

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

**Minutes**

**January 21, 2025**

**6:30 pm -Oliver Arena**

**PRESENT: Jason,Chris, Scotty, Mark, Nathan, Katie, Steph, Racyne,Jordan, Morgan,Kary,Kaylan.**

**Online (Zoom): Kathy, Brad,Justin, Joel, Ken**

called the meeting to order at

6:30 pm

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of December 17, 2024 for adoption

Moved by: Jason

Seconded by: Racyne

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS**

- **Resignation of Secretary** - Crystal Dupperon resigned from the board. Negative communication/comments from Crystal regarding U11 Dev team members and families resulted in requests from board members to stop using team snap as a means of communication and participate in a meeting with the disciplinary committee. Crystal did not meet with the committee and resigned before any action. Access to social media (Facebook) needs to be turned over and the mail box key needs to be returned (Jason and Chris to connect with Crystal).
- **Appointment of New Secretary** - Jason proposed a motion for Kaylan Jones to be appointed secretary. Motion approved.
- **Kamloops concerns-** president of Kamloops association complaining of the U18 T2 team. Video requested by Ken R. U13 Rep game resulted in Kamloops coach inappropriately addressing the refereeing (Travis) to the game (“you're an absolute f-ing joke”) during the teams handshake. Parents of the U13 Kamloops team were also addressed in the stands to “take a walk and calm down” and let the refs do their job and let them figure it out. Kamloops to return this weekend (Ken to ref with Urs).
- **Raffle Box-** letter was sent out regarding association raffles etc. Raffle box cards going out tonight with the hopes of being distributed to hotels, swag bags, etc. Goal is 2500.00.
- **OMAHA Changes of Representatives-** OMAHA to take over. SOMHA to be included in the South Zone (includes South Ok, Penticton and Princeton) with no residential waivers. All children who want to play will try out at one inclusive try out for all tiers, the selection committee will make picks for T2 and then the trickle down effect begins. We will not know what tier we will get and will only be collecting registration fees for the team we host. Try out fees will be in effect. This shift could eliminate tiering and flighting tournaments (minimize the mess that goes along with these). Lots of questions/concerns about how this will unfold regarding team selections, travel, hosting communities, costs, and overall impact for small (strong) associations...talk of SOMAHA pulling out...but too soon to make action. Need to stay informed about this as details unfold. Hoping to have this solidified in March.

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

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**2024-2025 Board**

1. **President – Jason Moreau**
2. **1st Vice President – Chris Ward** - (a)U11 rec dressing room bullying and parent issues has no resolution. Chris met with Anna, Anna`s partner, and coach with little success. Matt Lewis is the new coach. Justin and Chris will meet with Matt to create a plan on how to move forward and get to the end of season in a civil manner. Goal is to support Matt and let him know he has support if the best decision is to sit the player(s) involved. (b) OMAHA meeting in Vernon gave no financial update. There was talk about Head Check (baseline testing) but doesnt seem to be good.
3. **2nd Vice President – Diana Roxo**
4. **Secretary – Kaylan Jones**
5. **Treasurer – Kathy Bracken** - We are at par. Raffle box is -143.00 but still need to request funds for the last raffle. 9700.00 in carding fees. Tournaments awaiting revenue.
6. **Ice Ambassador – Stephanie Abendroth** - All good. Kaitlyn taking time to get back with emails. U18 and U11 done.
7. **Registrar – Mark Antonello** - All teams approved. Registration may wait until June 1st. Possibly change the early deadline.
8. **Referee in Chief –Ken R** - it is time to nominate candidates to be sent to camp. Possibly Zephyr and Samara. Ken to ref upcoming Kamloops game. In terms of provincials, Ken has sent an email to Larry requesting more information.
9. **Equipment Director – Ryan Pyatt and Jordan Campbell**- socks and jerseys for provincials can't have any rips/holes.
10. **Risk Management – Amanda Stene**
11. **Female Director – Kary Steele, Katie Kwak** - Young ladies tourney last week. Great feedback and girls had a blast with skills competition. Potential for next year to be a two day tournament. Kary and Kathy connect about invoicing and ensure Jodi gets her money back.
12. **U7/U9 Director – Amanda Stene**
13. **U11 Director – Justin Fortin** - U11 parents not happy with amount association takes from tournaments. Parents taking items out of baskets at tournament. One family (Petrick)ended up taking four baskets home for themselves and tickets pulled for the raffle were done by their son (Corson). Justin is open to meeting with Matt and Chris.
14. **U13 Director – Joel Humphries** - All good.
15. **U15 Director – Nathan McGinnis** - All good.
16. **U18 Director – Scotty Bolger** - Stephanie to make some new name bars. Looking to get a banner hung from the Wenatchee tournament in Osoyoos. Scotty and Katie to give banners to Stephanie and she will talk to Andrew at Sunbowl.

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- 17. Trophies and Awards – Mark Antonello, Racyne Mader** - 6000.00 spent. U7/9 ordered. Plaques are done and on the way for the year end award ceremony. Questions raised about changing some of the award names and recognizing gen7. Mark is planning to reach out to families to have them pass out the awards this year. Voting done in March for the association. Andrew from Sunbowl reached out about a 35,000 grant application (submission by Feb 10th). Looking to get cameras. Waiting to hear back from Andrew. will have no access to the cameras...could potentially charge him for

Randy  
use?

- 18. Sponsors and Programs - Scott Bolger, Nathan McGinnis**  
**19. Tournament Director – Sheelagh Fredsborn** - U11 tournament full and money handled.  
**20. Coach Coordinator – Morgan White and Brad Burns** - U13 had different coaches out to help with practice. They do not want help from Morgan or Brad. Finding the parent group difficult to deal with.  
**21. Player Development – Jordan Campbell and Brad Burns** - Request for a list of coaches emails. Stephanie to send to Jordan.  
**22. Rafflebox - Kathy/Sheelagh** -  
**23. Referee Allocator - Diana Roxo** - wanting to know if we have budgeted two officials for these games.  
**24. Timekeeper Scheduler - Diana Roxo** - questions about if tablets are being used due to lack of assigned penalties.

**Committees:**

1. Finance Committee - Kathy Bracken, Jason Moreau, Chris Ward
2. Discipline Committee - Amanda Stene, Racyne Mader, Joel Humphries
3. Governance Committee - Diana Roxo, Chris Ward

Next meeting

February 18, 2025 6:30pm Osoyoos

ADJOURNMENT

8:11pm

Moved by:  
Seconded by:

**CARRIED**