

**Swift Current Minor Hockey Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes –August 13th 2018
Iplex Conference Room**

1. Call to Order

Aaron Bakus called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2. Roll Call/Regrets

Present: Aaron Bakus, Greg Hurrell , Stephen Billows, Rej Stringer, Blair Simpson, Gerald Johnson, Jason Silzer, Dave & Nola Smith, Joel Karcha, Brad Carlson, Larry Empey, Vaughn Penley, Richard Cashin, Darwin Knelsen

Regrets: Wade Lacher, Eric Bloom, Colby Rennie, Brent Stechyshyn,

3. Motion to accept the Agenda as presented. *Darwin Knelsen, Seconded by Larry Empey Carried*

4. Minutes – from June 4th 2018.

Motion to accept the minutes from previous meeting as presented made by Joel Karcha, Seconded by Vaughn Penley. Carried.

5. Old Business:

The Board is still looking for a Vice President. Jason Silzer agreed to let his name stand for Vice President. Motion made, Seconded ,Carried

Jersey rental for the new AA teams was discussed. The Jersey rental fee will be the cost of the jersey divided into 4 years. Cost recovery.

RoomRoster will no longer be partnered with Swift Current Minor Hockey. Past President Wade Lacher contacted them and after a 2 hour conversation with them it was decided we would not continue our contract with them. Room Roster has already contacted most of the Hotels in Swift Current and cancelled the block of rooms. Each tournament committee is to contact and book blocks of rooms with the local hotels.

Hockey Day in Canada. Sheldon Kennedy Outdoor Classic. SHA was contacted and they advised they would not sanction the tournament unless we as SCMHA host it. The tournament committee will have to be notified and come up with a plan. The Board of directors agreed to host the tournament so we can sanction our players in Novice to play in the tournament. Sheldon Kennedy is hoping this will be an annual event in Swift Current to promote Safe Places. The Hockey Day in Canada committee will be sponsoring former NHL players and celebrities on ice sessions with Atom Hockey players on Thursday Feb 07th and Friday February 08th. This will be organized.

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Darwin Knelsen will be speaking with Chris Poole from City Parks & Recreation regarding placing our logo in the Fairview Arenas. There were ideas passed around for Darwin to suggest to the city.

Building fund at Fairview Arena was discussed we have a certain amount of money in the fund and will continue to grow the fund from money collected from donations and tournament fees.

The newly formed Sask AA Hockey League and the SFMHL are up and running. Brad Carlson has the documentation on the SFMHL and the Director of Hockey Operations has the documentation for the Sask. AA Hockey League. There is a link on the SCMHA website to the newly formed SAAHL.

6. New Business

Atom division was discussed as there are concerns relayed from parents regarding the inconsistent level of competition in regular league play. Two Board members have received a lot of calls and complaints on this issue. Past coaches were consulted in the Atom AA level as to what would be the best option to improve on this. The Board discussed this issue at length and a motion was made to allow up to 6 imports to play on the Tarpon Energy Atom AA team for this season. The Motion was seconded and carried. The Coach will be informed. This should alleviate some of the concerns raised.

The Board of Directors would like to thank PureChem Services for taking over the sponsorship for the Bantam AA Broncos. It is much appreciated.

The Midget Division is still looking for a sponsor. The Midget Division Head will continue to search for a sponsor as well as other Board members.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Lace 'em Up Foundation has partnered with Canadian Tire Jumpstart. This will allow families to request to request additional funding up to \$1,000. For hockey registration. It has been added to our website on the front page.

A letter of appreciation was read to the Board from the Jessiman family.

7. Financial Report: Eric Bloom (Not Present)

No report at this time.

8. Reports

Registration –Dave Smith (Present)

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Nothing of any concerns to report still receiving registrations and processing refunds as they come in. Regular registration ends on Sept 01st 2018.

Risk Management/Progressive Discipline - Colby Rennie (Not Present)
. Nothing to report

Equipment Director – Darwin Knelsen (Present)
Jerseys for the Rep teams should be in within a few days and sponsorship cresting to be added to the Jerseys. Once the cost is known it will be divided up for rental to the AA Teams.

Referee Liaison Report – Joel Karcha (Present)
Nothing to report. Joel will advise when the Referee clinics are scheduled to put on the website.

Initiation – Gerald Johnson (Present)

Date of Report: August 13th , 2018
Number of Teams: tbd
Number of Participants: 78 as of August 7th
Head Coaches: tbd

Discipline/Concerns:

- Intro to coach course date?
- Tournament date?

Celebrations:

Updates:

- 78 participants registered.
- 3 dads indicated a willingness to head coach, 17 to assist so far

Motions:

Respectfully Submitted;



Gerald Johnson Initiation Division Head
Swift Current Minor Hockey Association

Division: Novice Richard Cashin: (Present)

To date 88 players are registered in Novice. Will know how many teams once final numbers are known. Finalizing coaches as well.

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Division: Atom Vaughn Penley (Present)

Date of Report: August 13, 2018

Head Coaches: TBD

Discipline/Concerns: Nothing to report at this time.

Updates: I am currently sitting at 72 kids registered for Atom. Atom AA tryouts will take place in the middle of September which will then dictate the number of players for the house league teams. Currently there are 7 people signed up to head coach and 17 signed up to assistant coach (some are signed up for both head coach and assistant coach positions) House team coaching positions as well as the number of teams will be determined following the AA try outs.

Questions: Nothing to report at this time.

Motions: Nothing to report at this time.

Pee Wee – Blair Simpson (Present)

To date 60 players in this division have registered. Depending on how many players make the AA Team possibly 2 teams in Pee Wee. Will know more in September. Coaches are being sought.

Bantam-Brent Stechyshyn (Not Present)

So far only 50 kids signed up for Bantam.

Is there a possibility of a hitting clinic for the 1st year kids, would be beneficial.

Evaluation start dates ??

Good support for Assistant Coaches but not Coaches.

Focus on good quality teams for house tourney.

Safe Places and Respect in Sport update, anything ?

I am willing to help with Hockey Day in Canada !

Thanks !

Midget Division – Stephen Billows (Present)

Midget division

43 kids registered , hoping to have two teams same as last year.

AA Tryouts September 21, 22 & 23.

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Jr. Female – Rejean Stringer (Present)

Date of Report: Aug 13/18

Number of Teams: 3

Head Coaches: TBD

Updates:

Very high odds there will not be a Novice female team this year with only 4 girls currently signed up.

There will be 1 team in Atom and 2 teams in Pee wee according to the numbers.

Questions:

Question about female extravaganza tournament.

Sr. Female Division -Brad Carlson (Present)

Date of Report: August 13, 2018

Head Coaches: Midget AAA- *Terry Pavely*

Midget AA- *Sean Chapman*

Midget A-

Bantam A-

Discipline/Concerns: Nothing to report at this time.

Updates: I am currently sitting at twenty five girls registered at Bantam. At this present time we have eleven girls registered Midget. This is a floating number that will be dictated by the AAA and AA tryout camps. Some projected registrations have not been received yet. Currently in discussions with the SFHL on whether the August 31st deadline to announce teams is a hard number. My true numbers will come to fruition after the Midget AA tryouts in the middle of September.

Questions: Nothing to report at this time.

Motions: Nothing to report at this time.

Respectfully Submitted Brad Carlson

Legionnaires-Larry Empey (Present)

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Date of Report: Aug 13/2018

Head Coaches: Darren Evjen

Updates: The Legionnaires are ready for the start of their fall camp 2018/19 season. Coach Evjen feels that they have a very strong returning group of veterans and are very excited about some young new faces to the team. They are still looking to fill a couple voids in the lineup this weekend but feel they will be very competitive this year. He feels that if they stick to the same team values and get some strong leadership from their player group they should finish near the top of the league.

Along with the returning players he is also very excited about his returning coaches Guy Jacobson and Andy Blanke, new to the staff this season is local Travis Moen, with his respective NHL resume, and his attention to the defensive details of the game he will no doubt be another great attribute behind the bench. Also returning is Mike Balaski and Greg Hurrell to assist with all the day to day behind the scenes action for the team.

Camp starts this Friday Aug 17 at 6:30 pm at Swift Current Comp High School for registration and Fitness testing. First Ice session is on Sat Aug 18 at 11:45am at the Iplex.

See you at the Rink

Discipline/Concerns: None

Celebrations:

Questions:none

Motions:none

Respectfully Submitted
Larry Empey

Past-President – Wade Lacher (Not Present)

Nothing to report

President – Aaron Bakus

Nothing to report

9. Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be at Iplex Conference room 10th of Sept 2018. .

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10. Meeting adjournment: Dave Smith

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