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Memorandum

To: SHA Board of Directors
From: Kelly McClintock
Re: Zone 5 Meeting Feedback

There were nineteen (19) people present representing twelve (12) MHA's at the Zone 5 Meeting in Lanigan on Wednesday, March 20, 2019. The communities represented were;

Warman, Martensville, Wadena, Rose Valley/Archerwill, Raymore, Humboldt, Lumsden, Wynyard, Davidson, LeRoy, Southey and Lanigan.

1. SHA Initiation Program Provincial standard

Please provide your opinion of the SHA Board of Directors Provincial Standard that has been created.

- Sound Pretty good.
- Good – 8
- It's great, all the ½ ice hockey has been great. I question the 2-minute shifts as we have smaller teams and kids need to have a break. There has to be some form of mentoring.
- This is a good starting point – like that this will be provincially implemented. We utilize the jamboree and have implanted most of these standards.
- I like the idea of skill development over game play development at early ages.
- I think it is heading in a great direction. The 2-minute buzzer will be an adjustment but after discussion tonight about not putting the kids in the box that will help and I can see that being a huge asset.
- Agree other than the periods are too short. Travel is longer than the game for the League. Area – Boards implementation, Costs – how can centers pay for this
- Great standards, we have adopted this in our MHA
- It's pretty good. Most coaches are starting to but into the current standards.

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2. SHA Novice Program Provincial Standard

Please provide your opinion of the SHA Board of Directors Provincial Standard that has been created.

- I like the ½ ice for until December 31st and then up to the teams.
- Good – 4
- Looks Good. Agree with all except closing Saskatoon boundaries.
- I wonder if the 54-minute period is hard and fast rule? I think it will be fine.
- I do not agree with ½ ice for Novice. These kids need to learn to skate, you can practice ½ ice or small games, but kids need to learn to play positions, team play and compete.
- While I think the Atom program suggestions are good and will support growth and development, closing the larger centers will disadvantage communities that are within a short distance ex: Lumsden is 30 km from Regina.
- Undecided. I see benefits to the small game but fear in a small community such as Lanigan we have a wide range of skill levels playing together and some are beyond.
- I am interested to see how beneficial half ice for the first half of the year in skill development. I personally think running 2 – 24-minute periods is a bit short but I am also new to all this.
- I have trouble with the 2 – 24-minute periods. Driving 1 and ½ hours for a game that is only 48 straight time is a concern for our league. Half ice boards cost?
- This will be a great improvement for the development of skills for our future players.
- Should be good the way it is worded.

3. Female Development model

Please provide your opinion of the SHA Board of Directors approved Female Development Model that has been put in place to date?

- Full support - 2
- Agree – 2
- No comment - 2
- While there were and still some growing pains with female programming, it is moving in the right direction.
- This has made it difficult to recruit and maintain female players when borders to bigger centers were closed
- Unsure.



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4. Male Midget Program Proposal

Please provide your opinion of the proposed Male Midget Program

Midget AAA

- This is a great idea and much needed legitimate concerns about some AAA teams and other centers having the numbers, populations, facilities and environment to support
- Great idea
- Supported – 4
- No opinion – 2
- Good idea, unlikely that the towns that have AAA teams would change much

Midget AA

- Supported
- All good

Midget 15

- Don't think its great idea. Just adds more travel. Less AA Midget teams in League and a large geographic area in 15-year-old league.
- Good – 2
- Not logistically feasible. Sending even more 15 years old's away from home. Many centers won't have the #'s to support.
- Might be a good idea. 15 – 17 age group big difference
- Like the 15-year-old team proposal and suggested changes for the division.
- Good idea but would be difficult to accomplish.
- I really like the idea of having this option.
- Depending on League #'s
- As long as these players are allowed to chose to play on a regular Midget AA Program if available in their community.
- Start a E15 league, drop the AA League down to approximately 20 teams.

5. Do you agree with the Accelerated Player Process? What other comments do you have regarding it?

- Agree – 4
- Only in very special cases (Connor McDavid)

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- I agree, there are rare exceptions.
- Yes. Expand it to include parameters on other divisions to allow minor hockey associations to have a standard.
- Would need to see more around exceptional status criteria
- This will support development at the levels that made it
- OK, needs to be a solid set of rules
- I agree with this only at the Bantam 2nd year age division
- Yes. Limited number of players would be in that position.

6. What are your opinions on the following Hockey Playing Rule/Registration Regulation Proposals;

Mandatory use of Helmets on Coaches?

- Yes – 11
- I think coaches are adults and can make their own decision.
- Absolutely. We need to be examples of what we expect.
- Safety rules
- Let associations police it
- No - 1

Sanctioned Exhibition Games counting towards Suspensions?

- Fine if scheduled before incident
- No – 12
- No due to the fact teams will try and get out of suspensions through exhibition games.

Minor Provincial Playoff Modified Best of Three Series?

- Yes – 13
- I think it may work

No icing during short-handed situations?

- No icing. If you do ice the puck. No changes of players for defending team.
- Not sure
- No – 7
- Be great to try to it
- Agreed
- Interesting! Gotta think about it.
- Hmm.... That has been a rule since the beginning of hockey...

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Player who is injured and the opposition receives a five-minute major and GM, that injured player not being able to return until the major penalty is served.

- Yes – 11
- Who would keep track of it when there is 5 players in 5 minutes who governs it??
- I would prefer to see the “injured” player sit ten minutes of time

7. Any Other Comments on any Topics?

- Good Update
- Carded hockey needs to be moved to the end of the Regular season