

October 26, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: SHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**FROM: KELLY MCCLINTOCK
GENERAL MANAGER**

RE: Zone 1 Meeting

There were twenty-two (22) people in attendance at the Zone 1 Meeting held in Stoughton on Monday, October 22, 2018 representing the following thirteen (13) communities;

Bienfait
Arcola
Oxbow
Prairie Storm
Milestone
Yellow Grass
Lampman
Carlyle
Estevan
Weyburn
Kipling
Alameda
Radville

Their responses were as follows:

1. SHA Minor/Female Committee Proposals

Vision Statement for Age Groups – Have you advised your members of the SHA Vision Statements for Age Groups?

- No
- No, this is my first month on the Minor Hockey Board.
- First year in this position. Will do so.
- No
- Yes
- Not with members. Reviewed with EMHA Board of Directors.
- Not officially but will get it done.
- Will pass on again.

- No but will get it done.
- Will at our AGM tomorrow
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes, at annual AGM
- Yes
- Yes. Through Members Newsletter
- Yes, at board level
- No

2. We want your opinion of the proposed Hockey Canada Initiative for each Province (Branch) to have an Atom Seasonal Plan by 2020/21. Do you agree with the Initiative? If not, why?

- Yes
- Not really. I would rather see a coaching guide (mandatory) for all coaches to follow. Practice plans etc.
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes, great idea.
- Totally agree!!
- Yes
- Agree, nice to have a reasonable plan. Depending on when ice goes in and other factors. Bigger centers have ice all the time.
- Yes, I agree there should be NO Atom AA program
- Yes – consistency
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Absolutely
- Yes

Should the SHA have Regulations for Start Dates for Exhibition Games/Tournaments/Leagues? If so what do you see the dates as?

- Exhibition – Nov. 1; League – Nov. 15; Tournament – Nov. 15
- I say December start for tournaments. It would be more effective to regulate when the earliest allowable time to install ice. That way similar communities would have the option to start at the same time.
- League – Nov./Dec.; Tourneys – Dec./Jan.
- Yes, Nov. 1
- Yes, Oct. 15th would give our teams two weeks of practice time before they play a game.

- Exhibition – Oct. 1; League – Nov. 1; Tournaments – Dec. 1
- Yes, Nov. 1
- Mid November would work.
- Yes, SHA should regulate the dates. Nice to have your rules to show our parents.
- Doesn't matter to us as we start late.
- Yes possibly Dec. 1
- Yes, Nov. 15
- Yes
- Would be hard to keep even playing field since it goes in at different times in each community.
- Yes, Nov. 15 – Dec. 1
- November 15 depending on when teams are formed.
- Yes, start Nov. 15 and run till 3rd week in March.

Should the SHA have Regulations on the number of Games that can be played? If so what is your Game Cap number?

- 45 games
- Not really. Each League meeting decides it.
- I would say maybe 45-60
- Yes, 45
- I don't think there should be a hard cap but maybe recommendations between 40-50 games.
- Yes, 45 games
- Yes, agree with 45 games
- Possibly but would have to be reasonable
- 45 with exhibition and tournaments.
- 45 is lots.
- Approx. 40 – 45
- Yes, 45
- 50 games
- Yes, 45
- 24 regular season games; 10 tournament games (2 tournaments – 35-40 total cap)
- 45 max.
- Yes, 50 games

Should there be tiering at Atom hockey? Please explain your answer.

- No, allow carded teams in spring
- No
- I don't understand what tiering is but I will consider
- Yes, that's when players have a chance to better themselves.
- Only if a center has the numbers and a separate league for the teams to play in.

- No tiering in Atom. Too many issues. Normal season then card team at end.
- In city teams maybe. I think it hurts hockey in Carlyle, Estevan, Weyburn etc.
- Probably not but don't know enough about it to give a true opinion. Nice to have equal teams in that age group though.
- No, No, No. Kids are still learning to play at this age. It's only parent's ego.
- Maybe better in cities. Not sure it benefits smaller cities if centers are too small it might dilute it too much.
- No, I don't agree it is beneficial for skill development.
- No, to keep all kids playing together
- No, at that age let kids stay and play in hometowns, lots of time for tier hockey.
- Yes
- I would have NO tiering in Novice/Atom
- Not in our Association
- Yes, in larger centers

Should SHA still allow "carding" of teams in March? Please explain your answer.

- Yes, for the supposed elite
- Yes, for those kids that want to continue to play.
- Don't know what this is either
- Yes, for those who want to play more hockey
- Yes, that way it gives those that want to play some extra hockey with all the same calibre of players they can.
- Yes, for Atom – prepare for Peewee AA, No for Novice – Too young and no need if there is no tiering in Atom. Focus on developments.
- Yes, good chance for kids to meet kids in other communities. Develop new relationships and experience different coaches.
- Yes, gives some extra hockey for those who want to play.
- Yes, carding allows you to make a team without crazy parents.
- Yes, gives the kids opportunity for more competitive play.
- Yes
- Yes, to allow kids that want to play more competitive hockey an opportunity.
- Yes, gives a chance for kids to play more at a higher competition if they choose too.
- Yes, gives kids a chance to extend their seasons.
- No comment. Our Association has never carded (tiered center)
- Yes, if league finishes end of February. No, if leagues until mid March.
- Yes, smaller centers can send kids instead of trying to tier their associations.

3. Saskatchewan Winter Games

Should the SHA continue in the Sask Winter Games as a Sask First Run Program event of a Bantam Club event?

- No

- My opinion would be that each zone hold a try out. The club idea is just an early league playoff and discourage the weaker teams.
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Continue as Sask First run program
- Undecided, could go either way
- Don't know enough about it.
- Yes
- No opinion
- I like the idea of a Bantam Club Team Event.
- Bantam Club Team
- No
- Continue as Sask First
- Continue as is, kids enjoyed it. Sask run helps identify for higher tiered teams.
- Bantam Club

Please explain your answer and what you would see as the advantages.

- Allow other kids exposure
- If there was a zone tryout then it is open to anyone. Then you see an exhibition of the best of each zone has to offer.
- Seems like a way to get involved
- So, all levels of players have a chance.
- That would give all the teams and players an option of playing.
- Elite group sets up Midget programs (AA/AAA)
- Feel more people would possibly be involved.
- As discussed for player safety to have more parents involved as coaches. Also, would allow for community pride.
- Gives kids that don't play elite hockey a chance to experience winter games.
- Better experience for more kids.

4. SHA Registration Regulations

Last spring there were discussions at each Zone Meeting regarding players playing only in their own age groups (Age Appropriate). What Age groups or what division of Hockey should it be restricted to Age Appropriate.

- Play in appropriate age group. Allow concession to make smaller teams happen.
- Same age, same groups
- I think its different if someone has never played. You can't expect a 12-year-old to know all the stuff required for that age group if he's never played before.
- Peewee and higher depending on numbers to form a team.
- All ages unless there is a situation where a player doesn't have a team to play on.

- Peewee, Bantam and Midget. Novice through Atom may be specific instances when you need to equalize players/team compared to having large roster in Novice and Atom.
- Bantam & Midget
- Bantam AA and higher. Hard one to tackle because some teams may need player both ways. AP's work but with restrictions it may cause problems.
- All age groups
- All ages – with concession if needed for numbers.
- I have differing opinions on this being from a small town for Novice/Atom we AP players strictly for numbers but I don't feel it is necessary for older teams or AA/AAA level teams.
- All AA/AAA teams should be age appropriate.
- All levels, players can "AP" up if teams are short.
- Should be restricted to all ages and all divisions
- Larger Association – Novice play Novice unless identified through Sask First; Rural Association – allow with specific rules
- All with concessions approved by both Association and SHA.

5. Any other comments on any topic?

- Make AA teams make final cuts sooner
- Thanks for doing this! It was educational and appreciated.
- Great meeting, always good to see and hear visions of SHA and Hockey Canada.
- Great work!! Nice to see proactive changes happening for the betterment of Saskatchewan Hockey!!
- The SHA website is terrible to find your way around in.