**Swift Current Minor Hockey Association**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes –Dec 01st 2020**

**Via Zoom**

**1. Call to Order**

**Aaron Bakus called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.**

# 2. Roll Call/Regrets :

***Present:*** **Aaron Bakus, Greg Hurrell, *Brad Carlson, Dave Smith, Larry Empey, Gerald Johnson, Brad Torry, Ryan Baker, Nola Smith, Jaime Leblanc, Brent Stetch, Vaughn Penley, Dade Getzinger, Mike Dudley, Blair Simpson, Cheyenne Arntsen, Wade Lacher***

 ***Regrets: Colby Rennie, & Eric Bloom***

**3. Motion to accept the Agenda as presented Gerald Johnson*, seconded by Jaime Leblanc. Carried***

**4. Acceptance of Minutes from Nov 03rd 2020. Motion from Wade Lacher, Seconded by Brad Torry , Carried**

**5.Old Business: Update on Return to Play: Nothing since the Sask Government Update. Next update on Dec 17th.**

 **Covid 19 Coordinator Update: Sask Health as declared an outbreak with SCMHA. Everyone needs to be vigilant in protecting themselves.**

 **Letter from Local Sask Health as more players are testing positive and to follow all guidelines set out. Letter put on Social Media as well as our webpage.**

 **6. New Business: No new Update from Sask Hockey. Teams can still practice with the amended guidelines set out by the Sask Government. The new guidelines were discussed at length with all the Board members addressing each division concerns or requests to continue practicing. Thoughts and suggestions were brought forward to try and address these concerns. There were several coaches from each division Not wanting to risk going back on the ice for the next two weeks some were willing to take the risk but the Board felt in the younger divisions it would be extremely hard to control player movement on the ice with the 3 meter distancing, facemasks as well as coaches who not wanting to risk getting sick themselves and or player infections. After much debate the following Motion was put forward to the Board: That all SCMHA Teams Under the U18 AAA teams be paused until the next media release from the Government of Sask and the Sask Health Authority. Motion was seconded and Carried.**

 **The Under 18 AAA Wildcats and Legionnaires will be allowed to continue to practice following the amended guidelines as set out by the Sask Government. There were several reasons the AAA teams were allowed to continue, billeting players, school education is very important and they would not get access to teacher support if they were sent home. Several other reasons were brought up. The Board agreed to allow these two teams to continue until told otherwise by SHA.**

 **There have been several inquiries regarding the pause placed on us and possible refunds for Team Ice Allocations and Registrations. The Board discussed this and decided we will wait and make a decisions on refunds at the end of the Hockey Season and make a decision at that time.**

 **As mentioned in our last meeting Colby Cave Scholorship helmet stickers have been purchased and can be picked up at the skate shop for every team.**

 **COMMUNICATIONS: All current SHA Sask Health updates have been posted on our Social Media to keep communications open with our families in our Association**

 **7. Financial Report: Eric Bloom (Not Present)**

 **Eric was unable to attend the meeting and advised he will present an updated financial statement later this week for the Board members to peruse.**

 **Progressive Discipline Report: Colby Rennie (Not Present)**

 **Registration Director : Dave Smith(Present)**

 **Nothing to report**

**Referee Liason Report : Mike Dudley (Present)**

- Nothing to Report

 **8. Equipment Manager: (Jaime Leblanc) Present**

TEAM JERSEY INFORMATION

Swift Current Minor Hockey Association rules state that all team jerseys must be washed and looked

after by an assigned parent on each team. Concern has been raised this year, due to COVID-19

about collecting and washing these jerseys as a group. While SCMHA would prefer to still have an

assigned parent be in charge of the sweaters, for the 2020-21 season, we are allowing each

player/family to be responsible for their own jersey. HOWEVER, the following rules must be

adhered to, in order to avoid unnecessary damage or wear on team sweaters:

*1. Jerseys should be removed from hockey bags after use.*

*2. Jerseys must be washed regularly in COLD water ONLY and hung to dry. Hockey sweaters*

*should never be washed in warm or hot water, and NEVER put in the dryer. Sweaters that*

*become stained with Gatorade/juice etc. should be washed AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to avoid*

*permanent discoloration. Stain removers can be used, but avoid using anything with a bleach*

*additive.*

*3. Team sweaters must be worn for sanctioned SCMHA games only and not worn for practice,*

*outdoor rinks or other any other times when not representing your SCMHA team.*

*4. Any damages currently on team jerseys should be noted to the coaches and brought to the*

*attention of the SCMHA Equipment Director immediately.*

*5. Any damages/tears etc. that occur throughout the season should be also be noted to the*

*coaches. Minor repairs are at the expense of each individual team.*

Failure to follow these rules will result in SCMHA collecting the sweaters from the team and having

them signed out for each game. SCMHA will have the jerseys washed and repaired, and ALL costs

incurred including professional cleaning, repairing, transportation, etc. will be at the teams expense.

Any jersey returned at the end of the 2020-21 season deemed to have been poorly kept and unfit for

use for a player in upcoming seasons will have their $100 post-dated cheque cashed to cover the cost of replacement.

 **8. Reports**

**Division**: **AAA U18 Male/Female report**
**Legionnaire/ Wildcat liaison Larry Empey -Present**

**Date of Report**: Dec 01st

**Head Coaches**: Chris Keleher/ Terry Pavely

**Updates**:  As far as a report I have done some research and swift current is the only community that has shut their AAA teams down at this point. Every team in the league is continuing with the new rules as set out by Sha until the Dec 17 break.

 Our players for both teams are at home right now out of respect for our pause in hockey right now by the board and would like to resume ASAP.

 I have spoken to both Sask hockey and their league and both want the AAA teams to continue working on skills at this point.

 Their points were these kids move away from the homes to play hockey, they pay a billet inside our community to live here.

 They do NOT do any other skills camps or power skating that would increase their bubbles such as kids in the younger years would do such as we see happening in swift Current right now.

 They have been told by the school that they want them to stay until the semester is over so they can maintain support from the teachers on the courses.

 In closing how many of these kids will not return if we turn them away right now. Let the league and Sha shut them down it is not up to us as a board to send kids home when the entire league of both male and female AAA is continuing.

 In closing their coaches are paid and it will be up to them to provide the skills that players at that level require to reach the next level of hockey.

Thank you

Larry Empey

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***Under 18 Male (Brad Torry) Present***

Nothing to Report

***Senior Female Division (Brad Carlson} Present***

 Nothing to Report

*Respectfully Submitted Brad Carlson*

 **Jr. Female Division (Rej Stringer) Present**

 Nothing to Report

 **Rej Stringer**

 Jr. Division Head

 **Under 7 Division Head (Dade Getzinger) Present**

Nothing to Report

**U9 Division Report (Ryan Baker) Present**

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At this point I one team wanting to try and 7 no’s.

Ryan Baker

**Under 11 Division Head (Gerald Johnson) Present**

**Date of Report**: December 1st, 2020

**Number of Teams**: 6

**Number of Participants**: 83
**Head Coaches:** Blair Simpson, Kent Silbernagel, Troy Laforge, Shawn Irwin, Mark Plewis, Dade Getzinger

**Discipline/Concerns**:

Have we established our operating cost per participant this season?

**Celebrations**:  To the best of my knowledge, our division has consumed approximately 84 hours of ice.

**Updates**: Regarding the return to play, at the time of this report, I have 3 teams interested in finding a way to continue, 2 teams against, and 1 team to get back to me. We have had 2 teams shut down due to Covid that I am aware of, along with many individual players due to school contacts.

**Motions**:

*Respectfully Submitted;*



**Under 13 Division Head (Vaughn Penley) Present**

Nothing to Report

**Under 15 Division (Brent Stechyshyn) Present**

 **Nothing to Report**

**9. Next Meeting**

 Our next meeting via Zoom Friday Dec 18th to discuss any further updates.

# 10. Meeting adjournment: Dave Smith.