

November 1, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: SHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**FROM: KELLY MCCLINTOCK
GENERAL MANAGER**

RE: Zone 3 Meeting

There were sixteen (16) people in attendance at the Zone 3 Meeting held in Gravelbourg on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 representing the following twelve (12) communities;

Gull Lake
Kincaid
Ogema
Lafleche
Gravelbourg
Cabri
Mossbank
Eastend
Glentworth
Limerick
Assiniboia
Avonlea

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?

- Yes, I was trying to print them off website to give to every coach!
- No, we have not.
- No
- No, but I will be
- Not yet, plan too.
- Not yet
- Yes
- Yes
- Our Association has plans to this fall

- No
- Not yet
- Yes
- Yes
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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, I like that if SHA does not push to go earlier. We have trouble with that. Not enough population and busy with school sports but I like the Nov. 1/Dec.1 game idea.
- I agree with this and would like to learn more.
- Yes
- Yes
- No, I believe our coaching and management staff do a great job and there is no need to change a good thing.
- Undecided
- I don't think we need a seasonal plan.
- Yes
- Yes
- No, rinks in rural areas have a tough time getting ice in by Nov. 1!
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes, agree with initiative
- Yes
- Yes, but must be flexible to meet rural demands – 3-week practice time.

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

- Later in the year to finish league game as it is very hard to get those all done. Tournaments should be March or end of February.
- Not so much start dates but end dates, so kids can play longer. Not done at beginning of February when kids play carded.
- Nov. 1
- In younger age groups, yes. I see middle of December as a good start date.
- Games – Dec. 1; Tournaments – Whenever; Leagues – Dec. 1 to March 1
- No, should be up to the coaching staff
- Yes – Dec. 1 – but have the league go longer to a tournament style playoffs.
- No, but should have mandatory week off during school break.
- No
- Yes, games not before at least 1 month of practises
- No

- No, I don't think so
- Yes, Nov.1
- Like the idea of start dates. Exhibition Nov. 1, League/Tournaments Nov. 15
- Dec 1 – League; Nov 1 – Tournament

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

- Our parents put a cap, it's not up to coaches. Yes, there should be a cap. Kids also need to be kids, play in snow, ski-doo, ski, family etc.
- No, if they have 2 times on ice mid October to end of Feb.
- No
- In younger age groups yes! Should be more emphasis on practice!
- Not a problem yet.
- No
- Yes, 40-50
- No
- No
- Yes. Not more than 3 games/week
- No
- No
- Yes, 40
- Yes, 35-40
- Not sure – 40 seems like lots.
- No

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

- This does not affect our association
- No, it is too early and you could leave some kids that are willing to learn and could improve in Peewee/Bantam and could steer them away from hockey.
- No, I believe they are still kids and need to grow more mature.
- No
- No, lots of time Peewee and up.
- Don't need it where we live. We only have 10 players to begin with.
- No, it's not necessary
- No, its too early and as Kelly said it's not working for Moose Jaw.
- Yes, the more equal talent on ice the more they improve.
- No, more about skill development then politics at Atom age.
- No, too young.
- No, in smaller communities we struggle to have numbers. Loosing 1 or 2 players to tiering is tough on us.
- No, I don't believe there is enough top talent to warrant it. I think it would benefit all players to play the same level. Could do a "rec" and competitive leagues but not talent based.

- Believe it may be a benefit although not very relevant to us clubs with small numbers.
- No
- Yes, but in some centres with a larger amount of teams.

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

- Yes, therefore we have some kids that are little better kids and it's like they are icing on the cake to have fun playing with kids that have the same abilities. I know for our family it's like their reward in helping their buddy in scoring a goal or just plain fun. We AP our kids so they played with little guys so it's their turn. It's not to take away from our league, it's just extras for ones that want it.
- Yes, in March only, helped picked by SHA
- Yes, it keeps higher end kids on the ice playing hockey if their team is out early in playoffs.
- Yes
- Yes, if players want to keep playing it should be their decision not yours.
- Yes, it gives your more competitive kids a chance to play more competitive hockey.
- I don't like Atom carding because the aggressive parents are in a hurry to finish league and then the kids that don't make it aren't playing.
- Yes, there is no tiering its good to get kids with equal talents together.
- Yes, allows for parent egos to be stroked at the end of the year.
- Yes, gives options.
- No, it just seems to leave hard feelings amongst the kids.
- Yes, it allows the players that want to play to have a longer season.
- Undecided
- No
- Carding was good experience but maybe look at backing up the season 2 weeks so less conflicts with playoffs.

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?

- Yes, I heard great things, never been but it won't hurt
- Yes
- Sask. First run program
- No
- Don't know much about this. First time I have heard of this.
- Yes
- Yes
- Sask First
- Yes

- Yes
- Sask First event
- Undecided, not very familiar with it.

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

- Keep all kids in hockey
- In rural areas it might make more towns pick and choose who they play with. Trying to make a better team.
- It gives your club teams a chance to get a feel for what its like to play at a more elite level.
- Seems to be fine now
- Allows individual evaluation of players.
- Gives club teams options of a tournament might not have had.
- Don't know enough about it to comment.
- Take the best kids and build a team.
- I am concerned about the type of behavior we would see in rural bantam. Parents trying to stack teams and cut towns out because they are perceived to be "weaker"
- No opinion

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.

- It has been in our home "work hard" then you might get AP'd. Work ethic in place. It starts on ice and continues to the work world. Play your age and then AP.
- No, playing overage unless decided by SHA
- I feel that kids should follow their age appropriate group
- Don't have a problem with kids playing up but its good for kids to play their age to become a leader.
- Again, we are a small town and we need to have players play up or we don't have a team.
- I believe it should be decided by a committee on a player by player basis.
- I think that's an Association decision.
- They should play their own age first but be allowed to AP
- All, with concessions
- All but with concession in cases of teams that are short or kids in rural areas with no other option.
- I think there shouldn't be restrictions on age appropriate. If a player is truly strong enough he or she should be able to play up and develop their skills.
- I believe all players should stay within their age group. If there is a need to move up or down, then they should have to apply for a concession.

- Believe all age groups should play in their own if possible.
- Need to get rid of overage players.
- Bantam AA, Midget AAA with exception rule.

5. Any other comments on any topic?

- Registration on the girls and mixed team that could use some help on the HCR.
- Winter Game - would Bantam have a mix team? Would that be allowed?
- Why does the age group not start Sept. 1 instead of Jan. 1? We have kids in school that parents do not put in school till they are 6 because they're not ready due to fact they're born in Oct., Nov, and Dec. Now when they are in Grade 12 they are too old to play.