

November 1, 2018

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO: SHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**FROM: KELLY MCCLINTOCK  
GENERAL MANAGER**

**RE: Zone 4 Meeting**

There were eleven (11) people in attendance at the Zone 4 Meeting held in Yorkton on Thursday, October 25, 2018 representing the following seven (7) communities;

Yorkton  
Kamsack  
Melville  
Langenburg  
Canora  
Balcarres  
Preeceville

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
- No
- Yes
- No
- Yes
- No
- Yes, we have
- No
- No, but I will when I go back to Melville
- Yes, at our year end banquet last April

### **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 agree, need to get the league on board
- Very good idea
- Yes
- Agree with try out, evals. Helps kids to do other things in summer and not have to worry about training.
- Yes, to help develop at a more even pace for all centers.
- I agree
- Yes, but depends on how recreational and competitive are defined for centers.
- Yes
- The start dates should start earlier than December for games for recreational.

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

- Limit games at beginning of season to work on skill. Ease into exhibition, league and tournament games. No exhibition before Nov. 15. League after Christmas.
- Yes, Dec. 1
- Yes, at least Nov. 1.
- Nov. 1 -15
- Yes, keeps all coaches/organizations accountable
- Yes, after Nov. 15
- Oct. 15 – Nov. 15
- Yes, I do it levels the playing field. Nov. 1-15
- Yes, following team registration deadlines.
- It's nice to have some early games NOT dealing with bad, icy roads

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

- Yes, cap at a game or 2 a week
- No
- SHA needs to make sure teams follow the 70% practice 30% competition plan LTAD!
- 24
- Cap, yes depending on age. 50-60
- Yes, depends on length of league or season and playoff format.
- 45-60
- Yes, not sure on a number but we need to prevent things from getting out of control
- Yes, depending on what division
- 25 for Atom "Rec"

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

- No
- No, too much pressure on these kids

- Not necessary. No “AA” hockey till Peewee
- Yes, in some cases (smaller communities) it will give other players more ice time.
- No, I believe coach all skill levels
- No, too young. Should be more development.
- Yes, the skill difference is to wide
- Yes, it helps to keep players of like skills. There could be more teams in Tier 1
- No, there could be carded teams that start earlier or extend season to develop up to xmas then have games after Jan. 1
- If not tiering there should be opportunities for carded teams to be formed for those kids who want/need to be pushed.

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

- Yes, allows kids to play longer
- Yes, sometimes you get to the end of the season and find that there are kids still wanting to play but not interested in Spring Hockey.
- Allow people the choice. If leagues run later then no reason to do it.
- Yes, this may provide more playing time for players
- Earlier if seasons end too early such as Feb. 01.
- Yes, gives the dedicated players opportunity to play extended.
- Yes, it allows kids to play at different levels with different teams throughout the year.
- Yes, gives players a chance to play against like players.
- Yes, depending on what other changes are made.
- I’m in favor of tiering because in rural areas there is such a difference in caliber of players, the “top” players become bored and the “lower” players get discouraged.

**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
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- I would say leave to avoid the conflict of coaches winning or evaluating
- Yes
- Yes/No
- Depending on how it is rolled out

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

- Give some kids the spot light that normally wouldn’t get playing house
- It will be tough to get equal competition if not.

- It has been run well and there may be club issues if there is a playoff structure
- Sask First program better in Non- Sask Games years.
- Fairley regulated
- Teams will essentially be trying to create Tier 1 teams. Maybe if a club could card it would work ie. Provincial Rules
- I like the idea of Bantam Club team tournament
- Really, 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.**

- None, more interested in allowing kids to play down
- Bantam/Midget
- All age groups should be age appropriate
- Novice, Atom and Pee wee
- Pee wee and up but on exceptional level. Consider playing down based on skill.
- Pee wee, Bantam and Midget
- I think allowing players to play at their skill level is better than what age they are at.
- I think with overage players a lot of people take advantage. Players that could play with their own age group will want to play down to play below their skill. Overage in Midget should not be allowed.
- Depending on what situation you may have, it could be any age at times. Every situation should be assessed.
- I completely agree with kids moving up if there is no competitive tiered team alternative in their age group to join.

#### **5. Any other comments on any topic?**

- There is not enough attention paid to the LTAD program making sure kids have 70% practice time to 30% game time. Way too many games at young ages below Pee wee.
- Excellent presentation
- Good presentation Kelly
- I support that it is so important to have educated and developmental coaches. There is too much politics in every division that some players quit. Training should start at IP and have the same program from IP – Midget. Female Hockey should not have to be registered on same center to AP.
- Also, kids should be moved down. I've got a South African "Atom" that could use a year of IP,...but I need the numbers for Atom.

