

Hockey Regina Inc
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
January 9, 2018

Attendance:

Larry Wees (Chair), Christie Bjolverud, Joanne Merk, Rachielle Thackeray, Mark Burton, Rick Hagglund, Todd Taylor, Blair Watson (Staff)

Regrets: Brad Hunt, Ross Johns, Trevor Mitchell, Kevin Baron, Geoff Thachuk

1. Call to order

Larry called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

2. Minutes

MOTION: To approve December 5 minutes. Moved Todd, Seconded Rick.
CARRIED

3. SHA Minor/Female Development Committee (Appendix A)

- The SHA Minor/Female committee submitted proposals to the SHA Board for approval at their meeting (Jan 5+6)
- We would like a few more details, prior to endorsing

4. Coach feedback (Clear Picture)

MOTION: To have Clear Picture do the coach/parent feedback survey again. Moved Christie, Seconded Mark CARRIED

5. Other Business

- Office Build
 - The committee met with Stantec last week to finalize the drawings
 - The intent is to go for tender first part of February, with construction to start early March
- Feedback session
 - A feedback session will be held Thursday Jan 18 at Co-operators Centre
- HRI Annual General Meeting
 - The AGM will be April 11

6. Next Meeting

Feb 6
7:00PM @ HRI

SHA – Divisional Value Statements

Initiation

Fun and fair for everyone, Initiation players will focus on introductory skills in a group setting with little to no focus on individual skills or competitive games.

Novice

Through a learn through fun environment, Novice players will focus on the development of fundamental skills with the introduction of individual tactics and team play at all positions.

Atom

Improved skill by improving self-confidence, Atom players will focus on the development and refinement of fundamental skills while introducing team concepts.

Peewee

Progressive and inclusive, Peewee players will focus on continued skill development while increasing the emphasis on team play and tactics. Programs are designed for recreational and competitive league play.

Bantam

Through consistency and commitment, Bantam players will focus on skill development & reinforcement as well as team tactics and how the role as an individual plays a part in team success. Programs are designed for recreational and competitive league play.

Midget

All encompassing, Midget players will focus on skill reinforcement and utilizing individual strength for the success of the team. A culture of teamwork, work ethic, and competition is paramount while balancing the need for recreational, competitive and elite league play to ensure a sustainable program.

Terms for context:

Recreational - Priority is placed on participation and enjoying all playing & social aspects the game/team offers.

Competitive - Priority is directed toward player/team development and advancing to the next level.

Elite - Priority is focused on a full hockey program experience including billets and education considerations. Intended for players with both the skills and desire to continue to advance within hockey.

Saskatchewan AA Hockey League

Male

The proposal would be to call the one combined League the **Saskatchewan AA Hockey League**

The League would be comprised of three age groups;

- Pee Wee (Four Divisions)
 - o North
 - o South
 - o Saskatoon
 - o Regina
- Bantam (Two Divisions)
 - o North
 - o South
- Midget (Two Divisions)
 - o North
 - o South

The League would have one Executive overseeing the operations;

- President
- VP – Discipline
- VP – Finance
- Secretary
- SHA Representative

The League would be operated under one Governance model.
(including Constitution/Bylaws/Procedures)

Use the current Sask Bantam AA League Constitution as a template.

*** Details about how the executive is formed & league developed will be determined later – the intent of this proposal is to gain approval to further develop the recommendation. (including timelines)

Saskatchewan Female Hockey League

The proposal would be to call the one combined League the **Saskatchewan Female Hockey League** (combining the current North and South Sask Female Hockey Leagues)

The League would be comprised of four age groups;

- Atom (Four Divisions)
 - o North
 - o South
 - o Saskatoon
 - o Regina
- Pee Wee (Four Divisions)
 - o North
 - o South
 - o Saskatoon
 - o Regina
- Bantam (Two Divisions)
 - o North
 - o South
- Midget (Two Divisions)
 - o North
 - o South

The League would have one Executive overseeing the operations;

- President
- VP – Discipline
- VP – Finance
- Secretary
- SHA Representative

The League would be operated under one Governance model. (use the current South Sask Female League Constitution as a Template)

*** Details about how the executive is formed & league developed will be determined later – the intent of this proposal is to gain approval to further develop the recommendation. (including timelines)

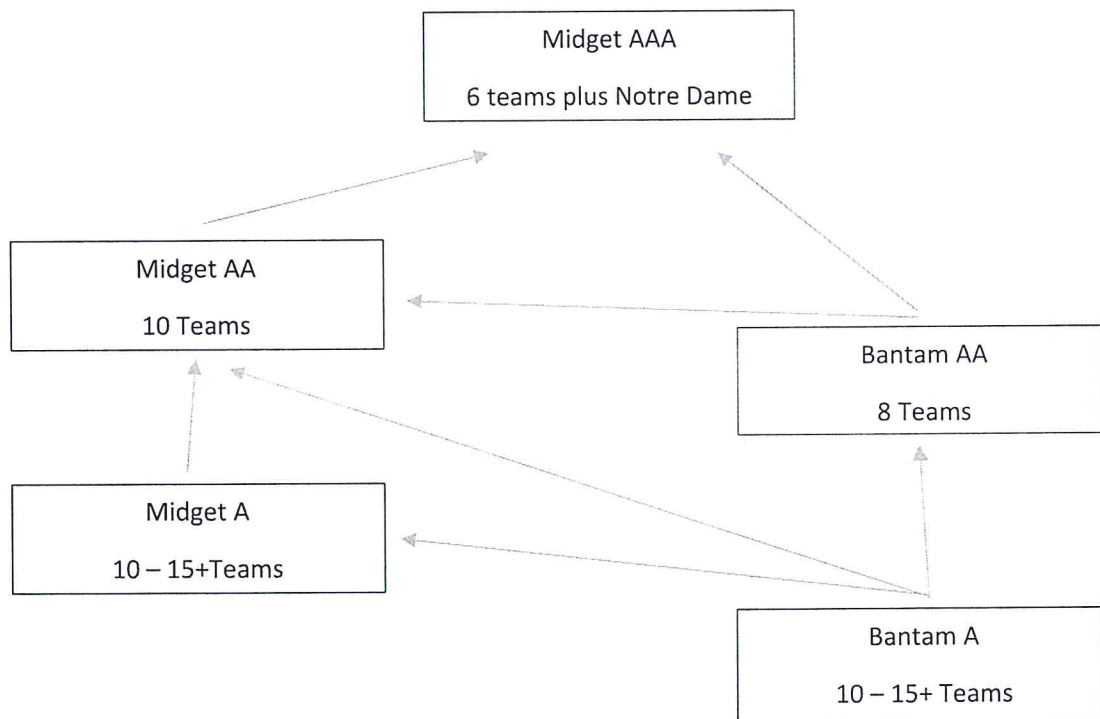
Saskatchewan AA Hockey League – Bantam Division

The SHA will not participate in the Western Bantam Championships following the 2017/18 season.

The recommendation would be to create a Committee consisting of members of MHA's involved in the SBAAHL, coaches from within the League and the SHA to create a seasonal structure that best meets the needs of the player and provides opportunities to compete within a longer league schedule, with set breaks and to include the SHA Sask First Program within the structure.

*** Details about how the SHA Bantam AA Committee is formed & operates will be determined later – the intent of this proposal is to gain approval to further develop the recommendation. (including timelines)

SHA Female Development Model



Location of Teams

The proposal would see Minor Hockey Associations apply to the SHA by October 1, 2018 to have teams included in the SFDM in the Categories Midget AAA, Midget AA and Bantam AA.

A sub-committee of the "AA" Committee would serve as the Selection Committee for the Communities selected to be eligible within each.

The criteria for the selection of locations to host teams would be as follows;

Midget AAA

- MHA must have an established Female Program
- MHA must demonstrate they have sufficient local Coaching Resources
- MHA must provide billeting options for females including a billeting coordinator
- MHA must provide an educational Consultant along with a working agreement with a local high school
- MHA must also be able to sustain a Midget AA program for the availability of some affiliates
- Must be able to sustain a team of a minimum of 15 skaters and 2 goaltenders
- Players will be able to be drawn from the entire Province
- Players of Bantam age will not be eligible

Midget AA

- MHA must demonstrate they have sufficient local Coaching Resources
- Must be able to sustain a team of a minimum of 13 skaters and 2 goaltenders
- Players will have to first try out first for the nearest AA team of their residence except for Regina and Saskatoon which are closed.
- Players of Bantam age will not be eligible

Bantam AA

- MHA must demonstrate they have sufficient local Coaching Resources
- Must be able to sustain a team of a minimum of 13 skaters and 2 goaltenders
- Players will have to first try out first for the nearest AA team of their residence except for Regina and Saskatoon which are closed.

SFDM Player Acceleration

One objective of the SFDM is to develop players within their specific age group, and to not displace players from their age Division by facilitating the movement of underage players. Underage players will only be considered if they are deemed to be an "Exceptional Player".

Only Second Year Bantam aged players will be considered for acceleration to Midget AAA; there will be no acceleration permitted for Pee Wee to Bantam, of Bantam to Midget AA under the SFDM.

To be considered for "Exceptional Player" status, applications must be submitted to the SHA Registration Committee on or before July 1.

- i) **Applicants must fill out, in its entirety, the SFDM Player Acceleration Application Package and provide all necessary documentation requested;**
- ii) Applications will be evaluated by the SHA Registration Committee, in consultation with Sask First program staff.
- iii) No underage players will be granted the opportunity to a second tryout **at the Midget AAA Division;**
- iv) Decisions will be communicated to the player and applicable Host MHA in writing on or before **August 1.**

Affiliation Policy

The Affiliation Policy within the SFDM is used to accommodate athlete development and provide an opportunity for players to experience the higher level of hockey.

- Midget "AAA" teams are permitted to affiliate Midget "AA" and Midget "A" registered players from the sponsoring center along with six Midget "AA" or Midget "A" players whose parents reside within a 160 km radius of the sponsoring center with the exception of any from a sponsoring center of another Midget "AAA" team.
- Midget "AA" Teams are permitted to affiliate Midget "A" registered players from the sponsoring center and registered players whose parents reside within a 160 km radius of the sponsoring center with the exception of any from a sponsoring center of another "AA" team.
 - o Exception: Midget "AA" teams can affiliate a maximum of four (4) players to their team who are registered on a Bantam "AA" team from the sponsoring center of the Midget "AA" team
- Bantam "AA" Teams are permitted to affiliate Bantam "A" registered players from the sponsoring center along with six Bantam "A" players whose parents reside within a 120 km radius of the sponsoring center with the exception of any from a sponsoring center of another Bantam "AA" team.
 - o Exception: Bantam "AA" teams can affiliate a maximum of four (4) players to their team who are registered on a Pee Wee team from the sponsoring center of the Bantam "AA" team

Saskatchewan AA Provincial League Proposal

Hockey Regina supports the framework of the proposal, unfortunately, we would like to understand more details of the proposal within the framework to fully support the proposal.

The following details have not been provided;

Travel

Interlock games

Mirroring the Bantam AA league would be an additional cost on the Hockey Regina membership for Pee Wee and Midget

Ice Availability

Game times

Regina does not have the capability of providing another division with the allotment of ice time similar to the Bantam AA league. It would require Hockey Regina to increase the members cost by over \$250 per game and we would need to decrease the ice allocation for games or practices to other divisions.

Voting Privileges

Regina would only receive 1 vote in the new AA Provincial League and would be providing more teams than other Minor Hockey Associations which is not an accurate reflection of the membership of Regina compared to other associations.

Official/Time keeper Assigning

Regina has over 350 officials and assigns for all on-ice and off-ice officials except for the Bantam AA league. If we are utilizing the template of the Bantam AA league as a template hockey regina would not have the control of assigning officials for the female and male leagues proposed.

Female Atom and Pee Wee Divisions

Hockey Regina presently has all divisions Pee Wee and younger playing in Co-ed Hockey in tiered divisions. Hockey Regina would not have representation in the league at the Atom and Pee Wee Divisions