

**South Okanagan Minor Hockey Annual General Meeting  
Sonora Centre @ 7:00pm  
April 26, 2018**

Board Members Present: Boyd, Steve, Gary, Victor, Ryan, Chris H., Chris P., Nina, James, Lynne, Pat,

Regrets: Brianne, Jason

Members in attendance: 20

Meeting Called to order: 7:03 pm

**Boyd and Victor motion to adopt the Minutes from AGM on April 18, 2017. Carried.**

**Boyd and Ryan motion to adopt the agenda for AGM April 26, 2018. Carried.**

**President Welcome**

**Thank you all for taking time to come tonight.**

**1) Correspondence:**

No Correspondence

**2) Reports:**

**a) Treasurer Report:**

**Submitted by Chris Parker**

\$100,000 in term deposit, bylaw says \$20,000, decision to keep enough to cover ice expense for one full season.

\$15k came due from a term, the money will go towards reno for the tournament room, equipment room, trophy cases.

\$26k in provincial accounts at the end of the season. No rep teams did any fundraising this year.

Teams used to pay 75% of 50/50 earnings, this year they were allowed to keep 100% of that money.

Missing some expenses for the 2017-2018 season, but not a significant amount of money.

**Question from floor:** Can we look into getting grant money for the arena upgrades? We will explore options available.

**b) Registrar Report:**

**Submitted by Mark Antonello**

Total registrations:188

**Pre-Novice:**

All 26 players were listed on one Hockey Canada Roster. Players would be insured to play on either team when asked.

2 Pre-Novice players withdrew, they were not ready to play this year.

**Novice:**

All 26 players were listed on one Hockey Canada Roster. Players would be insured to play on either team when asked.

**Atom:**

Atom Rec 1: 15 rostered. 2 players rotated in goal. 3 novice AP

Atom Rec 2: 14 rostered. 2 players rotated in goal. 3 novice AP

Atom Dev: 11 players, 1 goalie. 5 AP players, 1 AP goalie

**Pee Wee:**

Recreation: 15 players, 2 goalies. 1 Atom AP rostered, 1 Pee Wee Rec player decided not to play after starting the season.

Rep team: 15 players, 2 goalies. 4 Atom and 3 Pee Wee Rec AP rostered 5 players from Princeton.

**Bantam:**

Recreation: 12 players, 2 goalies. 5 AP players, 1 AP goalie. 3 players decided not to play after starting the season.

Rep team: 14 players, 2 goalies. 5 AP players, 2 AP goalies. 1 permanent goalie broke his arm and is out.

**Midget:**

Recreation: 13 players,1 goalie,1 AP. 1 player quit. New player moved to Cawston from Merritt and joined the team for the last few weeks of the season.

Rep team: 15 players, 2 goalies. 2 players left for Zone, 3 AP players (2 from Summerland, 1 S.O.) and 1 AP goalie. 1 goalie,1 player were AP to Coyotes.

**c) Ice Ambassador:**

**Submitted by Brianne Hillson**

**ATOM TRANSITION ICE**

August 21, 2017 – 2:30 – 3:30 PM

August 23, 2017 – 2:30 – 3:30 PM

August 28, 2017 – 3:15 – 4:15 PM

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>GROUP</b>
Monday Aug.28	4:30 –5:30pm	Atom
	5:45 - 6:45pm	Peewee
	7:00 - 8:00pm	Bantam
	8:15 - 9:15pm	Midget
Tuesday August 29	4:00 - 5:00pm	Atom
	5:15 - 6:15pm	Peewee
	6:30 - 7:30pm	Bantam

	7:45 - 8:45pm	Midget
Wednesday August 30	4:00 – 5:00 pm	Atom
	5:15 - 6:15 pm	Peewee
	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Bantam
	7:45 – 8:45 pm	Midget
Thursday August 31	4:00 - 5:15 pm	Contact Clinic (Peewee/Bantam/Midget)

## **CONDITIONING CAMP**

### **REP. TRYOUT SCHEDULE**

#### **Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 – 5:30pm Atom Development  
5:45 – 6:45pm Peewee Rep  
7:00 – 8:00pm Bantam Rep  
8:15 – 9:30pm Midget Rep

#### **Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 – 5:30pm Atom Development  
5:45 – 6:45pm Peewee Rep.  
7:00 – 8:00pm Bantam Rep.  
8:15 – 9:30pm Midget Rep

#### **Thursday September 8<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 – 5:30pm Atom Development  
5:45 – 6:45pm Peewee Rep  
7:00 – 8:00pm Bantam Rep  
8:15 – 9:30pm Midget Rep

### **Attended the Following OMAHA Meetings:**

Time-Keepers Meeting: Sept 17<sup>th</sup> in Salmon Arm  
Rep Scheduling Meetings: Sept 29<sup>th</sup> – Oct 1<sup>st</sup> in Vernon  
Rec Scheduling Meetings: Oct 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

League play began:

Rep – Oct 13<sup>th</sup>

Rec – Oct 20<sup>th</sup>

All teams started practicing September 11<sup>th</sup> in Osoyoos and started practicing in Oliver on September 18<sup>th</sup> once the arena opened.

## Breakdown of Ice Usage:

Ice Breakdown 2017-18				
Team	Weekend Practice	Games	Weekday Practice Missed	Friday Practice Picked Up
Pre Novice (Split 2 teams)	7	8	4	
Novice B	7	6	5	
Novice M	6	6	5	
Atom Rec #1	1	13	3	1
Atom Rec #2	2	11	1	
Atom Dev	6	11	3	2
Peewee Rec	0	12	4	
Peewee Rep	2	12	3	
Bantam Rec	0	12	5	
Bantam Rep	3	8		
Bantam T1	1			
Bantam T2	2	3		1
Midget Rec	2	7	3	1
Midget Rep	0	12		

### Tournaments

- All divisions hosted tournaments.
- SOMHA hosted the Bantam Rep (Feb 23-25<sup>th</sup>) Playoff Tournament, Peewee Rec (Mar 2-4<sup>th</sup>) and the Atom Dev (Mar 9-11<sup>th</sup>) Playoff Tournaments.
- SOMHA is hosted the BC Hockey Female Jamboree on April 20-22<sup>nd</sup> in Osoyoos.
- Will need to look at moving some tournaments – especially Novice probably to the beginning of February and making Pre-Novice a 2 or 3 day tournament.

### Zone Teams

- Had several issues with Zone teams this year scheduling ice and not showing up.

### Misc

- SOMHA hosted a Goalie Camp October 6-8<sup>th</sup>.
- SOMHA hosted a Coaching Clinic on November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- SOMHA hosted a Female jamboree April 20-22<sup>nd</sup>

**d) Initiation Director:**

**Submitted by Brian Dragseth**

Pre-Novice:

There was a large group of pre-novice players this year. The group of 26 scrimmaged and practiced together as a group until January when they split into two groups. January 1 was also the official start date for games at this level.

Novice:

There were 26 novice players this year making up two teams. The novice group played a mix of cross ice, half ice and three quarter ice. There were six novice players AP'd to the two Atom recreation teams, with most having practiced with them and some playing in games.

**e) Atom Director:**

**Submitted by James Murphy**

Due to the large numbers of players at the Atom level, we as an association decided it would be best to have three teams this year. Two at the recreation level and one Atom Development team.

Atom Development had an outstanding year and managed to win their playoff tournament weekend. The two Atom recreational teams had great seasons and actually finished in the places at which they entered the playoff tournament weekend.

The issues that occurred at the recreation level this year were in regards to teams in other associations using AP players during the regular season even though they had a full bench. OMAHA needs to address this issue and ensure there are realistic penalties (if you bring AP players with full roster, the team forfeits/loses the game) thus ensuring full and fair play at the recreation level. Unfortunately, this did not occur and there was no enforcement through OMAHA, therefore numerous teams in the division abused the AP process to make their teams stronger. My personal opinion is to get rid of the AP process all together.

**f) Pee Wee Director:**

**Submitted by Chris Hanson**

The Pee Wee division had a great year in both the Rep level and the Rec level. There were 2 incidents this past season in the Pee Wee Division. One incident was at the Rep level. The head coach was given a 15 day suspension, which he served and then resumed his position as head coach.

The second incident involved the Rec team. As a result, 2 players did not finish the playoffs with the team.

Other than these incidents the teams had a great year.

**g) Bantam Director:**

**Submitted by Nina Ruck**

The Bantam Rep team had a great season and utilised AP players and had a fairly successful year. Their low numbers is also due to players going to play on the OMAHA Tier 1 or 2 teams which always changes things for us here. They ended up doing better than they anticipated.

The Bantam Rec team had a few hiccups as a couple kids quit hockey but managed to use AP players and had a good finish. A few hiccups with paying team fees but eventually everything got sorted out. Bantam Rec also hosted a second home tournament out of Princeton.

A huge thank you goes out to Head Coaches John Seminoff (Rep) and Pat Noakes (Rec), Team Managers Gail Jones (Rep) and Brianne Hillson (Rec) and their Assistant Coaches as well as all the parents that put in time to make this season a success.

**h) Midget Director:**

**Submitted by Pat Noakes**

This year saw changes to the OMAHA Zone Representative program that added a Tier 2 team to the program. This affected every Minor Hockey Association in our Zone, with Rep and Rec teams being affected as the Zone teams depleted our player ranks at Bantam and Midget.

We were lucky to have 3 young, non-parent coaches guide this team, and we were able to provide nominal financial assistance to these coaches, their commitment and progress with their team was exceptional.

Numbers for the Midget Recreation team were somewhat low this year but it was encouraging to see players who have never played organized hockey decide to play with our association this year, it is a testament to the association's inclusivity that youth feel comfortable to join our association at such a late stage of their teens.

While we had enough players to form a team, it was difficult for team staff to ice a full roster at all times this year, we will need to address this issue as an association going forward. With the Zone teams becoming a larger issue, other associations have dropped Representative programs at Bantam and Midget with positive results, while not ideal, perhaps this should be considered in years with lean registration at these levels.

Disciplinary issues are inevitable at this age group; however, they were minimal this year and the coaching and management staff of each Midget team should be commended for their efforts to keep their teams in check and represent SOMHA in a positive fashion.

In summary, this year, as always had its challenges at the Midget level, but the dedication of the players, team staffs and parent groups were fantastic as always!

As outgoing Midget Director, I am willing to assist the incoming Midget Director with their duties and what to expect should they be new to the position.

**i) Female Director**

**Submitted by Boyd Turnbull**

This year SOMHA had female hockey players registered every level. We concluded our year with a female jamboree that was hosted the April 20 weekend. We had 42 girls attend our jamboree from all over southern interior. And our association had 12 girls participate in the jamboree. Coaching the Jamboree, we had 7 SOMHA affiliated players and 2 Penticton affiliated players. Moving forward it would be nice to see SOMHA create a female tournament team or at least provide time for female hockey players be able to play together.

**j) Tournament Director:**

**Submitted by Lynne Aldridge**

I would like to take another opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who stepped up to lead, support and make our tournaments a success. I also want to recognize the numerous sponsors who support our teams with donations of many types. Our tournaments continue to be very popular and fill quickly. I hear positive comments time and time again and as an association we should be proud of how we are viewed.

We held 9 full weekend and 1 one day tournament this season. Our South OK teams had some great success this year with 5 of our teams having the chance to compete for gold in the finals.

We continued to use room roster this past season and our revenue to end of March was \$5,900. The majority of our hotels are registered through the Room Roster program and no issues came our way from either the accommodations or the teams who stayed with issues or complaints.

There were no major conduct issues to report and while there is always the odd bump, all were run very smoothly.

**Recommendations for next season:**

We are going to review the dates of our tournaments and will make some changes to dates based on feedback from our membership.

We will be opening up the Pre-Novice tournament to a weekend format, this will allow us to cast a wider net for teams outside of area.

Continue with Room Roster and hoping to add Spirit Ridge to our portfolio of accommodations.

**k) Trophies & Awards:****Submitted by Pat Noakes**

With help and suggestions from the SOMHA Board of Directors, we were able to stay under budget for Trophies and Awards this year, while offering items that were consistent with SOMHA's high standards.

All Trophies and Awards were sourced within the South Okanagan and priced competitively.

Going forward SOMHA will be able to fill and refill orders with one supplier, however, regular price checking is advised in order to ensure that pricing doesn't get out of hand and budgeting is made easier.

There are a number of SOMHA Annual trophies (major awards) that require maintenance or repair. Some of the less sentimental trophies could stand to be replaced with new trophies, Sherwood Trophies in Penticton is ready, willing and able to do the required maintenance and repair work.

The trophy case in the Osoyoos Sunbowl arena should also be cleaned out and updated in order to provide space to adequately display the awards. There are a number of trophies from tournaments held long ago that really have no place in these cases, as well as outdated pictures and items that could be removed to make room for new additions.

As Trophies and Awards Director, I am willing to assist the incoming Trophies and Awards director with an outline of what challenges I encountered this past season, and what duties they should expect.



## **l) Player Development:**

### **Submitted by Ryan Miller**

SOMHA focused on three aspects of player development this year. Goaltender development and individual player development with skating skills and individual puck skills.

First, we had Brent Bradford from Bradford Goal Academy provide a weekend goaltenders clinic and then provided monthly goaltending reports with tips for athletes, parents and coaches. This program cost \$2500, but was well received by goaltenders, families and coaches. Brent's program not only supported the athletes, but also had a coaches and parent focus. Second, we had Lars Hepso provide skating skills and individual skills development from Pre-Novice to Midget to complement the skills and team development they received from their coaches. All teams received a minimum of two ice session except for the novice teams. Again, Lars expertise and on ice presence was greatly appreciated and sought after.

The player development budget was \$10 000 and we spent \$4700. I recommend that we continue looking at supporting both goaltenders and individual player's skill development. I would also recommend forming a committee to set a schedule for hosting our own specific skill development. If the budget allows it, I would like to see Brent and Lars back for another season. Hopefully we can lock Lars into some set dates, so coaches will be able to plan accordingly.

I met with George Cochrane and we discussed the possibility of BC Hockey hosting a skills and season preparation camp for SOMHA players possibly in the last week of August before the Labour Day long weekend and the rep try out week. An atom transition program and checking clinic would also be conducted. He suggested Aaron Hoffman from BC Hockey Player Development to run the camp. We would support it by finding local coaches to help. I will follow up to see about the possibility of BC Hockey supporting this opportunity and what financial costs we may incur.

## **m) Coach Coordinator:**

### **Submitted by Ryan Miller**

Recruitment of coaches turned out well in the end. All coaching positions were filled prior to the start of the 2017 – 2018 hockey season. We had many parents step up and fill recreation level coaching positions. Representative positions were filled with parent coaches as well, except for the Midget Rep position that was filled with a group of young non-parent coaches. I appreciate Pat Noakes, Midget director, and other Board Members for their efforts in supporting these non-parent coaches, especially through the beginning of the season. The season went well for coaches with a few hiccups.

Coaches exit interviews will be completed in May and recruitment of coaches for next season will begin at the same time.

Moving forward, I feel we could continue to work on looking for ways to make coaching more attractive, especially for non-parent coaches. It might be a good idea to survey potential coaches to gather information about the what inhibits them from volunteering. I also feel like it would be a good idea to form a committee to put together a coaches handbook that outlines the goals and philosophy of our minor hockey association and purpose.

It would be good to continue with the Pro Smart Hockey Coaching System. I feel I could have done a better job of promoting it. It may be worth investing in the Hockey Canada Drill Hub App to further support coaches with their practice and season planning, while trying to reduce the amount of time committed to coaching. If possible, it would be great to run another coaches seminar at the beginning of the season to support coaches, such as the Ryan Walter presentation from two years ago. I also think some type of appreciation celebration to thank coaches for their commitment either at the beginning or end of the season would be a great way to hold on to our volunteers.

Odds of Making it to the NHL

560 000 minor hockey players registered in Canada

0.7% drafted into Major Junior

0.2% drafted into the NHL

0.025% of players that played minor hockey make a NHL career

Average NHL career 5.5 years

690 players on active NHL rosters

The majority of players will never make a living at he game. There needs to be a shift away from the elite level to help the majority of players grow through the game of hockey and provide a better experience for our young people.

This Game is for Everyone

#GrowtheGame

Reference: The Coaches Site

**n) Equipment Director:**

Pee Wee rec and rec jerseys.

Bantam Rep

AtomC jerseys for both teams.

Timbit jerseys for Initiation and Novice.

Mini nets for both rinks.

Pucks, socks, first aid kits.

**o) Sponsors & Programs:**

**Submitted by Len McLean**

The 2017-2018 season was very successful from the perspective of Sponsors & Programs.

Our local businesses once again came through in a big way for us this past season. All of our ad space was sold in the programs and every team had a jersey sponsor and most had home and away sponsors. Between the program ads and the jersey sponsors we were able to bring in around \$10,000. We could not keep our fees as low as they are without the generosity of our local businesses.

We did much better this year supporting our local businesses, but we can always do better. I think that we could fill our raffle tables using 90% of items purchased from local businesses without any trouble. This should be the goal of every parent that takes on the role of Raffle Table Coordinator at all of our tournaments.

It has been a great year for SOMHA and it has been my pleasure to act as the Sponsorship Director this season.

**p) Risk Management:**

**Submitted by Victor Costa**

There is not much to report as we did have a few injury's that where reported and documented. Going forward more documentation for any type of injury in practice or game should be document and forwarded to Risk manager for filling.

**q) Discipline Committee:**

**Submitted by Boyd Turnbull**

There was only one issue brought forward to the discipline committee this year. The discipline committee did its due diligence of researching gathering information to make a fair and rational decision.

**3) Old Business**

**Nothing to report**

**4) New Business:**

**Mark and Boyd motion to dissolve the 2017-2018 SOMHA board.  
Carried**

## **5) Elections**

President (2 year term): Steve Robinson

Treasurer (2 year term): Chris Hanson

Gary Burton resigned as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President at the AGM

Directors (10):

Brianne Hillson

Victor Costa,

Nina, Lynn

Ryan Miller

Ryan Pyatt

Kari Steele

Brian Dragseth

2 more to be appointed later.

Past President:

**Winner of 2018-2019 draw for free registration – Mark Antonello**

**Meeting Adjourned: Mark and Brian motion to adjourn at 8:22 pm.  
Carried.**

**Next Executive Meeting: May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**