

SOUTHWEST SASKATCHEWAN HOCKEY LEAGUE
AGM MINUTES
OCTOBER 5, 2014

Jeff Knight called the meeting to order at 4:05.

AGENDA

That the October 5, 2014 AGM Agenda be adopted as presented. MOTION by Central Butte. Seconded by Swift Current. CARRIED.

MINUTES

That the April 21, 2013 Minutes of the AGM presented by Tammy Knight be adopted as read. MOTION by Swift Current. Seconded by Swift Current. CARRIED.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

That the Financial report presented by Tammy Knight, submitted by Diana Lott, be approved as read. MOTION by Swift Current. Seconded by Swift Current. DEFEATED.

FINANCIAL AUDIT

That the Southwest Saskatchewan Hockey League (SSHL) hire an Auditor to perform an Independent Valid Review of the financials on a yearly basis, retroactive for the period of 2012-2013 season and 2013-2014 season. MOTION by Swift Current. Seconded by Frontier. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESIDENT REPORT – nothing submitted from Greg Freeman.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Midget Commissioner Grant Berger: Had some trouble getting the sheets sent; had a few matches & suspensions; games were scheduled during final exams; Kelly at SHA disappointed with Swift Current.

Bantam Commissioner George Bowditch: The 2013-14 Bantam Season was a success in my mind with few problems occurring and the Championship final was a well-played affair that saw the Maple Creek Hawks come out on top over the Shaunavon Badgers.

Late in the year the bantam league ran into suspension issues with a number of players. In all six players from various teams ended up with suspensions which were reported to me.

The suspensions that I gave out were heavier than the minimums set out in the SHA handbook. The reason being is when I received a report from a referee on an infraction, I took it very seriously as the potential for serious injury was there. In fact one report had a player being taken to the hospital and when I saw this report, I suspended the offending player indefinitely pending a report from the injured player's doctor. Fortunately the player was not seriously hurt or I would have suspended the player for as long as it took the injured player to recover. I have zero tolerance for major penalties that are the result of a hit to the head, checking from behind, boarding, charging etc...

I have been involved in minor hockey for 40 years and just want to ensure all players can feel safe playing the game. Players that don't respect their fellow players are not good for the game and if they want to continue to play their game must learn to control their actions. No player deserves the right to play if they have injured

another and should lose their playing privileges for a similar length of time. We (SSHL) were a leader in Saskatchewan in this regard and I feel we should continue.

I want to stress that the majority of players are out to just play the game and not to hurt anyone but they should feel safe playing the game.

I want to thank everyone involved with the SSHL for their support this year and want to wish everyone all the best moving forward. You were all a pleasure to work with.

Peewee Commissioner Glen Peutert: Good year other than miss management thru the league executive.

Atom Commissioner Keri Hudec: Had trouble with game sheets getting in; coach suspensions & fines thru managers & coaches; received website complaints

Female Commissioner Tracey Stenson: Had a very smooth year.

MOTION by Swift Current to adopt reports. Seconded by Central Butte, Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

OVERAGE PLAYER APPLICATION

That the Overage Player Application & Criteria & Guidelines submitted by Gull Lake be approved as presented with clarification stating the addition of January 5th as the deadline to contest any OA player. MOTION by Gull Lake. Seconded by Swift Current. CARRIED.

STUART SMITH, SHA REFEREE DIVISION

Discussed the Grassroots Program – Zone 3 has a lot of area to cover to have supervisors in rinks to watch over young officials; currently under staffed, hoping to have a few more going out to further centers in the rural. Several associations stated a huge concern for shortage of refs in areas; discussed game reports to go to commissioners FIRST – not the president; Game sheets – take a picture of sheets and send to commissioners then also send by email, fax or mail original; age of refs to be 2yrs older than group reffing and linesmen 1yr older than group – with exceptions allowed.

NEW EXECUTIVE:

President: Jeff Knight – Central Butte. Motion by Swift Current. Seconded by Shaunavon. CARRIED.

Secretary: Tammy Knight – Central Butte. Motion by Herbert. Seconded by Swift Current. CARRIED.

Vice President: Greg Hurrell- Swift Current : Bantam/Peewee. Motion by Central Butte. Seconded by Swift Current. CARRIED.

Vice President: Patrick Grondin - Assiniboia : Midget/Atom. Motion by Gravelbourg. Seconded by Swift Current. CARRIED.

COMMISSIONERS:

Bantam – Brian Christianson – Swift Current. Motion by Swift Current. Seconded by Swift Current. CARRIED.

Female – Tracey Stenson – Gull Lake Motion by Swift Current. Seconded by Swift Current. CARRIED.

ADJOURN

Adjourned by Frontier at 5:18PM. Seconded by Shaunavon. CARRIED