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AGM
Presidents Report

This was my first term on the Executive of Sooke Minor Hockey. Stepping in as Acting President was quite the role to fill, and a year of learning on the fly. I would like to thank the Executive, the players and parents for welcoming me on board. I have enjoyed the year very much. With special thanks to Nick Szadkowski and Shannon Somers who provided me with exceptional guidance in my inaugural season.

The association had many hurdles to overcome this year, but I feel that we tackled them head on and with transparency. We went through a gaming audit and this has prompted us to take note of changes that need to be made. I learned we had not received our gaming grants for 3 years. Due to the lack of these funds coming in, we had to make the difficult decision to increase player fees for the 2020/2021 season. As a whole, we are taking steps to prevent this from happening again in the future. That being said fundraising will continue to be an integral part of our seasons going forward.

I see many changes to the Association in the future, starting with a relatively fresh, excited, new Executive Board, most of whom have many more years invested with SMH, as well as instituting a new finance committee, gaming committee and fundraising committee just to name a few changes.

With the unprecedented Covid-19 times we are in, and the abrupt end to our season, as well as the unknown future of team sports we will do our best to keep you informed as soon as we know any information on what the upcoming season looks like.

Finally, I need to thank our Volunteers- that includes managers, timekeepers, score keepers and lastly our Coaches whom without we would have no hockey to play!

Thank you again for your support for the 2019/2020 season. I look forward to an exciting & positive upcoming season! I can't wait to be back and see everyone back at the rink!

Sincerely,
Les Lewco
President
Sooke Minor Hockey

Vice President/Head Coach

My name is Nick Szadkowski and this year I was VP and head coach of the association. Through the year we had very little disciplinary meetings throughout the association, which is good to see. Every year this gets lower and lower. We had 4 banners won, with Atom and Bantam winning league and our Midgets winning both league and playoffs.

I'd like to thank all the volunteers for everything they do for our club. It's endless hours and effort to make this association run. I'd like to wish all graduating players great success in whatever life brings next for them. Also, to coaches, managers and executive members who have decided to 'hang'em up', I wanted to thank you for years and years of dedication.

Overall, we had another successful hockey year and I look forward to next season.

Thanks,
Nick Szadkowski

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Division Configuration

Enrollment in Sooke & District Minor Hockey slightly down as with all other island associations. Tier One and other obligations to older players contribute to the decrease. IP1 & IP2 numbers continue to slowly increase from the previous seasons due to a smoothly run program and eagerness of beginner players.

A rep team was carried Bantam and Peewee. A Development team in Atom.

No female teams.

Registration & Fees

Registration for the 2020/2021 season were held in early February.

Early ice will not be taken for tryouts.

This was the last season for division names of Midget, Bantam, Peewee, Atom, Novice and Initiation. Divisions in the upcoming season will be U18, U15, U13, U11, U9 and U7.

My 10 year role as Registrar will come to an end after the AGM. With the renaming of divisions Hockey Canada has indicated that the HCR will look very different. Once we see what the new changes look like I will be able to assist the new registrar to load all of our registered players into the HCR. I will continue to assist the Registrar throughout the season and provide hard copy reference material to refer back to.

Sheila Dobie – Registrar

Referee-in-Chief Report for 2019-2020

First, I would like to thank the officials that worked for the Association this year. Our group consisted primarily of officials with less than 3 years of experience. Thank you to the officials who helped mentor our first-year officials.

Second, I would like to congratulate Jacob Thomas and Samantha Kingcott. All their hard work during this season, and prior seasons, caused them to be noticed by BC Hockey. Jacob was able to officiate games for the CSSHL. Samantha would have been offered the chance to officiate female provincials, if not for the cancellation of hockey due to COVID-19. I wish both officials continued success in the upcoming season.

Third, I would like to thank all the out of town officials who came out to do games in Sooke this year.

Fourth, I would like to thank the executive for their support during my third year as the Associations referee-in-chief and fifth as the assignor.

There were many challenges throughout the year. These include a decreasing number of senior officials, and difficulties in getting officials from outside the Association to come to Sooke.

This was my final year of being the RIC and assignor for Sooke Minor Hockey. Thanks to all who have helped to support me in these positions over the past years.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the 2019-2020 Midget C team for not only winning their division and the banner, but also for being the most sportsmanlike team this year. Even though they were one of the most penalized teams in their division, from the players to the coaches they never complained to the officials on the ice. This made my job as the assignor a lot easier, as I knew that it allowed me to put officials in these games that I normally would not have.

John Harrison

Ice Allocator Report for the AGM: 2019-2020 Season

This year was my first year as Ice Allocator and first year as a member of the SMHA Board of Directors. I would like to thank all of the Board members for their hard work and a special thank you to Shannon Somers, Nick Szadkowski and Dee Vivian who helped me a great deal as I settled in to this new position.

A decrease in enrollment this year, mostly at the older team levels, meant that the association had more ice time than what was needed, due to a decrease in the number of teams. We had 2 time slots, one early morning and one late night, that were not used throughout the year and had some black ice in our game time slots towards the end of the season. In addition, many teams that have usually shared practice ice slots in the past had full-ice time slots throughout the year. I have reworked the practice schedule for the upcoming year to reduce our footprint, which will allow the association to save money on ice time, which is our largest expense.

The Ice Allocator position has its very busy times at the beginning and end of the season, but is also consistently busy throughout the year. Prior to the start of the season, the ice footprint must be designed to allow for ample practice and game time, without too much waste. At the beginning of the season, the entire practice schedule and then game schedule must be input into the website which is very time consuming and then, throughout the year, games must be input into the system on a regular basis as well as any changes that occur along the way. Exhibition games must be added into open time slots as well.

I have learned a lot in my first year in this position and would be pleased to continue as the Ice Allocator for a second year, if I am re-elected.

Thanks to everyone for a great season and I'm looking forward to another great season in 2020-21!

Angela Gatari
Ice Allocator 2020/21

AGM Equipment Report 2019-2020

The distribution of game jerseys and gear was a bit more difficult in the fall this season. Unfortunately SMHA was unable to use a locker room for distribution due to ongoing construction/ renovations at the arena building. Hopefully for the 2020-21 season we will be allow to borrow a locker room like in the past and team officials will be able to pop by the rink to pick up their team's gear over a time period of a couple of days early in the fall.

Mandatory game socks were changed to a more readily available sock in the Athletic Knit brand. As opposed to last season's custom socks that had issues with sizing, the Athletic Knit brand came in 3 standard sizes. These were also able to arrive within 2 weeks after placing an order as opposed to 4-5 weeks wait time of last year's style.

This season the AtoMc jersey program was rolled out as intended and those will continue to be used for game jerseys by our atom rec. teams. Each player kept their blue jersey which are scheduled to be replaced with an order hopefully arriving this summer. The following season, the white jerseys will be gifted to players and then replaced and so on. This program also provides socks, clip board for the coach, toques and other keepsakes for players to keep.

This season the Timbits jersey program was also brought in. There was quite the mix up from the distributor when they arrived, 100 home jerseys not matching the numbers on the 100 away jerseys. This was fixed when I contacted the Regional Rep as well as the Distributer. They sent replacements to match what we already had and the 100 unmatched jerseys are in storage until we can order the matching numbers. This program also provides socks, medals for a year end celebration and a "swag" items for players. The Timbits jersey program only provides new jerseys every 3 years and so these are not gifted to players each season.

As for the year end collection of SMHA equipment, just before spring break when many families were looking forward to travelling to their year end tournaments, it was announced that Hockey Canada was cancelling and postponing all sanctioned hockey events across the country in light of the covid 19 pandemic. The following morning I sent out an email with a date for collecting gear which would give managers enough time to arrange collecting from all of their families. However, within days of that email, all BC residents were being instructed to socially distance themselves and not gather for anything unessential so I postponed the collection of equipment until further notice. This means that a large majority of SMHA property remains in the hands of individual families, managers and coaches for the time being. Only when it is safe to do so and restrictions are eased back by the powers that be, equipment collecting will resume.

April Alexander
Equipment Manager 2019/20

Fundraising and sponsorship went well this year! I worked on redoing the sponsorship letter and getting new community sponsors. We received quite a few new sponsors and started using Spectrum Digital, a local sign company to make them.

We did a fundraising dance, with silent auction that did quite well, helping to raise additional funds.

We also did a Hockey Day in Canada at the Legion, which did ok, but I was not involved.

This was my first year taking over the position, which was neglected for a few years. There are still lots of things we can do to enhance our incoming funds through sponsorship/fundraising, and we need a committee in my opinion, as it's a lot of work.

Carrie Coleman

2019-20 Initiation/Novice Report

It was another successful year for the Initiation and Novice teams! Highlights from this year include teams playing at the intermission for the Victoria Royals and Victoria Grizzly games, tournaments, games, new jerseys, Hockey Day in Canada at the Legion, and many successful fundraising efforts. Most importantly, the kids developed their skills, made friends and had fun!

Bench staff and player/team placement was determined early this year, which helped with organization, and I would recommend we continue to make this a priority for the start of upcoming seasons. For the 2019-20 year there were four teams in this division. Two Initiation, (one Minor and one Major), as well as two Novice teams, (one Minor and one Major) with a total of 67 players. As expected, some obstacles were encountered along the way, which provided an opportunity to learn and grow for future seasons.

Finally, thank you to all the Coaches, Managers, and Executives, who volunteer countless hours to make this season a success and to the players and their families for their commitment to the sport!

Sincerely,

Brianne Crocker
Initiation/Novice Coordinator
Sooke Minor Hockey

Atom/Peewee Year End Report 2019-2020

Peewee:

Our Peewee T3 team had a total of 14 players coached by Steve Knowles and managed by Shannon Somers and had a season had a record of 3-8-1.

Our Peewee C1 team had a total of 14 players coached by Aaron Chilsolm, Brandon Krieger and managed by Laura Reaney and had a league record of 2-14-1.

Atom:

Our Atom house program saw 2 smaller teams this year which proved to be quite successful.

Atom C1 coached by Kevin Miller and managed by Elaine Ralph-Bruce had a great season! With a league record of 14-3-0 they brought home the banner for winning the regular season.

Atom C2 coached by Tyler Daum and managed by Gorana Wilson also had a great season. They had a league record of 7-9-1.

Our Atom Development team coached by Rob Wilson and managed by Kala Souter were placed in Division 2 for the season. They had a league record of 7-5-0 finishing 3rd in Division 2.

Overall I would say all teams had a great season given the unfortunate circumstances at the end of the season.

I would like to thank all of the Coaches and Managers for your hard work and keeping our players engaged. Parents, without your efforts we wouldn't be able to fill teams so a big thank you goes out to you as well! Also, a huge thank you to anyone and everyone who has answered questions, assisted with reports and provided me with advice along they way!

Kala Souter
Atom/Peewee Coordinator
Sooke Minor Hockey