

**SOMHA Executive Meeting Agenda June
19th, 2017 @ 7:00pm
Oliver Community Centre - Room #2**

**Members Present: Steve, Boyd, Gary, Chris P., Brian, Brianne, Pat, Lynne,
Nina, Phil, Ryan, Victor, James, Jason**

Regrets: Chris Hanson

Meeting Called to Order: 7:04 pm

**Brianne & Brian motion to adopt the Agenda for June 19th, 2017
Carried**

**Nina & Chris P. motion to adopt the Minutes from the Meeting May 9,
2017 Carried**

1) Business Arising from Last Meeting:

A. OMAHA AGM Report:

These are point form notes from the 2017 OMAHA AGM that I attended with Boyd on Saturday and Gary on Sunday. It would be great if the board could review the notes and bring up any questions or suggestions at the next SOMHA meeting June 19. We can discuss and elaborate on the notes then. Some of this information is written from OMAHA's and other associations view point.

- **Electronic score sheets**

OMAHA will be piloting electronic score sheets this season. This will help get all the information from games accounted for in a very brief time after submission. The platform is sport Hockey-USA. A tablet will be supplied to each rink in OMAHA and included in the price of this year's contract. The overall cost of this year's pilot is \$40,000 dollars which also includes a new web site for OMAHA. BC hockey is kicking in \$25,000 dollars towards the project so OMAHA's cost is \$15,000 this year. Annual running cost is estimated at \$15000 dollars per year.

- **Novice and I.P.**

Initiation – “We need to find a way **to sell cross ice as the best way** to teach and develop the kids. We need to get back to the fundamentals and bring the fun to the games and incorporate fun into the drills and skills training. **Parents need more education on the building blocks of helping their kids gain skill and ability playing hockey.**”

“We need to build skills more on individual skills and fundamentals need to be taught properly.”

As associations, we were asked to put in black and white when our initiation and

Novice would start playing games. **A motion was made and carried to have Initiation start playing games no earlier than Jan 1st of the season and Novice no earlier than Nov 15.**

The membership would like to see more consistency, communication and awareness of what to expect at the rinks we are visiting.

We at SOMHA have **submitted an exemption request** for our cross-ice play regarding ice size. This will cover our butts if an association shows up and there is a complaint that our ice is a different configuration than others.

I am sure some of these things are subject to change if BC Hockey guidelines change. Hockey Canada has useful information on their website for IP and Novice.

- **Guest teams**

Trail, Castlegar and Nelson have been approved as Tier III guest teams. Only one trip to the Kootenays between ALL the Kootenay teams is expected of any OMAHA team. Not one to Trail one to Nelson one to Castlegar. It has been made clear to these teams by OMAHA this is how it will be done this year.

That being said, if a team is in the Kootenays at a tournament and plays one of the guest teams go ahead and count that as your regular season game. Teams could also plan an overnigher and play a number of games there in a tournament format.

For the playoffs, these teams are out.

Tri Cities and Cranbrook have also applied but will not be included as guest teams. They may come up and play us at some point if asked – Boyd knows more on this.

100-mile house, Williams Lake and Prince George will play the North Zones.

- **Over Age Players at Midget Rec**

A motion to allow over age players at Midget rec level was passed 9 to 7.

Not eligible if has played Midget Rep or Junior

Approval on a case by case basis considering penalty history and player attitude on and off the ice. 2 players max per team. Birthday cut off after March rather than December. Can not turn 19 during the season.

Immediate suspension after a high-risk penalty, allowed to play after review if positive outcome.

- **Other points of interest**

There was a lot of talk about culture change with in the organization. This was mainly due to the reduction to the registration numbers over the last few years. Some of the conversations that came up are as follows. This is food for thought as we have a strong registration numbers at the younger ages. How do we keep the numbers strong as the kids progress through to Midget. The OMAHA

executive suggests every association open up the thinking of scheduling practices and games to involve more kids and relieve the players timetables to do other activities. Talk to the kids that are not playing any more, find out why they chose not to. Are we getting too competitive and missing the importance of fun for the kids?

Banner talk, is there too much pressure to win a banner rather than let the kids play? Recreation hockey, are we offering enough choice for Rec hockey? Do we change Rec hockey to a shorter season? Less practices per week? Less games per season? More tournaments at home or away? Schedule league games on weekdays rather than weekends?

Shift the thinking of "Rep or nothing" by providing good coaching and a positive atmosphere around Rec hockey.

- **Novice AP to Atom**

It is not to put the novice player into every game or practice, the spirit is to help the team when short of players for a game or tournament. Applications need to be done early based on #s of the light team and coach's recommendation based on an exceptional player. Chuck will be reviewing any Novice AP requests.

- **Looking for a host for Atom Dev Evaluation Weekend - Sept 15-17**

- **OMAHA is looking for a host for Atom Dev Championship March 9/10/11**

- **There is free coaching instruction available for female coaches!**

- **Kurt at BC hockey mentioned he is putting on a HP-1 for Bantam Tier 1 1518 of July. Sorry that's all the info I have on that.**

- **Kamloops 11th annual Summer coaches conference July 14-16. HP-1, Dev 1, Coach 2. Please let us know if there is interest.**

- **How do we in SOMAHA keep our Rep and Rec teams going with the draw of kids to the zone teams? Victoria is open to solutions, Chuck suggests we talk to Penticton if the need for players arises.**

- **Email reminder for registration – mention that tier 1 and 2 tryout players can contact registrar to register without paying and receive the early registration price.**

B BC Hockey AGM Report:

Nobody from SOMHA went. Will try to find out results.

C Zone Meeting from June 8:

This is year two of a three year pilot project initiated by BC hockey. The plan is to roll Zone play out province wide using what was learned through OMAHAs application of the program.

The way the zone teams are being pitched and will have benefit; the zone teams will help kids play at a level they are capable of and fit. Because of the zone concept there were benefits noticed at the tier 3 level for some associations. B.C. is the only Province in Canada that does not open its boundaries/borders for players. BC Hockey will be looking after all registration this season.

ZONES

Plan to offer Tier 1 and 2 Midget. Tier 1 and 2 Bantam. This is a development league, they would like to treat it like a "club" all teams get the same level of service. Semi firm cost of 2500.00 for the season. They are working on sponsorship to help bring the cost down. They have a cap for team ice time/practice costs, coach costs, 3 practices a week, but would like to see two longer practices to help with travel. Talk of not allowing player to drive themselves to practice after last years vehicle accident.

CAMPS

As of the 8th there were 24 Bantams registered for the June camp at SOEC June 17/18. There will be a hitting component at the June camp. No Bantam ID in June. Each player will receive a report card after the June camp to see where they are and help them prepare for the August camp. It appears the players will be required to make the August camp also to ensure a spot. The August camp is included in the \$200 dollars paid for the June camp. There will be a trickle down affect, kids at the August camp may displace kids that looked good in June. Midget camp in August long weekend at Royal Lepage to include Bantam. 57 Bantam players showed up for the Tier 1 and Tier 2 evaluation weekend.

COACHING

Good caliber of coaches have applied. Selection to take place Monday the 12th. Talk of having say a coach in Oliver/Osoyoos that can run a practice with the players from the four zone teams that live in the area for one practice a week or such, and the same in West Kelowna or Summerland/Penticton.

POINTS TO CONSIDER

Between the four associations there are 7 - 8 weekday 1 hour ice slot available per week, (4 teams, 3 practices a week = 12). This is a good thing for the kids that can play at this level if the team has high level players and good coaching. How can we as an association support the zone teams - ice times for practice and games? How do we keep the programs we have running if our membership at Bantam and Midget drop? The larger associations brought up a good point how zone effects their association, " where is the benefit of Tier 2 zone teams when they have Tier 2 programs running. With the zone teams taking only some of our players that leaves the

rest bumping down to Tier 3 then Tier 3 bumping down to Rec. Taking the cream from the tier two teams. there is a movement for Pen and West Kelowna to keep their Tier 2 status and possibly very few parents/kids from those two organizations signing up for a zone program. Pen and West Kelowna provide a strong program at a lower cost, less travel. How do we continue to provide good coaching for our Bantam/Midget Tier 3 like we have in the past? Do we consider paying a head coach at these levels that will bring kids out to play, improving our programs to attract/retain players?

It would be a great benefit to have representation from the South OK on the zone committee. If you know of a parent or someone who could fill this role let the Exec. know, it would be a huge benefit.

D. Coach selection committee recommendations:

Decision postponed to the first July meeting. Will contact OMAHA to see if there are coaches who were not selected for the Zone teams and may be interested in head coaching in SOMHA.

? and ? motion to approve Coach Selection Committee recommendation of ?? as Head Coach Atom Development

? and ? motion to approve the Coach Selection Committee recommendation of ?? as Head Coach Pee Wee Rep

? and ? motion to approve the Coach Selection Committee recommendation of ?? as the Head Coach Bantam Rep

? and ? motion to approve the Coach Selection Committee recommendation of ?? as the Head Coach Midget Rep

E. Equipment purchase recommendations:

Mini nets - \$550 per pair, \$2200 for 8 nets shipped

Pucks - \$1.19 each is the quote

Socks, jerseys, goalie gear quote to come.

2) New Business:

A. Treasurer Report:

Draft Budget – See attached.

Budget tabled for finance committee to review allocation of player development funds.

2017-06 - Chris P motion to purchase up to \$3000 total for 2 laptops and required software for the association, to be used by the treasurer and secretary. 2nd by Gary.

Carried

Finance committee to review tournament revenue split with teams.

B. Registrar Report:

- Total registrations to date:52
- Prenovice – Total: 10 Female: 3
- Novice – Total: 8 Female: 0
- Atom – Total: 11 Goalies: 0 Female: 2 Try-out: 8
- Pee Wee - Total: 11 Goalies: 1 Female: 1 Try-out: 6
- Bantam - Total: 8 Goalies: 1 Female: 2 Try-out: 1
- Midget - Total: 3 Goalies: 0 Female: 0 Try-out: 0

C. Canucks Alumni Game:

Boyd was approached to have SOMHA be involved somehow with a organizing a game. Not a money maker, have the host approach a big corporate sponsor and not our local businesses.

D. Correspondence:

Training/nutrition email – not interested in setting up something formal.

Motion to End Meeting: Brianne Boyd carried

Meeting adjourned at: 9:27pm

Next Meeting Date: 1st - July 10, 2017 in Osoyoos, 24th July in Oliver