

**South Okanagan Minor Hockey Annual General Meeting
Sonora Centre @ 6:00pm
April 23, 2019**

Board Members Present: Boyd, Steve, Brianne, Brian, Mark, Nina, Ryan Pyatt, Ryan Miller, Victor, Chris Hanson.

Regrets: Kary, Lynne, Brandt

Members in attendance: 12

Meeting Called to order: 6:17pm

**Boyd and Victor motion to adopt the Minutes from AGM on April 26, 2018.
CARRIED**

**Boyd and Mark motion to adopt the agenda for AGM April 23, 2019.
CARRIED**

President Welcome

Thank you to the few parents who showed. We are told few people come when things are going well, so hopefully that is accurate. Thanks to the board volunteers this year as well.

1) Reports:

a) Treasurer Report:

Submitted by Chris Hanson

See attached SOMHA Budget 2018/2019 document

b) Registrar Report:

Submitted by Mark Antonello

Total registrations:164

Prenovice:

All 23 players were listed on one Hockey Canada Roster. Players would be insured to play on either team when asked.

3 prenovice players withdrew, they were not ready to play this year.

Novice:

All 24 players were listed on one Hockey Canada Roster. Players would be insured to play on either team when asked. 1 player decided not to play and 1 player moved out of our area. 2 players from Boundary played here this year.

Atom:

Atom Rec 1: 11 rostered. 1 goalie. 2 novice AP

Atom Rec 2: 11 rostered. 2 players rotated in goal. 3 novice AP

With smaller teams, 12 players were approved by OMAHA/BC Hockey to be dual rostered at the recreation level, to allow the rec teams to share players.

Atom Dev: 14 rostered. 2 players rotated in goal this season. 6 AP players.

3 players transferred to Penticton to play Female Atom recreation. 2 players transferred to Penticton to play Atom Recreation and 1 goalie transferred to Penticton to play Atom Development. 2 players from Boundary played here because they did not have an Atom team. 1 Dev and 1 Rec.

Pee Wee:

Recreation: 15 players, 1 goalie. 3 Atom AP players and 1 Atom AP goalie rostered;

T4 Rep team: 15 players, 1 goalie. 3 Pee Wee Rec AP players and 1 Pee Wee Rec AP goalie, 1 Atom AP rostered;

T2 Rep team: 15 players, 2 goalies. 1 Atom AP player, 3 Pee Wee T4 AP players and 1 Pee Wee T4 goalie AP rostered

8 Princeton players and 1 Grand Forks player were on our rep teams and 1 Boundary player was on our recreation team.

2 players transferred to Kelowna for Female Pee Wee Rep and 2 players transferred to Penticton for Female Pee Wee rec. 2 players transferred to Penticton to play Tier 2 and 1 player transferred to Penticton to play Pee Wee recreation.

Bantam:

Recreation: 15 rostered, 3 players rotated in goal. 2 Pee Wee recreation AP players rostered. 1 player decided not to finish the season in December.

Rep team: No rep team for 2018-2019

2 players and 1 goalie transferred out to play on the Zone team. 3 players transferred to Penticton Tier 2 team.

Midget:

Recreation: No recreation team for 2018-2019

Rep team: 15 players, 2 goalies. The 2 goalies were from Penticton MHA and 4 players were from Boundary MHA. 3 Bantam Rep (Penticton) AP players rostered.

6 players and 1 goalie transferred for Tier 2 in Penticton. 4 players transferred to play Female Midget in Penticton.

c) **Ice Ambassador:**
Submitted by Brianne Hillson

CONDITIONING CAMP

DATE	TIME	GROUP
Monday Aug.27	3:45 – 5:00 pm	Atom
	5:15 – 6:30 pm	Pee Wee Group 1
	6:45 – 8:00 pm	Pee Wee Group 2
	8:15 – 9:30 pm	Bantam/Midget
Tuesday August 28	3:45 – 5:00 pm	Atom
	5:15 – 6:30 pm	Pee Wee Group 1
	6:45 – 8:00 pm	Pee Wee Group 2
	8:15 – 9:30 pm	Bantam/Midget
Wednesday August 29	3:45 – 5:00 pm	Atom
	5:15 – 6:30 pm	Pee Wee Group 1
	6:45 – 8:00 pm	Pee Wee Group 2
	8:15 – 9:30 pm	Bantam/Midget
Thursday August 30	3:45 – 5:00 pm	Atom
	5:15 – 6:30 pm	Pee Wee Group 1
	6:45 – 8:00 pm	Pee Wee Group 2
	8:15 – 9:30 pm	Bantam/Midget

REP. TRYOUT SCHEDULE

Tuesday September 4th

5:00 – 6:15pm Atom Development
6:30 – 8:00pm Pee wee Rep
8:15 – 9:30pm Midget Rep

Wednesday September 5th

5:00 – 6:15pm Atom Development
6:30 – 8:00pm Pee wee Rep
8:15 – 9:30pm Midget Rep

Thursday September 6th

5:00 – 6:15pm Atom Development
6:30 – 8:00pm Pee wee Rep
8:15 – 9:30pm Midget Rep

Attended the Following OMAHA Meetings:

Time-Keepers Meeting: Sept 8th in Salmon Arm
Rep Scheduling Meetings: Sept 28th-30th in Vernon
Rec Scheduling Meetings: Oct 12-14th in Vernon

League play began:

Rep – Oct 13th
Rec – Oct 20th

All teams started practicing September 10th in Osoyoos and started practicing in Oliver on September 17th once the arena opened.

Breakdown of Ice Usage:

Ice Breakdown 2018-19			
Team	Practice	Games	Weekday Practice Missed
PreNovice (Split 2 teams)	7	10	4
Novice #1	5	10	3
Novice #2	2	11	3
Atom Rec #1	1	12	5
Atom Rec #2	1	12	5
Atom Dev	1	13	5
Peewee Rec	1	9	4
Peewee Rep T4	5	9	4
Peewee Rep T3	4	12	2
Bantam Rec	0	7	2
Midget Rep	1	8	0
Zones	0	2	-

Tournaments

- All divisions hosted tournaments.
- Introduced the use of Tournament Snap
- SOMHA hosted the Peewee Rep T2 (Feb 23-25th) Playoff Tournament, Peewee Rec (Mar 2-4th)

d) Initiation Director:

Submitted by Victor Costa

Pre-Novice: Early in the season was tough with few of kids that could not skate, practices where tough to organize and lot of issue might had to do with it being a first year for head coach. As the season went along things got much better. Both teams did very well, had a good year and lots of success.

Things maybe to consider for future is best If kids had previous skating experience before starting or must be accompanied by a parent to help them until they could skate.

Another thought could be to make things better for our younger players is have the parents if they wish to have an option to opt out of games. It would save parent team fees, and still have the benefits of learning in practice for they re first year. The only issue the coach could see arising from this is number of kids per team if to split. Maybe it could be an option on the registration form so we can split teams accordingly.

Just a few thoughts.

Novice: For the most part the season in Novice was a success. Great group of kids that the coaching staff work with, the support of (Asst Coach's) & (Manager) was invaluable. Some points of contention from the coach aren't directly to SOHMA, but to BC Hockey in general. These would be: Limiting Novice game ice size to Half Ice, the promotion of 4 on 4 hockey, and the lack of changing on the fly for Novice age groups. While coach's thought that incorporating these ideas into novice hockey may be challenging, the kids grasped the concepts of 5 on 5, 2/3rds ice to incorporate both gates on both benches and subsequently changing on the fly, without issue. Kids that age are sponges, and readily accept new concepts. Thank you for your support.

e) Atom Director:

Submitted by Kary Steele

The 2018/2019 season had three Atom aged teams – 1 development and 2 recreational teams.

There was initially a challenge with the breakdown of the teams as the numbers of players as decided initially by the board changed when the selections were made. Fortunately, due to the number of registrations, the issue was sorted out quickly and the Atom Dev team ran with 14 players with two smaller recreational teams. The recreation teams took 3 practices/mock games to sort out the closest to even teams as could be with the compilation of kids. The coaches were all in agreement when the final rosters were created. With the smaller teams there was information provided from OMAHA that the teams could dual roster players. There was a delay with the ability to roster to each team which caused some minor disruption at the beginning of the year but after AP players were assessed and assigned to teams; the dual rostering never became an issue again. All three teams had comparatively successful seasons. The Atom Development team placed 7th overall in the league and lost a very close one in the final of the Atom Fiesta. The Atom Recreation teams practiced together, finished 3rd and 4th in the league and the mixed tournament team finished 1st in both of the tournaments that they took part in.

f) Pee Wee Director:

Submitted by Brian Dragseth

The Pee wee age group this year represented SOMHA incredibly well with three great teams. The Tier 2 team finished second in the regular season following that with a third place finish in the playoffs, not bad for a team that had the option to play at a lower tier. The tier 3B team had an amazing season finishing first in the regular season, thus bringing home a banner! They finished fifth in the playoffs to teams who decided to tier down for the playoffs. A solid season for a team whose regular season travel was less than ideal.

The Pee wee recreational team had an honorable season finishing fifth in the regular season while stepping up to fourth in the playoffs. The rec team used AP's to round out their roster while dealing with injured and absent players, working hard during their season.

Thanks to all the coaches, managers and other volunteers that made this past season for all the Pee wees as enjoyable and successful as it was!

g) Bantam Director:

Submitted by Brandt Anderson

The 2018/2019 season had one bantam division – Rec (15 players)

Coach - Martin Johansen

14 league games played

There were no initial concerns with the bantam division this year.

Bit of debate as to which entry level the bantam team will be suited to play – it came down to them settling within the house league (led to some coaching changes)

As the season went on, some behavioural problems with some of the players (immaturity, as well as effective listening breakdowns), these situations led to some game suspensions and team reminders.

Conflicts/behaviours were corrected.

No major tournaments entered.

Bantam team finished the season strong

No major concerns or issues.

h) Midget Director:

Submitted by Nina Ruck

Only had Midget rep, did well this season. Middle of pack in league, 2nd in 2 tournaments. No problems. Very good year.

i) Scholarship Recommendations

Boyd motion Nina 2nd, for 2019 scholarship Cooper \$1500. Brandon \$1000, Taylor \$200.

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j) Female Director

Submitted by Boyd Turnbull

We had many female players leave the association to play all female at various levels. The female players content to play coed stayed around. Moving forward we need to always look at our ability to host a team. I have attached the numbers of female players that I am aware of. The main concern is finding a female goalie.

Novice and Prenovice - 8

Atom - 8

Pee Wee - 15

Bantam - 9

k) Tournament Director:

Submitted by Lynne Aldridge

I first want to start by saying thank you to all who volunteered to chair, co-chair and generally be involved with tournament planning this season. We have an amazing following of teams who enjoy attending year after year and I am reminded by folks often of what great tournaments we host. We held 8 tournaments this season and had waitlists for many of our divisions. Thank you all for your commitment.

Items to note for next season:

We received some concerning feedback from a few hotel sponsors on room roster this past season specifically with the sales tactics that they support. This was discussed at a recent board meeting. There will be some transition decisions to be made in the coming months.

More and more we are asked by people to send e-transfers for tournament payment, an option to consider for the upcoming year.

We have a number of extra medals that have been collected over the years!

Whoever takes on the role I would encourage you to have a look to see what we can repurpose!

Thank you to my fellow board members for all of your work to support SOMHA.

l) Trophies & Awards:

Submitted by Nina Ruck

Awesome. We have 3 trophies with no room, need a new base or new trophy. Suggestion to expand the trophy case to allow better placement of the trophies. Some are large and getting damaged in the small trophy cases at the rink.

Sherwood was very helpful, they collected and engraved I a timely fashion. Very helpful.

m) Player Development:

Submitted by Ryan Miller

The player development year started off well with Tyler Liebel and Justin Styffe running the pre tryout conditioning and skills camp. There was lots of positive feedback about their expertise and how they ran their ice sessions.

German Barahona was present up until the end of January helping with goal tender development with selected teams mostly at the atom and peewee level. Tyler Loura also helped out too. It was nice to see the two goaltenders coming back to help out in their former associations! Both volunteer coaches were presented with an honorarium for their efforts.

It was difficult to secure other player development instruction and coaching. Justin Styffe came on board to provide some instruction at the end of the year.

He has expressed interest in helping out with the player development and conditioning camp at the beginning of the year and doing team development skills sessions earlier in the year, around October and November this year, dependent on his work schedule. There was lots of positive feedback from coaches, parents and players from ice sessions Justin ran.

Going forward, I would recommend Justin be contacted soon to set up a schedule for when he can come for the August conditioning and skills camp along with looking at a schedule for team skills development time. I would also recommend looking for a goalie coach to run some development ice sessions for goaltenders too.

Thanks for a great year SOMHA!

n) Coach Coordinator:

Submitted by Ryan Miller

It was another tricky year to secure coaches at all levels. A coaching rationale was proposed and delivered to all coaching candidates. The coaching rationale suggestion focused on player development through both practice and game play.

We had lots of coaches help with the pre-novice and novice programs, but it was tricky having coaches step up and take on a head coaching roles.

Atom development, peewee representative, and atom/peewee recreation had to wait until players were placed through the player selection process in the representative player tryout process before coaches were decided.

Because there was no Bantam representative program, the one coach who was selected for the rep team took over the recreation bantam team. The Bantam team experienced some difficulty with players getting along and playing fairly with other teams. The board disciplinary committee had to step in on a couple of occasions to support the coaching staff and fair play from all players.

The midget representative team started off having trouble finding coaches until non-parent coaches were selected with support of a parent coach who eventually took over the team.

Most teams had a reasonably smooth season. The Bantam recreation team experience some difficulty, which was supported through team administrators and board level intervention. Otherwise, SOMHA teams had successful seasons for the most part.

I feel the most difficult part moving forward is securing volunteer coaches, especially non parent coaches if possible, for the rep levels early in the season.

We used paid (\$150 for all three ice sessions) evaluators to select the atom dev, peewee rep and midget rep teams. This process helped with the selection process for sure, but was limited by evaluators only seeing the three tryout ice sessions, and not seeing any actual game ice sessions. The logistics of fitting in actual exhibition games would be difficult to coordinate.

Overall, SOMHA had another successful year with teams doing well at both league and playoff play.

Going forward, I would recommend starting the coaching recruitment process early again and utilizing non-biased player selection evaluators for the development and representative programs.

o) Equipment Director:

Submitted by Ryan Pyatt

No major purchases, jerseys Pee Wee T4 team, socks for Atom Dev up to Midget. 500 pucks from Home Hardware at the start of the year and 300 SOMHA pucks for tournaments and games. 14 first aid kits, 6 jersey bags and goalie band for goalie training.

Suggest street hockey goalie gear for younger kids and perhaps look at updating goalie gear for Novice and Atom. Skate blade protectors for goalies skates against posts.

p) Sponsors & Programs:

Submitted by Len and Kirsten McLean

The 2018-2019 season was 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 our pleasure to act as the Sponsorship Directors this season.

q) Risk Management:

Submitted by Victor Costa

This year all the safety people did a great job, It seems that we did have some injury's during the year some do to Hockey and some not but nothing to extreme. In all I think it was a great year.

r) Discipline Committee:

Submitted by Boyd Turnbull

The Bantam house team seemed to take up most of the discipline Committee time. There were multiple issues with players on the team not acting appropriately towards each other. Many suspensions were levied to individual players. The whole team was put under a behaviour contract. Moving forward we must be diligent and be aware there are many personality conflicts at this level.

2) Old Business

No old business.

3) Correspondence

Email from Shawn Badger – regarding skate sharpening at Sun Bowl Arena. SOMHA President will send an email to the town and discuss the benefit that this service brings and should be available to all the visiting and local teams and players

4) New Business:

Mark and Nina Motion to dissolve the 2018-2019 SOMHA board.

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5) Elections

1st Vice President (2 year term): Boyd

2nd Vice President (2 year term): Nina

Secretary (2 year term): Brianne

Directors (10): Mark A, Ryan P, Brian D, Kary, Victor, Davinder,

Winner of 2019-2020 draw for free registration; Boyd Turnbull

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 pm

Next Executive Meeting: May 7 at 7pm in Osoyoos.