

November 2, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: SHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**FROM: KELLY MCCLINTOCK
GENERAL MANAGER**

RE: Zone 7 Meeting

There were seventeen (17) people in attendance at the Zone 7 Meeting held in North Battleford on Monday, October 29, 2018 representing the following ten (10) communities;

Elrose
Biggar
Battleford
Macklin
Edam
Rosetown
Meadow Lake
Hillmond
Paradise Hill
BMHA
Lashburn

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?

- Not as of yet
- Yes
- No
- No
- No
- I have not, but will make sure I do
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Not yet

- Yes, send via email
- Yes
- Yes

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
- No, we like the playoff format for revenue
- I would rather see the Atom age group stay as is
- Yes
- Yes, agree to plan
- Yes, I agree
- Yes. We need guidelines and rules for Atom development to avoid the building of teams for a few kids thereby risking the overall player development.
- I agree with the proposal
- Agree with seasonal plan
- I do agree
- Yes, it will standardize the divisions
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes

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

- Yes, Nov 15
- Nov. 1
- They should be able to start Nov.1
- Yes, for regulations. No opinion for dates as it is tough with small town rinks putting ice in.
- Ex. – Nov1; Tourneys – Dec 1; Games – Nov 15
- I would agree with a Nov. 1 start date for exhibition games
- Date ranges, however given the mix of urban and rural and natural ice issues difficult.
- Yes. Ex – Dec. 1; Games Dec. 15; Tourney Jan 1
- Yes, league games/tournaments should start no earlier than Nov. 15. Exhibition Nov. 1
- Yes. Younger age groups pushed back until middle of Dec. at a minimum.
- Yes, for Atom Dec. 1
- Yes, Nov. 1 start
- Should go Club by Club on ice availability
- Yes, Oct. 15 – Nov 1

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

- Yes, 30 games (including tournaments). Playoffs above the 30 games.
- 35 games
- 30-40
- Yes, max at 25
- No
- No
- Yes, 40 games
- Yes, no more than 40 games
- Yes, again younger players should not be playing 40 games a year
- No
- No
- No
- Yes, 50 games

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

- No, the players are still developing and making it fun should keep them involved and want to develop.
- Not in our area
- No, I think this will not work in rural areas
- No. I think you lose players if they do not make higher tiered teams at a young age.
- Doesn't help smaller towns keep their teams. Competitive teams are fine for Peewee and up.
- Tiering Atom hockey would remove players communities struggling to ice teams. I feel Atom age is too young, kids should be focused on development and not competitive.
- No, again, there is no proof of long term better development for doing so. Yet without the rule teams still keep getting formed.
- No, after hearing reasoning tonight I don't think its necessary.
- No, rural communities cannot support tiering which does not allow competitive games.
- No
- No, should be more though on skills
- No
- No, rural areas don't have big enough population to make it work.
- Urban and city areas it makes sense to progress the advancement of kids when the number of kids are there.

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

- Yes, it keeps the players that still want to play, playing.
- Yes, kids that want to keep playing can

- I don't see anything wrong with this.
- Yes, If parents want to spend money on extra hockey go ahead as long as it doesn't disrupt your home team.
- Yes, should still allow. It would be fine to see more teams as it seems to be a parental decision to spend the time and money and I still get more parents/kids trying to find a carded team to play on.
- People should have the ability to card teams after their SHA season is over.
- I have no opinion on this.
- Doesn't matter to me.
- Not in lower age groups (Atom, Novice etc.)
- No opinion
- Yes, this will allow the "Tiering" of a team
- Yes, allows better kids to play some hockey with kids their caliber
- Yes, season is over for most so if some kids still want to play some.
- Yes, to give rural kids the opportunity to play with (liked) skilled players that have the drive to play longer.

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
- Club
- Bantam Club
- Yes
- Bantam Club team
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- No, my son did it last year and really enjoyed playing with different kids
- Bantam Club team style
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Bantam Club team event

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

- Gives more opportunity for everyone to have a chance.
- Good idea, allows small towns to be represented
- I think you get the most complete list of best players
- More emphasis and creates a greater pride in community hockey
- Allows more kids opportunities to be a part of it

- Playing with different kids; different coaches and different styles
- I like the idea of Bantam Club for Sask First. It is an option for teams and kids who aren't playing higher level to compete for a championship without combining teams.
- Great opportunity for towns to represent your area
- I think that would allow all kids to have a chance at being in Winter Games
- Gives the group of kids to play with their own skill level
- This would allow all players to have the experience

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.

- All AA and AAA levels
- Stay in appropriate in all AA leagues
- Pee wee AA and up
- Bantam AA, Midget AA, Midget AAA should be age appropriate. Most of our divisions are age appropriate unless exceptional player status.
- Age appropriate is correct. I believe starting in Pee wee and higher this should be implemented
- Should be all the way through, only play as AP in next group up.
- I think they should be all age appropriate
- I am fine with players playing 1 year up/down if it helps teams and keeps kids playing hockey. Leave it up to leagues to allow or disallow on case by case basis.
- All players should play age appropriate. If you are a good enough player you will be seen if that is the parents concern.
- I don't think it should be restricted, some communities may need to move kids up.
- Novice, Atom, Pee wee
- In smaller communities with limited players we need to AP players to ice a team

5. Any other comments on any topic?