

SOUTH WINNIPEG HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING

October 14, 2015, SNCC

Minutes by Trevor Buchberger

Present : Alex Allen, Ken Whapham, Brent Walker, Murray Harding, Tamara Murray, Nicole Carnegie, Trevor Buchberger, Warren Hruska, Kevin Murray, Daryl Fowler, Bruce MacPherson, Keith Murphy, Paul Comte, Cam Pow, Craig Berry

Regrets: Ewan Watt, Steve Mason, Ron Wood

Call to order – 8:30 PM

Minutes of September 15, 2015 - **Motion to Accept – Paul Comte. 2nd – Warren Hruska. All in favor**

Minutes of July 27, 2015 - still outstanding. Keith Murphy will provide minutes for review at next meeting.

New Business

Presidents Report - Darryl Fowler:

- No Body Contact (NBC) at Midget A3 is creating problems with numbers. Kids who want to play in a BC game are trying to play up to A2 (which is an issue in some cases due to the limitations of their skill). Kids who don't want to play in a BC game, want to play A3 but teams are struggling to form because of low numbers.
- As usual at this time of year, High School team try-outs continue to cause delays in team formation at A Hockey level, and the addition of new High School teams continues to draw players out of Midget (and to some extent Bantam) A Hockey
- New NBC proposal may be presented at next HW meeting. The proposal may be to gradually implement NBC at A Level Hockey by applying the rule to successive age groups. I.e. NBC is currently in place at Peewee, so the proposal would be to implement NBC at Minor Bantam in 2016/17, then Bantam in 2017/18, then Minor Midget 2018/19, and Midget 2019/20 (or some combination of a phased in implementation similar).
- Hockey Manitoba is hearing an appeal to a suspension that a SWHA member has received regarding the contravention of the primary residence rule relative to where the family identified their home association. The child was selected to play on a Twins team, however both parents (who are separated) live in St Vital area. Children stay with grandparents in SWHA area occasionally, and parents wanted to keep the kids registered in SWHA area with their friends.

VP Ice and Scheduling - Murray Harding:

- Practice ice has been distributed up to October 25th.
- House League – with the additional requirement for bumpers and nets for 5/6 HL, it is important for the HL participants to end their session at least 5 min early, to allow the ice staff to clear the rink of the equipment so the next participants receive their full allotment of 1 hour, and so there isn't an ongoing delay in start times which will compound throughout the day.
 - There will be no 5/6 games at Max Bell, because of the requirement for the equipment (bumpers and new nets)
 - Not sure if FG has the appropriate equipment for the new 5/6 rules
- Power Skating – going ahead with Ketchen. Murray asked whether Female teams are planning on participating (now that there is a joint program). As it stands Murray is going to schedule 8 teams for the Power Skating program, and the additional female teams will be difficult to include. (see Female section for additional info on this issue)
- Ice Scheduling – there is 1 additional SWHA female team and 1 additional SWHA Minor Pee wee team to schedule practices for. Consequently, there will be less ice to distribute to SWHA teams overall. Murray asked what SWHA is doing for FG teams, given FG teams traditionally are not assigned the same amount of practice ice as SWHA teams are assigned.
 - Murray recommends we hold off on scheduling Goalie sessions, until all teams are identified and practice ice is assigned, to ensure there is enough ice to go around.
 - Murray asks how to assign practice ice to the Bantam teams, and recommends:
 1. SWHA provide a max of 20 hours (10 each) for the Bantam A2 and A3 teams
 2. SWHA provide 6 hours (to offset the game hours provided by FG for the additional Bantam A2 team
 3. FG provide 20 hours (Murray will attend ice draft and select 20 hours) for the remaining Bantam A1 and Bantam A2 teams
 4. Total of 40-42 hours of ice will be placed in a common pool for the 4 Bantam teams, which will then be assigned by Murray (as he does for rest of teams).

VP 8-12 - Bruce MacPherson:

- Evaluations are done, and the results of the evaluations are consistent with last year (and previous years) and look good overall. Question rose whether SWHA evaluation process is as good as the FG evaluation process (which used Max Hockey).
 - Daryl advised other Associations are split as to whether Max Hockey is worth the money, and is any better than their previous evaluation process
 - Nicole advised it is the 2nd year female hockey has used Max Hockey, and they are happy with the outcome and happy with the fact the association is at arms length to the results (i.e. don't have to answer to questions about player placements, and can say it was Max Hockey evaluation results)
 - Trevor advised historically, the evaluators used by SWHA (which were the same group used this year) were very consistent year over year, and were very consistent in their rankings over the course of the evaluation skates. No matter which group is used, there will always be a hand-full of parents upset about where their kid ended up.
 - Ken advised he thought it would be beneficial to kids to get the "report card" from Max Hockey to help them in their development throughout the year. Trevor/Bruce advised it would be better served for the Coaches of the teams to identify areas needing improvement for players on their team, and work on those skills over the course of the year, because the

- score (the actual # created through the evaluation) is really nothing more than a way to rank the players. And parents shouldn't be provided with these scores anyway.
- Variance will be requested to host 1 A2 and 2 A3 teams at the Minor Peewee level
 - Peewee team formation is not complete yet, as there appears to be some concern raised by a couple of FG families who are being transferred to SWHA to play. No new information has been received from FG yet to indicated team formations are complete. Still waiting.
 - **ACTION:** Rule book is incorrect as it describes the Call-up rule for Minor Atom A2 in table from page 52. Minor Atom A2 should be able to call up from Minor Atom A3, and House League, not only House League (must be a copy and paste error). Daryl will advise HW of error

| Team | Authorization for Affiliating | Teams that Players Can Affiliate From |
|--------------------|---|---|
| Midget A1 | Division Director | Midget A2; Minor Midget A1, A2 |
| Midget A2 | Division Director | Midget A3; Minor Midget A2 |
| Midget A3 | Division Director | Minor Midget A3 |
| Minor Midget A1 | Division Director | Minor Midget A2; Bantam A1, A2 |
| Minor Midget A2 | Division Director | Minor Midget A3; Bantam A2 |
| Minor Midget A3 | Division Director | Bantam A3 |
| Bantam A1 | Division Director | Bantam A2; Minor Bantam A1, A2 |
| Bantam A2 | Division Director | Bantam A3; Minor Bantam A2 |
| Bantam A3 | Division Director | Minor Bantam A3 |
| Minor Bantam A1 | Division Director | Minor Bantam A2; Peewee A1, A2 |
| Minor Bantam A2 | Division Director | Minor Bantam A3; Peewee, A2 |
| Minor Bantam A3 | Division Director | Peewee A3 |
| Peewee A1 | Division Director | Peewee A2, A3; Minor Peewee A1, A2, A3 |
| Peewee A2 | Division Director | Peewee A3; Minor Peewee A2, A3 |
| Peewee A3 | Division Director | Minor Peewee A3 |
| Minor Peewee A1 | Division Director | Minor Peewee A2, A3; Atom A1, A2, A3 |
| Minor Peewee A2 | Division Director | Minor Peewee A3; Atom A2, A3 |
| Minor Peewee A3 | Division Director | Atom A3 |
| Atom A1 | Division Director | Atom A2, A3; Minor Atom A1, A2, A3 |
| Atom A2 | Division Director | Atom A3; Minor Atom A2, A3 |
| Atom A3 | Division Director | Minor Atom A3 |
| Minor Atom A1 | Division Director | Novice 8 A1 |
| Minor Atom A2 | Division Director | 7/8 House League |
| Minor Atom A3 | Division Director | 7/8 House League |
| Novice 8 A1* | Division Director | 7/8 House League (*Major Aged Players Only) |
| 7/8 House League** | Age Convenor (League Play) Hockey Wpg Office (Tournaments) | 6 & Under (**5 & 6 Aged Players Only) |

IN ALL CASES, COACHES MUST ALSO RECEIVE PERMISSION FROM A PLAYER'S ROSTERED TEAM OFFICIAL AND PARENT PRIOR TO USING AN AFFILIATED PLAYER

VP Direct Entry - Warren Hruska:

- Minor Bantam and Bantam teams are formed
- Minor Midget did not have enough registrants, so the kids were transferred out to FG and Vics
- Tamara recommended next year we hold evaluations for all kids, regardless of whether there are enough for a team. That way when it comes time to transfer kids to other associations, we can say we know where they have been evaluated to play and as an association, we can ensure they are transferred to the right levels (much like how the AA process works)
- Midget team is formed, but we are not sure whether they will be A1 or A2. Will be determined very soon.

VP Female Hockey - Nicole Carnegie:

- Female Player Development programs – there is not enough ice to have all eligible Female teams participate in the SWHA Power Skating program. Female teams at FG are participating in a breakfast program, which FG is providing at a fee of \$800 per team. FG has asked SWHA to contribute an additional \$800 per female team hosted at SWHA so all girls receive the same development opportunity.
 - **ACTION:** Cam will get more information on this and provide an update at a later date, as SWHA Board is not comfortable voting on a funding recommendation without knowing all of the particulars.
- SWHA is hosting 8 female teams. FG and SWHA have agreed to host teams so multiple teams of the same category are hosted by the same association (i.e. Pee wee A1 teams all hosted by one Association, Pee wee A2 teams all hosted by the other, etc). This provides the teams with the ability to share practice sessions with other teams of the same skills.
 - **ACTION:** Question about call-up was brought forward (the way it is set up, Storm teams *call across* between FGHNA/SWHA hosted teams). Don't foresee a problem, female program is a joint venture, but Nicole will discuss with Brent E to make sure there are no call up issues.
- Jersey Issues – supposed to be in on October 16th. Some question as to whether they will be available. Female teams will be given temporary Kings and/or Storm jerseys to wear until the new ones arrive.
 - **ACTION:** one of the teams was given temporary Storm Jerseys, however the majority of the team doesn't fit the jerseys. Cam will collect the jerseys and arrange to have them exchanged with spare Kings jerseys that are a bit bigger.
 - **NOTE:** Nicole asked how best to distribute jerseys – by size (i.e. meet the size requirements for each player on the team), or provide random sizes to each team. The Board recommended that it is easiest to distribute the jerseys by team (i.e. order various sizes based on average kid sizes for each jersey set) and the kids will have to pick numbers that fit. In the event there is an extreme issue, then deal with those size challenges as they arise. It is much easier to organize jerseys by complete sets, rather than organizing them by size and customizing the fit for each team.
- Sock issues – W PLoufe (sales rep from Royal Sports) has advised that the pro-knit socks that were ordered will not be in until November some time. Asked whether Storm group would consider buying knitted socks, or other socks (black) in exchange. SWHA Board advised they should not take alternative socks, and should wait until the socks that were ordered are in. Might be worthwhile discussing a potential for a reduction in fee with Royal Sports as a result of the delays in shipping. Nicole/Brent will discuss.
- Carberry is working with the new logo, and has advised it is very intricate.

VP House league - Craig Berry:

- Team formations are complete:
 - 6 - 5/6 teams
 - 6 - 7/8 teams
 - Coaches are in place
- Deadlines for team registration forms (rosters), coach certifications, etc have been communicated
- Coaches meeting will be scheduled before the start of the season
- Will meet with FG to discuss this year's plan and the change to game rules
- Age advancement – received another request for age advancement, which has been denied
 - **ACTION:** Cam will provide a written age advancement policy for Board to review and discuss at subsequent meeting.
- March Madness Tournament – Craig has asked how to deal with the year end tournament, as it is getting difficult to find volunteers to help support it, and to find sponsors to help fund it.
 - Board discussed whether a year end tournament was necessary, or whether to simply extend the season, and provide each team with additional ice for games.
 - Alternatively, maybe use the last few ice sessions and host a year end play-off or jamboree. The cost of the ice would be covered in the team's ice fees, and there would be no requirement for additional costs, fundraising, tournament sponsors or additional organization.
 - **ACTION:** Craig will take away and discuss with FG to see what option works best for the teams.

Twins Report - Trevor Buchberger:

- Teams formed
- Transferred in several Midget Female players
 - **ACTION:** Tamara advised the Female Midget players may not have paid registration fees. Trevor will work with the players to determine how to collect their registration fees
- Transferred out a couple Midget Male players
- CARs have been received from all coaches – Trevor will submit paperwork

Equipment - Ken Whapam:

- McDonalds Goalie jerseys may be too small for some. Board agreed to allow the particular teams to adjust the jerseys if they are required, as long as it's professionally done and can be used the following year by the next team.
- Teams are starting to need to pick-up jerseys for pre-season tournaments. Ken has most of them organized and ready for pick-up. Will try to host a jersey pick-up event once all teams are created.
 - **OLD BUSINESS** - Discussed the need to inventory jerseys and equipment for insurance purposes, Ken to complete
 - **OLD BUSINESS** - Discussion on what to do with old jerseys, tabled

Director Coach Development - Brent Walker:

- Reminder that during July 27, 2015 meeting a motion was proposed and passed that stated :
“All rostered team officials (coaches, managers, safety personnel, etc) who may have occasion to supervise or interact with SWHA participants in dressing rooms, on the ice, or on the bench must complete and provide the SWHA Board with a clear Child Abuse Registry check”

- **ACTION:** Brent will initiate the CAR process once HL team rosters are complete, and all teams have identified their “rostered team officials”.
- Respect in Sport for Parents - 2 parents must still complete the Respect in Sport on line program – in these two cases it’s simply adding a new child to their registration (both parents have completed the RIS for older children).

Treasurer - Paul Comte:

- No financial statements provided
- Paul will be mailing the Late Fee cheque (\$2,000.00 - \$250.00 / team) for the 8 Twins AA teams whose team registration paperwork was late.
 - **NOTE:** Daryl advised he requested relief from the fine (as the team registration paperwork was only late by a half day), however it was declined.
- Laptop purchased, and accounting program was loaded. Paul is still working with Don McLennan on learning the program and clarifying role and responsibilities.

Registrar - Tamara Murray:

- Late payments continue to be a problem. Seems to be same people who pay late every year, for no good reason.
 - **ACTION:** Tamara will work on a late registration payment policy, and present at future Board meeting.
- Roster deadline is October 20th
- PDP – 116 participants. \$14,100 in revenue.

Volunteer Coordinator - Tamara Murray:

- Sent out request for 5/6 House League age convenor. To be followed up with another communication.

SWHA Code of Conduct Parent Information Presentation – Keith Murphy:

- Keith ran through the presentation he has planned to provide the 8A1 team
- Intent of the presentation is to describe SWHA responsibilities related to providing a hockey program for participants, the Associations expectations of conduct from parents, and to clarify to Parents what it means to be a positive influence on their kids development and participation in hockey, rather than a critic or negative influence.
- The Board approved of the presentation and suggested the following minor amendments:
 - Expand on the topic related to Respect for Referees
 - Remove “8A1” from the title, to keep it more generic, so the parents don’t feel as though they are being singled out.
- After the presentation is complete, it will be decided whether to present it to other parent groups.

Director Player Development - Steve Mason:

- Absent – no report

Meeting adjourned 10:30 pm