

**Swift Current Minor Hockey Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes –Nov 03rd 2020
Walker Place**

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, Eric Bloom, Jaime Leblanc, Brent Stetch, Vaughn Penley, Dade Getzinger, Mike Dudley, Blair Simpson

Regrets: Colby Rennie, Cheyenne Arntsen, Wade Lacher, Rej Stringer

3. Motion to accept the Agenda as presented Larry Empey, *seconded by Vaughn Penley Carried*

**4. Acceptance of Minutes from from October 03rd 2020. Motion from Brad Torry
Seconded by Mike Dudley. Carried**

5. Old Business: Update on Return to Play: Phase 3 in effect but with only 150 fans.

Sponsorship Board is cancelled for this season for the AA teams. Too much hardship on sponsors for this year. All major AA/AAA teams sponsors have been billed to sponsors. Vaughn is looking for a sponsors for the Under 13 League teams.

6. New Business:

Blair Simpson gave his Covid 19 Update and can be found on the SCMHA website as well as guidelines for out of town teams coming to play in Swift Current. Will keep updating as things progress.

Swift Current Minor Hockey is looking at providing developmental hockey for younger players pre-Initiation for next year. The program will be kept at a limited amount of registered kids between 4 and 5 years old with an Instructor hired to run, organize and manage the program. The Board felt this would be beneficial for kids learning to skate and help with those kids moving into the Initiation program years following. More to come on this.

As there is a program now to benefit the Colby Cave Scholarship a motion was made to purchase helmet stickers for all registered players in SCMHA to wear on their helmets. Motion made, seconded and carried.

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Team bussing was discussed as there are some teams wanting to allow their teams to bus to games and allowing parents on the bus. This was discussed at length. SCMHA is following the SHA bussing guidelines and every team using a bus must follow the guidelines set out by Sask Health and the SHA.

Covid 19 Tracking and tracing. The Under 18 AAA Legionnaires have found a QR Scan code which scans all cell phone users coming into the arena for games and tracks names, emails and phone numbers. This eliminates the use of writing down every person entering the arena. The cost is very cheap and can keep records for as long as the team wants. There are different Minor Hockey Associations using this system for all of minor hockey and Blair and Eric will look into purchasing a system for all teams to use

**SHA Zone 3 Zoom Meeting attended by Past President Wade Locher
Here is what I noted from the Zone 3 meeting.**

As of the night of meeting: Phase 3 was not approved Sask health. Hopefully you guys have heard different by now. Kelly said he thought he would hear by the beginning of last weekend. They don't see an issue as things have seen going smoothly.

This season will be different in allowing emergency goalies. SHA will try their best to allow movement.

Still half ice for Initiation and Novice. No more than 30 participants per end. Separate entrances and exits.

No goalie camps and or power skating camps allowed where multiple kids from different age groups would be together.

Team pictures allowed on ice without mask. Off ice wear mask.

Can sell 50/50's. Seller should stay stationary and wear gloves.

Kitchens can open as long as Covid rules are followed. Remove mask to eat and then put back on after.

SSHL and other leagues create their own mini leagues and send to SHA for approval.

Female players are only allowed to register on 1 team this season.

Provincials and Carded teams are not allowed right now and doubtful for this year. A decision should be made in early December.

SHA still trying to get approval for Affiliate players.

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Each Covid rep for teams have the right to get officials to stop a game if a spectator is not wearing a mask. If spectator still refuses to wear a mask and they will not leave the arena, the Covid rep can cancel the game.

SHA is going to send out the following survey to each Minor Hockey Association soon:

1 – Define female hockey

New Release rule

Players always return to home centre and need a release every season.

COMMUNICATIONS: Please ensure all coaching staff have proper coaching credentials and are signed up for Coaching Clinics which are posted on the SHA and SCHMA website. Clinics classrooms are online courses with ice times booked.

Under 7 Level 1 Course: Wednesday Nov 04th 2020. Iplex 7:15-to 8:45 p.m. On ice session Only.

7. Financial Report: Eric Bloom (Present)

Eric presented his financial statement. Motion to accept, Seconded and carried.

Progressive Discipline Report: Colby Rennie (Not Present)

Registration Director : Dave Smith(Present)

New Team Registration reports have been completed and submitted to SHA

Referee Liason Report : Mike Dudley (Present)

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

Updates:

- List of officials is almost complete. Numbers are down a little bit from last year. With all games being on weekends, it is going to be very busy.
 - Please ensure your managers are getting in touch with assignors and giving them your schedules
 - Sheldon Paulhus is stepping in to learn assigning and will slowly be phased into assigning for U13 and lower
 - There is no longer Zones for officiating. The south has been divided into South East, South Central and South West. Ian Schafer is the U15/Grassroots coordinator for our region (SW) and Logan Tisdale is looking after U18 and higher.
 - Please ensure everyone that needs to take the safe return to hockey course has done so.
- There is a lot of things that have changed regarding officials and COVID. There are new

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regulations involving COVID and referees are going to have to enforce them (spitting, nose blowing, face coverings, quicker whistles to avoid scrums, no touching equipment, etc.)
- Some teams have asked about how to pay officials. Cash or cheque is fine but follow the COVID protocols and limit contact as much as possible.

Discipline/ Concerns:

-The association is working on putting a reporting tool in Arbiter for officials to report to SCRA about game issues (coach problems, fan problems, unusual situations, etc.) and have them investigated if needed.

Questions: None

8. Equipment Manager: (Jaime Leblanc) Present

DATE: November 3, 2020

Update: New sweaters are shipped and half are scheduled to arrive Wednesday, November 4 and the remainder Friday November 6. Should this occur, priority will be to get any teams playing this weekend their jerseys on Saturday for use. New custom socks for the U13 are scheduled for delivery later next week.

As a reminder, all of the teams that need to have captains letters attached are to be in contact with me to arrange application. They are not to do this on their own.

Our new logo has been sent to both Stitchmaster and Graphic Edge with instructions to only use that logo and no changes should be made to it, as well as to disregard older previous logos. If there are other locations that need or should receive the logo, please advise.

Concerns/Issues: A lot of coaches have made note that due to COVID, parents are not comfortable gathering their teams' sweaters and washing them as a whole, and instead would prefer to allow players to keep their sweaters and look after them individually. This is against our rules but I believe it is a fair ask considering the time we are in. My suggestion is that a list of regulations needs to be sent out to all teams for distribution to their parents and players.

Also, there are still a few missing sweaters from the various orientation/evaluation camps. On November 15, the order will be placed to replace these with the cost being placed into the budgets for the affected divisions. If there are any questions as to missing sweaters, please reach out.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie LeBlanc

8. Reports

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Division: AAA U18 Male/Female report

Legionnaire/ Wildcat liaison Larry Empey -Present

Date of Report: Nov 3/2020

Head Coaches: Chris Keleher/ Terry Pavely

Updates: The Legionnaires and Wildcats both had a couple exhibition games, the Legion went 0-2 and the Wildcats split 1-1. Both teams start league play this weekend and are very excited to get going. The Wildcats open up against Weyburn and the Legion opens up against the Estevan Bears. Larry presented the U18 AAA Legionnaires proposed Budget to the Board. The Budget was viewed seconded and passed.

Discipline/Concerns:
Celebrations:

Questions:

Motions: none

Respectfully Submitted

Under 18 Male (Brad Torry) Present

Date of Report: November 3th, 2020

Head Coaches: U18 AA- Shayne Stewart
Wild - Mike Smith
Mustangs - Kevin Patenaude
Knights - Mike Dudley

Discipline/Concerns: AA player suspension, A coach suspension

Updates:

- Goaltender Exception from SHA.
- Likely all 3 doing provincials.

Questions:

Motions:

Head Coach - Mike Smith
Assistant Coach - Kelly Schwartz
Manager - Vickie Calkins
COVID - Janet Schultz

Head Coach - Kevin Patenaude
Assistant Coach - Tim Hopfner

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Manager - Angelina Wall
COVID - Clayton McBurney

Head Coach - Mike Dudley
Assistant Coach - Lane Francis
Manager - Wade Phair
COIVD - Jennifer Phair

Senior Female Division (Brad Carlson) Present

Date of Report: November 3th, 2020

Head Coaches: U18 AA- *Wade Lacher 17 players*
U15 AA- *Larry Empey 17 players*
U15 A- *Jody Collier 22 players*

Discipline/Concerns: Nothing to report at this time.

Updates: All teams are practicing and beginning league play.
Brad presented the Under 18 AA Wildcats proposed budget. It was viewed discussed and passed by the Board

Questions: Nothing to Report.

Motions: Nothing to Report.

Respectfully Submitted Brad Carlson

Jr. Female Division (Rej Stringer) Not Present

Nov 03rd, 2020

All Junior Female teams are registered and operation with leagues starting this weekend.

Dade will discuss the idea about running and getting ice for a female Atom team which would need to be approved due to covid rules and ice available.

Sincerely,

Rej Stringer

Jr. Division Head

Under 7 Division Head (Dade Getzinger) Present

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U7

- Evaluations completed Oct 18th
- We picked our teams October 19th
- 8 teams were selected
- Practices started October 31st
- Head coaches are Tynning, Thiessen, Krause, Cuthbert, Neuman, Haubrich, Mohagen, Cassidy, Dade Getzinger

U9 Division Report (Ryan Baker) Present

U9 Division Report

Evaluations completed Oct 25th and team selection held Oct 27th. First practices were held Oct 31st.

Head coaches are Tuplin/Johnson/Unger/Nickel/Turner/Jensen/Kozun/Hegglin

On the table for discussion:

- delaying the start of the female novice bimonthly skates
- questions surrounding females crossing cohorts and practicing together, when carded teams are not able to

Ryan Baker

Under 11 Division Head (Gerald Johnson) Present

Division Head: Gerald Johnson

Date of Report: November 3rd, 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: Would like to discuss the possibility of creating two tiered groups of kids to practice together in place of our U11 Pathway Carded program. Groups would consist of only kids within our mini-league pod beginning Mid-November. Could this be facilitated under current COVID sanctions? Ice time – I understand there is a lot of demand right now and limited availability without Fairview East. Are teams permitted to be looking out of town for additional ice? How should the scheduling/invoicing process flow?

Celebrations: Teams were selected without any major issues, teams are practicing.

Updates: Looking to schedule 8 games for each team amongst ourselves before Christmas as part of the SWSHL League with Swift Current forming a mini-league.

Motions: To accept the following: **Outlaws** (Plewis) – Glenn Switzer (Assist), Shaun Zakaluzny (Assist), Chris Baan (Trainer), Andrea Wallace (Manager), **Ice Wolves** (Laforge) – Ryan Bender (Assist), Richard Cashin (Volunteer), **Cavaliers** (Silbernagel) – Gerrod Weins (Assistant), Todd Hornung (Assistant), Stacey Bye (Volunteer), **Mavericks** (Irwin) – Terry Monson (Assist), Erin Gehl (Manager), Cassandra Appelgren (Volunteer), Joe Carnahan (Volunteer), **Rangers** (Simpson) – Sheldon Paulhus (assist), Anne Ailsby

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(Manager), Jill Martens (Volunteer), **Bandits** (Getzinger) – Sheldon Reinhart (Assistant), Tina Wills (Manager), Brodie Bochek (Assistant), Devin Martens (Assistant)

Motion Seconded, Carried.

Respectfully Submitted;



Gerald Johnson U11 Division Head
Swift Current Minor Hockey Association

Under 13 Division Head (Vaughn Penley) Present

Date of Report: November 3, 2020

4 House Teams: Rustlers, Stallions, Mustangs, Chargers
SWT AA U13 Broncos

Coaches:

SWT Peewee AA Broncos: Travis Moen, Regan Darby, Scott Schroeder, Trevor Schmiess Mgr Jodi Willman

Kevin Leshures, Mike Olfert
Curtis Newton, Vaughn Penley
Emery Tuplin, Corey Zacharias
Mike Whitney, Sheldon Paulhus

Discipline/Concerns:

Updates:

75 kids registered for U13 coed.

5 teams total including U13 AA Broncos

U13 teams were selected in the second week of October. All teams have started practicing. No exhibition games were played, SHA denied sanction of any exhibition games after October 31 even with league not starting until the 13th of November.

AA U13 played 2 exhibition games, mini league has formed and will start league games November 7th Weekend. AA U13 Broncos would like to seek out additional sponsors, as well as have alternative fund raising approved in place of the 50/50. U13 AA Broncos are wanting to use buses for travel to away games.

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4 house teams in the SSSL are awaiting scheduling for league play to begin the weekend of November 13th, 3 pods of 5 teams have been formed.

All coaches were notified of the team staff requirements for U13 for the 2020-2021 season including the need to complete the safe return to play course. All head coaches have been sent the latest guidelines from SCMHA, SHA and the city of Swift Current.

Motions: None

Under 15 Division (Brent Stechyshyn) Present

Date of Report: Nov 3, 2020

Number of Participants: There are 55 kids registered in the U15 division, but only 41 in the U15 house season.

Head Coaches: Kent Woods, Terrik Beaudoin, Trampus Lacelle.
Assistant coaches, Bruce Olson, Kent Silbernagel and Garnet Unger
U15AA Rej Stringer, Jeff Knight

Discipline/Concerns: I am concerned with SCMHA policy compared to other towns/cities policies for the number of people allowed in their rink complex.

Updates: U15 Games will officially start this weekend. All team rosters have been emailed to Dave Smith. All schedules have been sent to Pam Dudley.

Questions: Coaches have been asking what might provincials look like this year ?? TO DATE SHA SAYING POSSIBLY BUT NOT LIKELY

Motions:

Yours in Hockey, Brent Stechyshyn

9. Next Meeting

Our next meeting Tuesday 08TH Nov 2020 Railway Social House Meeting room

10. Meeting adjournment: Dave Smith.

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