together.

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U15 Rep (Jan 21-23)- The tournament was cancelled due to the Event/Gathering Order. This was a good weekend for this tournament as we could have made it larger due to the waitlist, but ice restrictions make so it cannot happen.

U13 Rep (Feb 4-6) – This was a good weekend to host the tournament as had approx. 6-8 teams on the waitlist. Congratulations to the SOMHA team who clinched first and put the tournament together last minute.

U7 (Feb 12-13) – Ran as a 9 team tournament. Probably largest that we have had at this level. Congratulations to the team and volunteers who put this tournament together last minute.

U11 Fiesta (Mar 18-20) – Ran as a 12 team tournament due to the size of the team and Provincials. This tournament had a waitlist of about 10-12 teams and multiple teams inquiring after the waitlist closed. Congratulations to the U11 Dev team who won their home tournament.

REPORT ICE AMBASSADOR



MEETING DATE: October 5, 2021

TO: Executive and Membership

FROM: Brianne Hillson, Ice Ambassador

SUBJECT: **September Ice 2021**

Conditioning Camp held August 23-26 and August 30-Sept 2nd.

U11 – 3:30 – 4:45pm

U13 – 5:00-6:30pm

U15- 6:45 -8:15 pm

U18 – 8:30-10:00 pm

U11 Transition Ice, Goalie Clinic, U13 Conditioning Camp and U15-18 Hitting Clinic was held September 7-9th in Osoyoos.

4:00 – 5:00 pm U11 Transition

5:15 – 6:45 pm Goalie Clinic

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7:00 – 8:00 pm U13 Conditioning
 8:15 – 9:30 pm U15-U18 Contact Clinic

Rep Tryouts were held:

Wednesday September 15

U11 3:30 - 4:45
 U13 5:00 - 6:30
 U 15 6:45 - 8:15
 U 18 8:30 - 10:00

Thursday September 16

U11 5:30 - 6:30
 U13 6:45 - 7:45
 U 15 8:00 - 9:00
 U 18 9:15 - 10:15

Friday September 17

U11 3:30 - 4:45
 U13 5:00 - 6:30
 U 15 6:45 - 8:15
 U 18 8:30 - 10:00

Oliver Arena opened September 27, 2021.

Attended league scheduling on October 1-3rd for all teams. League play begins October 8th.

Team	Weekend Practice	Games
U7	7	3
U9	8	7
U11 Rec	6	15
U11 Dev	7	9
U13 Rep	3	13
U13 Rec	1	10
U15 Rep	1	10
U15 Rec	0	15
U18 Rep	2	6

- Teams lost practice in both rinks due to Thanksgiving.

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- Officiating clinic held in Osoyoos on October 15th.
- The U15 Rec tournament was held October 22-24th. The U9 team lost their practice but picked one up on the weekend. Congratulations to the U15 Recreation team who clinched third place in their home tournament.
- Teams lost practice in both rinks due to Remembrance Day.
- The U13 Rec tournament was held on November 26-28th. Look see if team lost practice
- The U9 tournament was held on December 3-5th. The U7 team lost their practice but picked one up on the weekend.
- The U11 Rec and U15 Rep home tournaments were cancelled due to the Event/Gathering order.
- Three games were cancelled due to the lack officials.
- Game cancelled due to COVID 4
- The U13 Rep tournament was held February 4-6th. Congratulations to the U13 Rep team who won their home tournament.
- The U7 tournament was held on February 12-13th.
- Hosted the U13 Rep playoffs March 4-6th. Congratulations to the SOMHA U13 Rep team who clinched the league and playoff banner.
- Hosted the U11 Dev and U15 Recreation playoffs March 11-13th. Congratulations to the U11 Dev and U15 Recreation teams who both clinched the playoff banner.
- The U11 Fiesta held March 18th to 20th. Congratulations to the U11 Dev team who won their home tournament.

Covid Restrictions:

Arenas were allowing up to 50 spectators for practices, teams must have a Covid Ambassador ensuring that there is less than 50 spectators. They must be wearing a vest or something that identifies them as a Covid Ambassador. Main entrance must be used in Oliver for teams entering and exiting facility. For games arenas are requiring Covid Ambassadors check vaccine passports – must be fully vaccinated. Coaches, players, managers, and one HCSP per team are exempt.

This did change throughout the season, where there were no more restrictions for practices and games, however teams were responsible for checking for Covid Passports.