

Hockey Regina Inc
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday January 8, 2019

Attendance:

Larry Wees, (Chair), Mark Burton, Cory Shaw, Scott Tresek, Joanne Merk, , Geoff Thachuk, Trevor Mitchell, Rachielle Thackeray, Ross Johns, Rick Hagglund, Jon Golden (SHA), Blair Watson (Staff)

Regrets: Christie Bjolverud, Brad Hunt

1. Call to order

Larry called the meeting to order at 6:58PM.

2. Minutes

MOTION: To approve December 4 minutes. Moved Geoff, Seconded Scott

3. HRI and CCHL

- Mark presented a power point presentation on transitioning graduating Midget players to the CCHL
- General discussion on if that was an HRI priority
- The consensus from the Board was that it did not fit into HRI mandate

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

- For information purposes, Blair went over the minutes of the Committee from December 5
- The Board was note in favour of having to 4 ice session prior to Atom evaluations
- The next meeting will be January 13

5. Director/Committe reports

- Initiation –
 - No major issues
- Atom –
 - No major issues
- Suspensions –
 - Some issues, but nothing major
- Officials committee –
 - The office will be starting a spotlight of the week for officials
- President
 - Larry has been dealing with Lumsden on a couple of racial slurs in a couple of games. Lumsden handled the issues very well

6. Next Meeting

February 5
7:00PM @ HRI

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SASKATCHEWAN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
SASK MINOR FEMALE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 05, 2018
SHA OFFICE

MINUTES

1.0 Roll Call (5:00 pm)

Brad Robinson, Chairperson
Edward Watson
Tracey Stenson
Blain Stork
Lloyd Friesen
Kurtis Lindskog
James Mays
Kelly Boes
Blair Watson
Larry Kienas
Derek Derow
Kelly McClintock

Regrets:
Kent Armbruster
Clinton Reschny

2.0 Approval of Agenda

3.0 New Business

3.1 Sask Female Development Model

3.1.1 Review of process and going forward

Kelly had circulated a copy of the talking points sent to the Board of Directors regarding the rationale for the decisions regarding the number of teams at Female Midget AAA, Midget AA and Bantam AA. In addition, he circulated a proposed SHA Female Development Model document that can be used to advise the membership of what has transpired. Kelly sought feedback on the draft. Items brought forward for revision were;

- Include Spring Camp dates for Midget AAA that do not conflict with Sask First, Midget AA/A, Bantam AA/A league playoffs.

- Page 4 – recommend that the SHA Minor Female Development Committee be the SHA Body to review applications to be included, or taken out of the divisions included in the Model.
- Page 5 – For Midget A Affiliation, allow all Bantams as opposed to just the second year Bantams.

3.2 Exceptional Player Status Criteria for Midget AAA – Male and Female

The Committee liked the document however it was felt a \$50.00 non-refundable fee accompany the application. The fee would be the same as a Concession Fee.

3.3/3.4 Midget AAA Male Review and Go Forward Process/Potential Provincials Midget 15-Year-Old League

The Committee talked about these two agenda items together. All felt we should proceed with the Male Midget AAA review in a similar fashion as the Female and target the 2020-21 season for implementation. For the planned in-person meeting for the Committee the discussion will focus on;

- # of teams at Midget AAA
- Do we include a review of Midget AA at the same time?
- Do we create a Provincial 15-year-old League? What are the positives and what are the negatives to it?
- Kelly and Derek to supply registration numbers of Midgets via specific age within the three-year bracket to assist in the discussions.

3.5 Cross Ice IP Structure and Possible Regulations – 2019/20

The Committee reviewed the circulated proposal, and all were in agreement to move forward with the proposal to the Board of Directors.

3.6 ½ Ice Novice Structure and Possible Regulations – 2019/20

The Committee reviewed the circulated proposal, and all were in agreement to move forward with the proposal to the Board of Directors.

3.7 Atom Hockey Seasonal Structure and Possible Regulations – 2020/21

The Committee reviewed the circulated proposal. All aspects were agreed to with the exception of the topic of Tiering. It was felt that all people should think on the following items and come prepared for further discussion at the in-person meeting;

- To allow Tiering or not?
- If Tiering should there be a SHA “grid” based on total registration of players numbers?
- Do you continue to allow “carding” of tournament teams?
- Is there a difference between rural versus urban? Can there be different Tiering structures allowed based on registration numbers throughout the province. If so how does it look? How many Tiers are allowed?



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November 30, 2018

Memorandum

To: SHA Minor Female Development Committee

From: Kelly McClintock

Re: Potential Provincial 15-Year-Old League

With a review of the Sask Midget AAA Hockey League, may I suggest that the following be incorporated at the same time;

- Review existing AA Locations
 - o Are there some locations that need to be re-evaluated or in the event a 15-year-old League is implemented can some current Midget AA Locations be eliminated and replaced with a 15-year-old team?
- Creation of a Provincial 15-year-old League
 - o Propose that it would consist of nine teams; eight teams throughout the Province plus Notre Dame. Propose one team in each of Regina and Saskatoon with six teams regionally located throughout the rest of the Province.
 - o We can discuss whether players can go anywhere in the province to play in this League like Midget AAA (not preferable for me to truly promote Midget AAA being the elite League for the Midget Category) or Regina and Saskatoon be closed and the rest can travel to the nearest 15-year-old team to their residence like what AA rules currently are today.

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To: SHA Minor Female Development Committee

From: Kelly McClintock

Re: IP Structure and Possible Regulations

The following are recommendations to create a province wide structure for IP Games within the Province for the 2019/20 season along with some potential Registrations Regulations governing when Game play can begin.

These recommendations are based upon feedback received at the recent Fall Zone Meetings along with the SHA Board of Directors.

Please review them and be prepared to provide comments during our call on Wednesday.

BASIC RULES OF CROSS ICE GAMES

There are basic rules regarding the format and structure for ALL Cross-Ice games:

- ✓ Lightweight blue pucks will be used.
- ✓ Games will be played at one end of the rink, cross-ice blue line in.
- ✓ One official.
- ✓ 3-minute warmup.
- ✓ Nets should be 3'x 4'
- ✓ The Cross-ice game will be played 5 on 5 (skaters) and 1 goalie from each team or both may alter the format if the number of players on one or both teams is less than 10 skaters.
- ✓ Games are 2 x 24-minute periods. (Teams will switch ends after the first period)
- ✓ Officials will draw a dot in the middle for all face-offs.
- ✓ Shift are 2 minutes, running time continuous play. (See below)
- ✓ Buzzer sounds once at the end of each 2-minute shift, however clock the clock continues to run.

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- ✓ A face-off will take place at the start of every shift.
- ✓ There are no icing or off-side calls.
- ✓ Score will NOT be kept
- ✓ Goalies may be switched at any time.
- ✓ Line matching must take place. The more advanced players from each team being matched against the more advanced players from the opposing team.

Continuous Play and Change of Possession:

As identified by Hockey Canada as a core element at the Initiation category, one of the keys to improving the flow of each game and reducing the stoppages is to create continuous play, particularly on change of possession. These basic rules apply:

- ✓ One coach from each team will assist in moving of bumpers/boards at the end of each shift.
- ✓ A face-off will take place at the start of every shift.
- ✓ There will be no stoppages in play during shifts; continuous play will be used. (Exception: Injury)
- ✓ **Puck shot out of play:** Official blows whistle, defending team backs off and non-offending team gets possession.
- ✓ **Goalie freezes puck:** Official- blows whistle, attacking team backs off and defending team gets possession.
- ✓ **Goal Scored:** Official blows whistle, attacking team backs off and defending team gets possession.

Potential Regulations Concerning Initiation Program

No IP exhibition games or Tournaments will be sanctioned until December 1st annually.

All IP "play" until December 1 is practices.

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Memorandum

To: SHA Minor Female Development Committee
From: Kelly McClintock
Re: Novice Structure and Possible Regulations

The following are recommendations to create a province wide structure for Novice Games within the Province for the 2019/20 season along with some potential Registrations Regulations governing when Game play can begin.

These recommendations are based upon feedback received at the recent Fall Zone Meetings along with the SHA Board of Directors.

Please review them and be prepared to provide comments during our call on Wednesday.

BASIC RULES OF HALF ICE GAMES

There are basic rules regarding the format and structure for Novice Half-Ice games:

- ✓ 3-minute warmup. (Home Team will use the game zone and the visiting team will use the skills zone)
- ✓ The half-ice game will be played 5 on 5 (skaters) and 1 goalie from each team or both may alter the format if the number of players on one or both teams is less than 10 skaters.
- ✓ Games are 2 x 24-minute periods. (Teams will switch ends after the first period)
- ✓ Officials will draw a dot in the middle of the game zone for all face-offs.
- ✓ Shift are 2 minutes, running time continuous play. (See below)
- ✓ Buzzer sounds once at the end of each 2-minute shift, however clock the clock continues to run.
- ✓ A face-off will take place at the start of every shift.
- ✓ There are no icing or off-side calls.
- ✓ Score will be kept; however, goals and assists will NOT be recorded.

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- ✓ Goalies may not be pulled at any time.
- ✓ Line matching must take place. The more advanced players from each team being matched against the more advanced players from the opposing team.

Continuous Play and Change of Possession:

As identified by Hockey Canada as a core element at the Novice category, one of the keys to improving the flow of each game and reducing the stoppages is to create continuous play, particularly on change of possession. These basic rules apply:

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- ✓ A face-off will take place at the start of every shift.
- ✓ There will be no stoppages in play during shifts; continuous play will be used. (Exception: Injury)
- ✓ **Puck shot out of play:** Official blows whistle, defending team backs off and non-offending team gets possession.
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- ✓ **Goal Scored:** Official blows whistle, attacking team backs off and defending team gets possession.

Penalties

The following guidelines apply to Minor Penalties during Novice Half-Ice Games:

- ✓ Standard: Delayed penalty procedures are followed. (NOTE: Goalie can't be pulled during delay)
- ✓ The official calling the penalty blows whistle, identifies offending player and penalty.
- ✓ Offending player is escorted to player bench by the official who called the penalty.
- ✓ The second official gives possession to the non-offending team. (Offending team must back-off)
- ✓ The offending player is eligible to return during the same shift if goal is scored by the non-offending team.

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Potential Regulations Concerning Novice Hockey

All Games till December 31

- Half-ice

Exhibition:

- Start date November 15th

Tournament Games:

- Start date December 1st

League Games:

- Start date - Full Ice after January 1st

League Playoffs:

- Must be Tournament style format over no more than two weekends.

Maximum Number of Games in a Season:

- 45 games.

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November 29, 2018

Memorandum

To: SHA Minor Female Development Committee

From: Kelly McClintock

Re: Atom Hockey

During the past two months, we have brought forward the topic of Atom Hockey at Zone Meetings and within our recent SHA Board of Directors Meeting. Hockey Canada has mandated that following must be developed and included by each Branch related to Atom Hockey;

- Each Branch must have a documented seasonal plan for atom by 2020/21
- No tryouts/evaluations during the first week of school in September
- Must have a minimum of four skates/practices prior to formal evaluations starting
- Tryouts must be a minimum of three formal sessions – recommend one skill session, one small area game and one formal scrimmage
- There must be a development Phase following team selection and prior to the start of the Regular season
- Playoffs must be a tournament style versus elimination rounds

Fair/Equal ice time (goalies must rotate for equal number of games)

I have included the feedback from the Zone Meetings which includes some feedback on Atom Hockey at the end of this memo.

I have also included the Atom Seasonal Plan draft that was circulated at Zone Meetings and was discussed.

The SHA Board of Directors also completed a survey on Atom Hockey and then discussed it in small groups at their recent Meeting.

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The following is a summary of proposed ideas related to the start of developing a Seasonal Plan for Atom Hockey for the 2020/21. Please review and be prepared to provide your feed back during our conference call.

The plan, approved by the Board of Directors on a go forward basis is as follows;

- Obtain feedback on structure/Regulations for Atom at Fall Zones meetings - Completed
- Board of Directors review feedback and provide their input at November Board Meeting – Completed
- Kelly compile Board and Zone Meeting Feedback and create Proposal. – December 2018
- Circulate Proposal to the SHA Minor Female Committee for their review and feedback – December 2018
- Make Proposal amendments based on Committee feedback and present to the Board of Directors at January Board Meeting for final feedback and approval – January, 2019
- Circulate proposal to the SHA Membership for discussion at the Spring Zone Meetings – February, 2019
- Obtain feedback on proposal at Spring Zone Meetings – March 2019
- Make final presentation to Board of Directors for approval – April 2019
- Notify SHA Membership of Board of Directors Decision – April 2019
- Implement Proposal, Fall 2019

Atom Proposal

- **Creation of a Development Season**
 - o Goal of Hockey Canada is at the younger ages such as IP through to Atom and even Pee Wee is to “front load” the season with practices and “back load” the season with games.
 - o The creation of a “development” season should not be an issue if there are Regulations that dictate when teams can begin Exhibition Games, Tournament Games and League play.
 - o There must be significant education of coaches and parents as to why these Regulations would be in place and the resources available to coaches to develop practice plans with an emphasis on skill development and specifically skating skills.
 - o Start date for Exhibition Games, Tournaments and League Play be **November 15th**

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- **Should there be a Regulation on the Number of Games that an Atom Team Can Play?**
 - o Propose a **45-game cap** on Exhibition, Tournament and League Games
- **What type of Discipline Must be Imposed if a Team Exceeds the Game Cap?**
 - o Coach Suspension
 - o MHA is Sanctioned – cannot host Tournaments; teams to permitted in Provincial Playoffs
- **Atom League Playoffs must be conducted in a Tournament Style**
 - o Make it a Regulation and can be held over a maximum of two weekends
- **Tiering of Atom Teams**
 - o This becomes the difficult one! Is tiering still allowed or not allowed? Is it allowed in MHA's based upon the number of players? Should the SHA develop a grid in this case? How many "tiers" should be allowed within a grid?
 - o Is this an Urban versus Rural issue?
 - o Should the carding of teams still be allowed? If so, does the timing need to be adjusted if we want teams and Leagues to start later and end later? For example, if Leagues conduct their tournaments the last two weekends of March for League Playoffs, that conflicts with what our regular "carding" time has allowed. Therefore, do we create three or four "carded" weekends throughout the year whereby carded teams could play and Leagues take weekends off during that time? For example; Carded teams register by December 1. Four weekends for carded hockey would be the weekend prior to Christmas; last weekend in January; Family Day Weekend; and first weekend in April.
- **Use of Full Time Goalies**
 - o Yes, full time goalies would be permitted however all kids who wish to play should be encouraged to try goal

Thanks everyone!

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