

**Swift Current Minor Hockey Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes –March 02nd 2020
Walker Place**

1. Call to Order

Aaron Bakus called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. Roll Call/Regrets

Present: Aaron Bakus, Greg Hurrell, Rej Stringer, Nola Smith, Brad Carlson, Wade Lacher, Brent Stech, Dave Smith, Larry Empey, Darwin Knelsen, Chris Keleher, Brad Torry, Blair Simpson, Ryan Baker, Vaughn Penley, Gerald Johnston, Mike Dudley
Regrets: Eric Bloom, Cheyenne Arntsen, Colby Rennie

**3. Motion to accept the Agenda as presented .Brad Torry, seconded by Dave Smith
Carried**

4. Minutes – from Feb 03rd 2020.

Motion to accept the minutes from previous meeting as presented made by Darwin Knelsen,Seconded by Ryan Baker. Carried.

5.Old Business: SCMHA Sponsorship Tabled until April Meeting.

Selection of AA Tier 1 Coaching Positions:

Pee Wee AA Broncos: Closed Vote: 1 Applicant Travis Moen

Bantam AA Broncos: Closed Vote: 1 Applicant Rej Stringer

Bantam AA Female Wildcats: Closed Vote 1 Applicant: Larry Empey

Midget AA Broncos: Closed Vote 4 Applicants :Danny Williams

Midget AA Female Wildcats: Closed Vote: 1 Applicant: Wade Lacher

World Under 17 Legacy Fund: We were advised that once all financial transactions are complete and the committee receives funding from all sources we can expect a fairly big sponsorship to the new Fairview Arena Building fund. This will be announced fairly soon.

Gerald Johnston reported on the Goaltending clinics that were held throughout the season for Novice, Atom and PeeWee were a success and hopefully we can continue this program moving forward next season.

6. New Business: The SCMHA Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 22nd 2020 7:30p.m. Main floor at Walker Place. All Board members to have Annual reports into Director of Hockey Operations by April 10th.

The Following Board Positions are up for Elections:

President: Aaron Bakus Incumbent will let his name stand.

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Vice-President : Blair Simpson Incumbent will let his name stand.
Registration Director: Dave Smith Incumbent will let his name stand.
Equipment Director: Open
Initiation Division Head: Open
Atom Division Head: Open
Bantam Division Head: Brent Stechyshyn Incumbent will let his name stand
Sr. Female Division Head: Brad Carlson Incumbent will let his name stand
Risk Management-Progressive Discipline: Colby Rennie Not returning-Open

CORRESPONDENCE: None

7. Financial Report: Eric Bloom (Not Present)

Financial report. Motion to accept seconded, Carried.

8. Reports

Registration –Dave Smith (Present)

Nothing to report

Risk Management/Progressive Discipline - Colby Rennie (Not Present)

Just a few things

The only incident since the last meeting was the incident in Rosetown. Everyone was kept up to speed with my decision on that one. In the end, speaking with the mother, they were going to keep him out of hockey as the environment, and the things that were being said about the incident that got back to her did not sit well with them.

I am not sure if they returned or not as they were trying to play in the tournament.

I was passed on some information about a possible incident with the Atom Rangers,coach pushing his own kid to ice because she was not trying hard enough. I am having Chris look into it
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and try to dig up some more information. The notice came from an email of No name provided and no real details.

As for my term on the board, After thinking about it for awhile now(and still torn, I am going to step aside and let someone else step into the role as Progressive Discipline Coordinator.

Referee Liaison Report – Mike Dudley (Present)

Report by: Mike Dudley

Swift Current Referee Association (SCRA) Report for Swift Current Minor Hockey

Updates: Playoffs and provincials are in full swing in all levels of hockey. With smaller numbers of officials this year (especially senior officials) it is important to get your scheduled games into the assignor as quickly as possible. The assignors try to match the officials to the level of hockey but sometimes there aren't enough to cover all the games and some mixing of experience levels is needed to cover the game.

The referee association is pushing hard to try and get more mentors out to observe games and help the younger officials improve and progress.

Discipline/ Concerns: We are having a few issues in regard to some of our younger officials and the way they're being treated. Verbal abuse is slowly becoming a problem now that playoffs are rolling. A small reminder to all division heads and coaches that this is not acceptable. A lot of these refs are still learning and some have never seen a playoff game.

Questions: Would minor hockey be willing to work with the referee association and see if we can come up with a way of preventing the loss of younger officials due to behavior from coaches/managers? Maybe a zero tolerance policy for Peewee and under? As an organization, we have trouble attracting and retaining these young people who could eventually become experienced and "good enough" to ref at all levels, due to the behavior of some coaches.

As discussed by the Board :

We are here to assist the Referee Division anyway we can. We asked if possible if the referee's would be willing to complete an off game sheet report so if there are any issues with Coaches, Parents, fans they can be reported to the Head official then if necessary brought to the Board for our review and any action deemed necessary. Mike thought this would be a great idea and will take it back to his Referee Division.

Equipment Manager- Darwin Knelsen (Present)

Asking all Division Heads to ensure the return of all Team Jersey's in a timely fashion, washed and in proper Team bags that were supplied.

Initiation – Gerald Johnson (Present)

Nothing to Report, Tournament ready to Proceed.

Division: Novice (Ryan Baker Present)

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Nothing to Report.

ATOM Division- Chris Keleher (Present)

Nothing to Report

Pee Wee- Division (Vaughn Penley Not Present)

PeeWee Division.

Nothing Major to report.

Would like to discuss a couple future motions.

Fee structure for House vs Rep teams.

Utilizing out of town ice as regularly scheduled ice time for everyone in SCMHA

As Discussed by the Board: Fee structure for House Teams vs Rep teams will remain the same.

The Rep teams pay more in Team fees and usually run out of Ice allocation in December and start paying SCMHA from Team fees in January to cover their ice bills. They get on most weeks 2 practice times and game times. They are no different than house teams.

Out of town regularly scheduled ice time for everyone in SCMHA will occur if there are Special Occasion Events that occur that we have no control over. If we cannot meet our schedule for practice/game slots then out of town ice rental will be booked by our Ice scheduler.

Bantam-Brent Stechyshyn (Present)

Nothing to report at this time

Midget Division – Brad Torry (Present)

Date of Report: December 2, 2019

Head Coaches: Midget AA- Chris Keleher
Wild - Ed Watson
Mustangs - Jason Silzer
Knights - Mike Dudley

Discipline/Concerns: One Parent - Suspension in place.

Updates: New AA Coach to be selected. Mustangs in league finals.

Questions: None.

Motions: None.

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Jr. Female – Rejean Stringer (Present)

Nothing to Report

Sr. Female Division- Brad Carlson (Present)

Date of Report: March 2nd, 2020

Head Coaches: Midget AAA- *Terry Pavely 18 players*
Midget AA- *Wade Lacher 18 players*
Bantam AA- *Cheyenne Arntsen 17 players*
Bantam A- *Larry Empey 18 players*

Discipline/Concerns: Nothing to report at this time.

Updates: The Midget female AAA Wildcats have four remaining league games and sit with an 18-6-1-1 record in twenty-six games played. This is good for fifty-seven points and 2nd place in the SFMAAAHL. The Midget female AA Wildcats are currently in league playoffs. They are playing Regina in the south semi-final. The best of three series is currently tied at one game each with the third and deciding game back in Regina this Saturday. The Bantam female AA Wildcats are playing in their league semifinal and are currently up one game to nothing with the remaining games to be played this weekend. They travel to Wilkie this Friday to play North West in game two. The Bantam female A Colts are currently playing Prairie Storm in the south semifinal in their league. The series is tied one game each after two with the deciding game this Thursday at FE.

Questions: Nothing to report at this time

Motions: Nothing to report at this time

Respectfully Submitted Brad Carlson

Legionnaires-Larry Empey (Present)

Division: midget AAA

Legionnaire/Wildcat liaison Larry Empey

Date of Report: March 2 /2020

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Head Coaches: Darren Evjen/ Terry Pavely

Updates: The Legionnaires are all tied up at 1 game apiece in the first round of playoffs against the Regina Pat Cs and head back there tonight for game3. Also our new coach for 20/21 is actively recruiting and trying to prepare for spring camps as we speak.

The Wildcats are looking to close out their regular season play this week and are currently standing alone in 2nd place with little chance of movement there. Coach Pavely is very excited for this yrs. playoff run and hopes to get a chance at the title this season.

The Wildcats did have one player that broke a couple team rules this past week and after interviewing all the players and gathering information into the incident the staff felt it best to meet with the parent and the kid involved to discuss the situation and come up with disciplinary plan that fit the broken rules. Part of the discipline was for the player to deliver an apology to her teammates but she felt that was too much to ask so she has chosen to leave the team. The staff would like to wish her luck in her future hockey plans.

The Wildcats will get set to play Wednesday night when they host Notre Dame at 7:45

Discipline/Concerns: None

Celebrations:

Questions:

Motions: none

Respectfully Submitted
Larry Empey

Past-President – Wade Lacher (Present)

Nothing to report

President – Aaron Bakus

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9. **Next Meeting**
Our next meeting April 08th Walker Place.
10. **Meeting adjournment: Dave Smith.**

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