

## **SOUTH OKANAGAN MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (SOMHA)**

**Minutes**  
**February 18th, 2025**  
**6:30 pm Osoyoos**

**PRESENT: Jason, Katie, Racyne, Amanda, Ryan, Kaylan**

**ZOOM: Chris, Ken, Kary, Stephanie, Justin, Nathan, Brad**

called the meeting to order at: 6:35 pm

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of January 21, 2025 for adoption

Moved by: Racyne

Seconded by: Amanda

CARRIED

### **BUSINESS**

- **Association Year End Awards Ceremony** - finalize date and email Sherry (OMAHA) Jason to connect with Mark later this week - ceremony to be held at Sonora Center gym on Wednesday, April 16th 6pm-8pm
- **U13 Rep Tournament** - Same photographer for fiesta and provincials has rights to be in restricted areas at arenas taking photos of teams. Dealt with one parent who brought a camera and was going into restricted areas, when we explained that we have a photographer hired/contracted for the tournament and pointed out that they were in a restricted area, they became very rude to our coordinator. Multiple calls to Amanda about referees and challenging the ages of them. 6 of the 12 teams questioned the referees. Amanada and Mark contacted Sherry, and communicated a lot with the other teams to calm the storms.
- **Fundraiser**-AI to get back to Ryan about a burger and beer fundraiser
- **Provincials** - Amanda and Mark attending meetings, \$10,000 grant received for costs incurred(money has been spent already). Money goes to banquets, ice times (have gone up due to bigger time requests), multiple hotel rooms, travel costs. Request for some additional funds to help with the costs. Team to submit numbers and should be covered from the provincials funds.
- **Raffle box** - winding up at the end of month, sharing on Facebook (Kaylan)

### **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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2024-20/25 Board

**1. President – Jason Moreau** - Omaha- we voted no, now Penticton re-thinking how this is going to work for all involved- have to remain optimistic and positive as this program could be great for tier 2 or 4 teams, and South Ok could potentially have one of these tiers depending on the number of kids in the area that will be on the team.

**2. 1st Vice President – Chris** - Regarding U13 rec-emails from Jordan concerning u13 rec and the head coach taking issue with a player on the Penticton team, altercation with the coaches after the game. Older officials on deck for next game.

**3. 2nd Vice President – Diana Roxo**- Not present

**4. Secretary – Kaylan Jones**- enquired about mail key (key has been picked up from Crystal)

**5. Treasurer – Kathy Bracken**- Not present

**6. Ice Ambassador – Stephanie Abendroth**- All good

**7. Registrar – Mark Antonello**- Rosters are approved and locked in.

*Recap of Sub zone meeting*- survey sent out to get some feedback. Results came back with Tier two 90 percent yes (open to travel etc.), tier 3 and 2 lower desire to travel.

President and VP from Princeton, not expecting the team to travel.

Penticton said they wanted tier two and three. Majority should rule here. Where most players are, then that community should host.

President of Penticton is flexible and open to sharing or splitting ice times etc.

Tryouts will bring in evaluators, top 10 auto on the team, then coaches have a say in rest.

Coach selection is similar to ours. The plan is to have a committee made up of people from each community. Not building a team over coaches. Don't want parent coaches. Compose teams and then coaches.

*Costs*- will cost 50.00 more for registration. 575.00 roughly for team fees, the idea here is to collect high and then most teams get their money back in fundraising.

*Tryouts location*- no set location yet- trying to get omaha to figure out tier one team first, then we determine our dates. Figure out a date to meet with Kyle to go over with all associations. Kyle up for re-election. Try out fees- 300.00-350.00 with three weekends of skates.

*So far*- Penticton wants Somha to have tier 3 and 4. Potential to have two tier 3 teams? One here, one penticton? Have three associations on board. Somha to aim for a tier 2 and two tier 3 Plan to send out an email to all Somha families to say that yes, we did vote against this change and lay out what this could look like going forward with potential outcomes for our community. A lot of this comes down to travel more or less but this gives the kids the opportunities to play exactly what level they are at.

**8. Referee in Chief – Ken** - regarding U13 Provincials, 3 man system for this tournament, schedule has been sent, (Drew Hatch) allows for one game a day per official and linesman and requests that all officials must attend the banquet and wants info on amenities.

Amanda to send out email to all contacts at BC hockey to streamline officials, schedule and additional details.

Most levels have challenges with the coaches being too hard on young officials. 17 year olds getting yelled at. Kens getting yelled at. At the point where it comes to kicking coaches out.

Potential to set up meetings with all coaches early in the year (next year) with the Referee in Chief to discuss expectations and awareness of what is acceptable behaviour. Coaches, assistant coaches, and managers all in attendance.

**9. Equipment Director – Ryan Pyatt and Jordan Campbell-** all good

**10. Risk Management – Amanda Stene-** U11 injury report - dealt with, no drs note, cross check to face- precautionary papers filled out to monitor and have record of.

Jason brings up an insurance question to see if we have anything? You can only submit what's not covered. Basically submit the difference. You can submit to hockey canada whatever is not covered by your own insurance.

**11. Female Director – Kary Steele, Katie Kwak-** (Kary) questioning 50/50 money and will there be a fund line item for where this money can go?

**12. U7/U9 Director – Amanda Stene-** U9 teams ran into issues about full ice games- never the same guidelines for each game- conversations about confusion between all - omaha doesn't have clear rules set in place for these divisions. Need more distinct progression of rules as children progress/age.

Liability of who is on the bench? Default should be a coach and manager on the bench. On ice helpers should be covered (rostered).

Scheduling of games and players- can we get one ambassador for each division to connect with? Work to have better ice equality and players who are available and not. Need more consistency across the board.

U5 hockey? Bring back the cherry bud. Want to look into an opportunity for this. Opening a U5 would allow time for kids to learn how to skate before getting to U7.

Define what U7 and U9 would look like, including what the practice schedule, game schedule and travel will look like, even tournaments.

**13. U11 Director – Justin Fortin-** All good.

**14. U13 Director – Joel Humphries-** Not present.

**15. U15 Director – Nathan McGinnis-** All good.

**16. U18 Director – Scotty Bolger-** Not present.

**17. Trophies and Awards – Mark Antonello, Racyne Mader-** all ordered, waiting on coaches for engraving, rep play off deadline to get the engraving all done.

**18. Sponsors and Programs - Scott Bolger, Nathan McGinnis-** All good.

**19. Tournament Director – Sheelagh Fredsborn** -small hiccup- team dropped out (kelowna b), castlegar to replace (paid and ready to go).

**20. Coach Coordinator – Morgan White and Brad Burns-** Brad spending time in the rink and noticing that the U18 coaches leadership isn't giving a good message to the team and hockey community.

**21. Player Development – Jordan Campbell and Brad Burns-**costs are too high for anything. Curve it for this year, talk numbers for next year. Ask for a proposal.

**22. Rafflebox - Kathy/Sheelagh** -neither present- plug the raffle box! Post on facebook(Kaylan).

**23. Referee Allocator - Diana Roxo**- time keeping question- u18 playoffs, trying to fill these games with older timekeepers, can parents cover? Give them the money toward fundraising? No issues with that. Jesse Pyatt could potentially do this.

**24. Timekeeper Scheduler - Diana Roxo**

**Committees:**

1. Finance Committee - Kathy Bracken, Jason Moreau, Chris Ward- no updates
2. Discipline Committee - Amanda Stene, Racyne Mader, Joel Humphries- no updates
3. Governance Committee - Diana Roxo, Chris Ward- no updates

**Next meeting (awards meeting) March 6th 6:30, Osoyoos. Pizza to be ordered by Ryan**

**ADJOURNMENT 8:15pm**

Moved by:

Seconded by:

CARRIED