**SOUTHWEST SASKATCHEWAN HOCKEY LEAGUE**

**APRIL 17, 2019 SPRING AGM MINUTES**

**WALKER PLACE, SWIFT CURRENT, SASKATCHEWAN**

President Wayne Girodat called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**Attendance:**

Gull Lake, Cabri, Eastend, Shaunavon, Gravelbourg, Assiniboia, Kincaid, Maple Creek, Swift Current

N/A

Fox Valley, Glentworth, Ponteix, Lafleche, Herbert, Cornach

**Introductions:**

President - Wayne Girodat

Treasurer - Tracey Stenson

Secretary - Sherri Silzer

Website - George Bowditch

**AGENDA**

That the April 17, 2019 AGM Agenda be adopted as presented. MOTION by Gull Lake. Seconded by Ryan Brown. CARRIED.

**MINUTES**

The September 20, 2018 Fall Meeting minutes were handed out. President Wayne Girodat asked all the people to read the minutes and if anyone has any changes to add to the notes provided. An amendment was needed as Assiniboia was added to the attendance list. MOTION by Wade Lacher. Seconded by Ryan Brown. CARRIED.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The financial report was read by Tracey Stenson stating the income as $17,968.91 and expenses of $4,893.79 with a balance of $13,075.12. Tracey made a MOTION that the financial report be adopted as printed. Seconded by Ryan Brown. CARRIED.

Tracey Stenson also made a MOTION that a seperate 2nd Ledger be made for the Bonds. Seconded by Jordan Brisebois. CARRIED.

**PRESIDENT REPORT - Wayne Girodat**

2018-2019 Season has been completed.

Atom Champions - Eastend Jets

Pee Wee Champions - Assiniboia Rebels

Bantam Champions - Eastend Jets

Midget Champions - Shaunavon Badgers

Overall the season went over very well. Commissioners did a very good job looking after their respective divisions. There was a couple of situations when a midget division team contacted the SHA prior to contacting their Commissioner with concerns in regards to an on ice call resulting in suspension. All teams in all divisions are reminded that all concerns need to be dealt with internally within the SSHL Executive cannot deal with the situation or requires guidance we will then contact the SHA to help resolve any issues. This was not a huge deal but it is worth mentioning so everyone is aware of the process we would like to follow.

This past season was also the first that we as a league strictly enforced penalizing teams with a $50 fine for failure to post game scores within the 24 hour rule. We will continue to do this as it is important that Rules & Regulations are followed. There were some complaints in regards to this being enforced but Rules are Rules.

I would like to thank the following Commissioners as their terms have now been fulfilled:

Atom - Ryan Olynick Pee Wee - Jaydon Balfour Bantam - Ashley Lind Midget - Shauna Lacher

**Upcoming Commissioners for the 2019/2020 - 2020/2021 Seasons are as follows:**

Atom - Maple Creek Pee Wee - Swift Current Bantam - Fox Valley Midget - Lafleche

I would also like to thank George Bowditch for taking the extra time and effort to post all previous meeting minutes, Rules & Regulations and the SSHL Constitution on the SSHL Website as requested by myself. We have a very good website so I encourage everyone to use it to their benefit. As always we are open to discussion and suggestions to make improvements.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**Atom Commissioner - Ryan Olynick**

No report.

**Pee Wee Commissioner - Jaydon Balfour**

No report.

**Bantam Commissioner - Ashley Lind**

This year's Bantam League consisted of 8 teams. It was decided to play a 21 game regular season. In that there would be home and away games with each team plus one more game with each team in order to get 21.

All teams made playoffs with regular season being done by February 14th. Each round was as best of 3 series and usually 10 days were given for each round so that no series ended on the weekend because there were lots of Provincials going on. In all the year went well, coaches and managers did good keeping games up to date on the website. There were quite a few suspensions but this is the way hockey is going. All suspensions were handed out following the minimum suspension guideline with nothing extra being tacked on.

We had 2 teams capture Provincial titles from our league. Congratulations to Swift Current in "A" and to Eastend in "C".

In the league final Eastend camp up against the Swift Current Blades and prevailed in two close games to win the Championship. Thanks you to all the volunteers in the Bantam League over the past two seasons.

**Midget Commissioner - Shauna Lacher**

Seven teams participate in the Midget Division for 2018-2019 hockey year:

Glentworth Thunder Swift Current Knights

Swift Current Mustangs Swift Current Wild

Shaunavon Badgers Wood River

Maple Creek Hawks

There were no applications for over-aged players this year. A double home and home series was decided on for a total of 24 regular season league games. League play commenced October 12th and was completed February 16th.

Playoff format was decided as best of 3 games for round 1 and 2, with the top team getting a bye in the first round. The highest ranking team got to choose their opponent. In round 2, playoffs were seeded. Playoff champions were determined in round 3 from the best of a 5 game series.

In the first round of playoffs, Shaunavon received a bye finishing in 1st place. In the first round of playoffs, Maple Creek elected to play SC Knights; Wood River elected to play Glentworth and SC Mustangs played off against SC Wild. Maple Creek, Wood River and SC Mustangs advanced into round 2 of playoffs resulting in match-ups between Shaunavon and SC Mustangs, and Maple Creek and Wood River. Shaunavon and Maple Creek faced off in the final series with Shaunavon taking home the Championship winning the series in 4 games.

Overall, it was a good year of hockey with good camaraderie across all the teams. There were 26 suspensions issued in the year. There were a few concerns raise about refs being assigned to games in cases where there were some connections to the team (siblings, parents, etc.). There are no rules in the SSHL regarding the assignment in impartiality of referees. The league may want to look at this in the future.

I would like to wish all the graduating players all the best in hockey as they move forward in other hockey endeavors. Thanks for a great year everyone!

**SHA REPORT**

No report as Greg Haubrich was not present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Central Butte would like to put in a Pee Wee team for the 2019/2020 season. MOTION by Wayne Girodat. Seconded by Ryan Brown. CARRIED.

The Fall Meeting is tentively set for September 18, 2019 @7:00 pm at the Palliser Pavillion. MOTION by Wayne Girodat. Seconded by Ryan Wallis. CARRIED.

A request was made to possibly tier Atom - Midget teams in the SSHL. President Wayne Girodat stated that it is written in the constitution that there shall be no tiering in the SSHL. Also that there are not the numbers to support the process. It was mostly looking at the Atom group and a request was made to look at in the fall again. MOTION by Gerald Johnson. Seconded by Ashley Lind. CARRIED.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm. MOTION by Ashley Lind. Seconded by Ryan Brown. CARRIED.