

SOMHA Executive Meeting Agenda
October 12th, 2017 @ 6:30pm
Community Center - Board Room #2

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

Regrets: Mark, Nina, Chris H., Brianne, Jason

Meeting Called to Order: 6:43 pm

Phil & Ryan motion to adopt the Agenda for October 12th, 2017

Phil & Ryan motion to adopt the Minutes from the Meeting September 11, 2017

1) Business Arising from Last Meeting:

A. OMAHA Meeting

Information to share from the September 17 OMAHA President's meeting in Salmon Arm

1 - A fellow by the name of Bill Veenstra from BC hockey gave a short talk on his role with the governance committee of BC Hockey. He has helped many associations with reviews of their governances so they are up to speed with the new societies act. He is willing to help SOMHA with ours if we would like to reach out to him. By reviewing and amending our governance we could avoid future problems before they arise.

a) offer a less complicated system of organization so it is easier to pass on to our successors.

- perhaps this is something the governance committee wishes to investigate.

2 - Player Stats are going to start coming up on the new OMAHA system/website for Bantam and Midget Rep. If there is any negative feedback due to this we are encouraged to let OMAHA know.

3 - BC hockey will be watching the major penalties this year, 5min major, Match, Gross. They will not be pushing letters out to associations on penalties like they have in the past. Minor penalties will not be watched as closely.

4 - Communication with parents in our associations. When dealing with parent issues deal with them early and do it face to face. E-mail is a tool and is open to interpretation. If we as SOMHA are unable to resolve issues then we will get OMAHA involved early to address it.

4a) Penticton has a zero tolerance approach to the abuse of coaches, parents, officials, board members through social media, face to face encounters e-mails etc. 9/10 times it is not about the child.

4 b) Salmon Arm minor hockey has developed a yellow card red card system for situations arising in the stands and on the ice. They have a poster board at each entrance with the expectations of respect between parents, players, officials and coaches. There are members of the association at the games responsible to carry a yellow and a red card. Yellow card is a warning, red card you are asked to leave. Another association has adopted Salmon Arms yellow card red card and found good success with it.

- it is recommended that SOMHA review their policies on abuse/bullying and ensure it is clear to all involved with the association.

5- OMAHA recommends that a board member attend parent meetings to inform parents what the board does, where it stands and the best way to address any issues that arise over the season. (for example the chain of correspondence as addressed on the coach/manager power point.)

- perhaps an e-mail or hand out to the parents on behalf of the board would also be a benefit.

6 - Caution against the use of cash for paying our time keepers and referees. Perhaps there is a way we can embrace technology, create a sub account for weekly transfers of timekeeper/referee money. A system of sorts that will eliminate the middle man and be transparent and easy to track.

CP – looking at online banking, but signing authorities is making it difficult

SR – System is working but it could be reviewed

7 - SOMHA PeeWee exemption request. Two were received SOMHA and West Kelowna. there was discussion about it both pros and cons. I spoke to the Pros of the request as did West Kelowna. Chuck and George from BC hockey spoke to the pros of playing up as well. It was put to a vote and the majority was in favour of not granting the request. Let it be known that Myself and West Kelowna raised our hands for two votes against not granting the request.

- Mishak will need to decide what to declare the Pee Wee rep team as before September 25 2017. I have contacted the PeeWee director via e-mail and informed him of the exemption request outcome.

SR - Mishak is playing tiers 3

7a) as a part of the discussion following the exemption request it was discussed to entertain the idea of having a Representative tier 3a group and tier 3b group this season. The idea is to foster a higher level of competition and enjoyment for the players. This will be considered at Peewee, Bantam and Midget Rep. Division directors in SOMHA have been contacted and are to ask the coaches at these levels what level they feel their teams would fit best in, (a) being higher level and

(b) being lower level. Tier 4 teams may be invited to play in the (b) level to help increase the number of teams in competition.

- I asked OMAHA to entertain the same idea for the recreation program and they agreed to look at it for this season. I will reach out to the division directors to ask the recreation coaches for their team assessments and how they feel they would fit in a two tiered rec league.

8 - there should be open communication between the T2 T1 zone team coaches and our Bantam and Midget T3 coaches to help the movement of kids up and down levels. Chuck and Terry asked that any coaches at the T3 level please avoid approaching kids on the zone teams to come and play T3. Let's work together to have good cooperation with the AP process to these zone teams.

PN – updated on the zone team approaching our players and not used the AP process to move them to the Zone team.

SR – we need to recognize the good people involved in th zone

PN – the AP process to the zone will stop them from Jr. B

SR – the division director will inform parents and player. We will work with zone.

2) Director Reports

B. Coach Coordinator Report:

Looking for prenovice coach

Tried to get a Coach one, we have the ice but they are looking for a facilitator

C. Player Development

Goalie camp was good, Brent has sent log books for the goalies and goalie specific drills for the coaches.

Lars' mileage is .50 a km \$40 to Oliver \$60 to Osoyoos, so we can schedule him and piggy back of the Coyotes. Ryan will work on setting this up in Oliver first.

D. Registrar Report:

Total registrations to date:194

Prenovice:

All 26 players will be listed on one Hockey Canada Roster
2 prenovice players withdrew, they were not ready to play this year.

Novice:

All 26 players are listed on one Hockey Canada Roster

Atom:

Atom Rec 1: 15 rostered

Atom Rec 2: 14 rostered

Atom Dev: 11 players, 1 goalie.

Pee Wee:

Recreation: 16 players, 2 goalies.

Rep team: 15 players, 2 goalies.

Bantam:

Recreation: 14 players, 2 goalies.

1 Bantam Rec player has decided not to play this year.

Rep team: 14 players, 2 goalies.

Midget:

Recreation: 14 players, 1 goalie. 2 players will rotate in to goal.

Rep team: 17 players, 2 goalies.

E. Treasurer Report:

No report and treasurer is working with Chris Hanson to reconcile last year.

F. Initiation Director Report:

Pre novice is still one team. They are applying to get exemption from the January start date for games, this will allow them to play in the Trail tournament.

Novice have broken into two teams but have been rostered as one large team allowing for changes if teams are deemed uneven. Kirsten McLean is the manager of Ryan Millers team and Sharon Hiller is managing Jason Bartsch's team.

Lace Em Up had a poor showing, two kids in Osoyoos and no kids showed up in Oliver.

SR – Novice kids to Atom Development practices is this okay?

BD – Thinks it possibly that the last cuts should be invited.

Discussion on the player movement and review the policy about AP, Emphasis on the first team is the first priority.

Divisional directors will send out reminder on player movement and AP process.

G. Atom Director Report:

Atom Development is playing in B Division.

Both Atom Rec teams have been finalized, practicing hard & looking forward to the upcoming season.

H. Pee Wee Director Report:

No report

I. Bantam Director Report:

No Report

J. Midget Director Report:

After some initial miscommunication we are running fairly smoothly. We have weathered the storm created by the Zone team that was threatening our Midget Tier 3 team. At the present time there are only two injuries that have been reported to me, both on the Midget Tier 3 team, one player with a possible concussion and another with a broken collarbone. Other than that, they are collecting fees and going about their business.

K. Equipment Director Report:

Jersey for Midget rep and Bantam Rec missing, additional \$800 to replace Socks were too big and will reorder smaller.

Pucks all out

First aid kits – Coaches can request

PeeWee Rec jerseys ordered

PeeWee Rep jerseys ordered

Bantam Rep jerseys ordered

Discussion on making the distribution and return of the equipment easier as well as the replacement.

PN – Look at using a single company

CP – get on a cycle

PN – PeeWee every 4 years, Bantam Rec 2-3 years, and Midget 2 – 3 years

CP – Trying to get things together and returning during awards night

RM – Look at getting the Divisional Directors involved to collect.

L. Female Director:

The OMAHA female meeting was less than informative, but I learned that my daughter is the poster child for both BC hockey and hockey Canada female hockey. First up was the Grindrod Foundation. The Grindrod Foundation is a group of female hockey players promoting the female game by hosting female only tournaments skill development to generate money to pass on to wards female hockey players that cannot afford to play hockey. This is what is going on in midway this month. Cost is 180 per player for the skill development and \$50 per player for the social. Second was a speaker from Hockey Canada. Not much information other than listening to her validate her credentials. There were other initiatives supported by BC hockey that look at promoting the female game but mostly just piggy backing on local programs. I wanted confirmation about our ability to creating a tournament team. They provided a process that was very convoluted but something that we could do if we decided to generate a tournament team. My thought process is if we can give the girls a taste of female hockey with a short length of

commitment level, maybe they will enjoy the game and play more next year. In talking with Brienne I believe hosting a female jamboree and possibly listing the support of BC hockey will be the way that we may get more female players for next year we have the ice in April to do it.

BC Hockey's Female Jamborees are a grassroots program is geared towards females already playing the game, as well as those just starting out. Jamborees create a non-competitive atmosphere which allows the participants to have fun and play with other girls from around the province. Players are placed into teams based on age and ability and participate in skill sessions and games, as well as off-ice activities. Last year, more than 350 players participated in Jamborees in Vancouver, Kelowna, Prince George, Dawson Creek, and Whitehorse. MHAs can apply to host a Jamboree, which will feature community coaches working alongside Branch personnel to deliver a fun and exciting weekend for females ages 5 - 12.

BC Hockey is accepting applications to host Female Jamborees during the 2017-2018 season. Minor Hockey Associations (MHAs) can apply to host the Jamborees, which will feature community coaches working alongside Branch personnel to deliver a fun and exciting weekend for females age 5 - 12.

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In order to host a Jamboree, the host MHA must:

- Secure the required ice time and off-ice facilities
- Provide local volunteer coaches to assist with the on and off-ice program delivery
- Commit to a minimum of 50 players
- Demonstrate a marketing plan

BC Hockey will cover all costs associated with the Jamboree (including on-and-off-ice facility fees, jerseys, and gifting) and be responsible for player registration, scheduling, and other administrative duties. Players pay \$125 to participate in a Jamboree.

Application deadline is November 1, 2017.

From <https://bchockey.formstack.com/forms/jamboree_host_application>

More Information

Apply to Now (Deadline – November 1, 2017)

M. Tournament Coordinator Report:

Tournaments are full in all but one spot in Midget Rep. We need to auto-reply for full tournaments and wait list, and money is coming. First tournament is the end of October. Room roster and Spirit Ridge are not working together.

CP – looking to cross reference checks with registered team

LA – Will send it

CP – Are we increasing the size of the prenovice?

LA – Slow to register 4 only now but will keep registering teams

N. Sponsorship and Programs:

No report

O. Risk Management

Risk Manager will be contacting coaches to ensure the Concussion protocol, is it being followed and the return to play.

PN – the Bauer equipment to protect from concussion.

PL – the lower levels may not be willing to pull them off, encourage parents to do the CATT as well

VC – Safety person in the stands watching the game to observe.

A. Trophies and Awards:

The Trophies and awards are progressing as planned. Here is the progress so far:

Tournament Awards

- SOMHA tournament towels are at Sherwood and ready for pickup
- SOMHA Tournament sunglasses are ordered and will be ready in time for first tournament
- SOMHA Tournament medals are in stock at Sherwood and will be logo'd before first tourney
- SOMHA Pre-Novice/Novice medals are in stock at Sherwood and will be logo'd along with tournament medals

It is looking like we are under budget but not by much and we will have excellent 1st and 2nd place medals (gold and silver), and hustler/player of game prizes will be one SOMHA towel and one pair of SOMHA sunglasses per team, per game, proofs of the products are in the attachments.

B. Ice Ambassador Report:
Breakdown of Ice Usage:

| Weekend Ice Use - September | | |
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| | Practice | Game |
| Pre Novice | 2 | 0 |
| Novice #1 | 1 | 0 |
| Novice #2 | 0 | 0 |
| Atom Rec #1 | 0 | 2 |
| Atom Rec #2 | 0 | 1 |
| Atom Dev | 3 | 1 |
| Pewee Rec | 0 | 1 |
| Pewee Rep | 1 | 2 |
| Bantam Rec | 0 | 3 |
| Bantam Rep | 3 | 0 |
| Midget Rec | 0 | 1 |
| Midget Rep | 0 | 2 |
| Bantam T2 | 0 | 1 |
| Midget T2 | 0 | 1 |

Bantam T2 did not show up for their Oliver ice and cancelled without giving 24 hours notice.

Scheduling

- Attended Tablet/Scorekeeper information session in Salmon Arm on September 17, 2017
- Attended league scheduling for Rep teams on September 30, 2017 in Vernon

C. Final Declarations:

2 Atom Recreation teams. 1 Atom Dev – B division
 1 PeeWee Rec, 1 Pee Wee Rep Tier 3
 1 Bantam Rec, 1 Bantam Rep Tier 3
 1 Midget Rec, 1 Midget Rep Tier 3

3) New Business:

OMAHA – New playoff format. Payment, hosting.

Gary motion and Brian second that the association will pay the cost for the playoff tournaments for the 2017-2018 season.

Carried.

Photo day schedule.

Wednesday, October 25 at Osoyoos Sun Bowl Arena

| TIME | Dressing Room |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 4:30pm – Novice 1 - Bartsch | 1 |
| 4:45pm – Novice 2 - Miller | 3 |
| 5:00pm – PeeWee Rep | 2 |
| 5:15pm – Initiation | 4 & 1 |
| 5:45pm – Atom Rec 1 | 2 |
| 6:00pm – Atom Rec 2 | 3 |
| 6:15pm – Atom Development | 4 |
| 6:30pm – Midget Rec | 1 |
| 6:45pm – Bantam Rec | 3 |
| 7:00pm – Bantam Rep | 2 |
| 7:15pm – Peewee Rec | 4 |
| 7:30pm – Midget Rep | 1 |

* Please note that times were determined to allow for teams to keep their practice schedule and to accommodate out of town players who have to travel.

* Managers, please ensure that your team is completely ready at least 15mins prior to your picture time to ensure the process moves smoothly and quickly. (Set your arrival time based on how long your players need to get dressed, with the extra 15 minutes accounted for.)

* If players are late, they may not be included in the team photo.

4) Correspondence:

Letter from Midget Rep Manager

Discussion on increasing \$1000 to help pay for non parent coaches.

Policy could be revisited and possibly changed

Will get Midget the \$1000 ASAP and we will put this to the agenda for November to be discussed with a larger group

Motion to End Meeting: Victor and Pat

Meeting adjourned at: 9:05 pm

Next Meeting Date: November 16, 2017 @ 6:30 Sunbowl Board room