

November 2, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: SHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**FROM: KELLY MCCLINTOCK
GENERAL MANAGER**

RE: Zone 8 Meeting

There were twelve (12) people in attendance at the Zone 8 Meeting held in Melfort on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 representing the following five (5) communities;

Prince Albert
Tisdale
Shellbrook
Melfort
Nipawin

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 this year
- No
- To my knowledge no – however we will consider it now
- I don't think so
- We have not but believe in them for sure
- No, board members only, but will put on our website

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?

- Not enough kids to split into rec and competitive
- No – Rural and urban have different challenges based on number of participants. Would be hard for some associations to accommodate
- I do agree. Will it have hard and fast rules with consequences? It's good to have a plan for sure but if the rules have no teeth then it's just a suggestion for each MHA!

- Standardization is good
- Probably a good idea. Can carry on from Initiation and Novice guidelines
- Start date for practice should be open. More practice the better. Games Nov. 15
- Yes, definitely

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

- No, different communities have ice available at different times
- No
- Yes, I liked the idea of having practice/ex. games/tournies start of the year and Jan.1 – Mar. 31 league play and playoffs
- Nov. 15 – 2 practice/week is ideal
- Games – Dec. 1; Tournaments Jan. 01

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

- Yes, of league games. People that want to play more have options – carded, spring
- 20 league games max. and tournaments and playoffs
- Yes, at Atom 45 is likely lots! (Including ex/tourney/league)
- 24
- 45 games was in one of the slides, seems reasonable
- 30 games is fair number with tournaments
- Atom Rec – 20-24 all inclusive. Atom Comp – 40 inclusive

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

- Yes, removing the elite kids is best
- Yes, it is beneficial for all kids to play against similar skill sets involved in hockey
- In NE Sask the Atom seems to work. However, I wonder if its too much pressure on parents (Big costs for travel – nobody to play)
- Yes, like plays like otherwise 1 player dominates
- Definitely room for improvement. Needs to be more standardized. Seems like it's kind of wide open
- It has worked fine with no issues in Nipawin
- It works for us in Prince Albert because we get kids playing against kids of the same skill level and we have enough kids to do so.

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

- Yes, limit league and let them play carded.
- Yes, it allows associations to offer additional experiences for other kids that are looking for more.
- Yes, opportunity of best on best at end of season is fine

- No, creates too many issues. Coaches should be worried about their seasonal teams not scouting for carded team!
- Sure, allows for extra games for those that really want them
- I believe in other sports but if people think it's what is needed. Carded hockey is not overly beneficial.
- Undecided

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?

- Might be a good change
- Club is good experience
- I don't know enough about the program to comment
- Switch to club event
- Sask First
- Bantam club
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Please explain your answer and what you would see as the advantages.

- Could give kids a chance to play who wouldn't otherwise make a zone style team
- Experience
- Seems no purpose of the first year Bantams Sask First program as they get the opportunity for Sask First as second year. Allow other kids access to this kind of event could be good for their development and interest in hockey
- I think it allows kids to learn to compete with people they don't know. It allows an opportunity for some kids to experience a more competitive atmosphere for the first time.
- If it's not being used to evaluate let others have the opportunity

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.

- Bantam – Midget for sure should be restricted. It is tougher for small centers to restrict due to player numbers needed to form teams.
- I think it should be AP
- Just the older ones. Maybe Pee wee or Bantam and up.
- All ages
- For sure only Bantam – Bantam. NO Pee wee allowed to play Bantam (no checking is Pee wee so...) AP to Bantam is still OK.

- None – doesn't work in rural for numbers or no tiering
- None, if the kids are good enough to play up they should be allowed to.

5. Any other comments on any topic?