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Memorandum

To: SHA Board of Directors
From: Kelly McClintock
Re: Zone 8 Meeting Feedback

There were nineteen (19) people present representing twelve (12) MHA's at the Zone 8 Meeting in Melfort on Tuesday, March 19, 2019. The communities represented were;

Prince Albert, Buffalo Narrows, Birch Hills, St. Brieux, Tisdale, Hudson Bay, Melfort, Shellbrook, Porcupine Plain, Kelvington and Nipawin.

1. SHA Initiation Program Provincial standard

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

- Fine for IP to start kids out
- Working well.
- In favor
- Initiation Program has been very good
- Its great
- Looks good. Change is hard to implement.
- Good – 4
- I am fine with the standard, but the age group is too vast. The difference in our community between first year and higher is large.

2. SHA Novice Program Provincial Standard

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

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- I think it is an Association's problem now! Going to be lots of "proposals" for unsanctioned. Kids moving up. Tough to regulate for an Association.
- We have ice but not a lot of numbers so we would like to play full ice. But from skill level hopefully see great improvement.
- In favor - 4
- I think this will be fine. Change is hard but this looks to be positive for the vast majority of novice aged players.
- I think it will take some time but good. Our association is going to have problems with kids moving up.
- I think it will be great.
- Looks good. Change is hard to implement.
- Do not agree with all the new half ice proposals. Taking away coach on the bench roles. We are taking the kids and hockey backwards. I was for half ice but not the buzzer 2-minute switches or shortening games.
- I am ok with the half ice until January 1. More practice equals better development.
- Concerns brought forward about 2nd year novices playing half ice in their second year again.

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?

- Doesn't work. Girls cant be expected to travel 3 hours one way for only option to play "AA" Hockey. They will quit or not stay playing.
- Looks good.
- No opinion.
- I think your locations are wrong. Too much travel if your on east side. Warman/Saskatoon/PA – 3 teams within an hour. No team from Nipawin to Weyburn for AA Bantam.
- Good - 3
- Great idea.
- It is good. As a parent of a female futures second time attendee, it might be the difference between my daughter continuing hockey at all last year.
- Very pleased with female model.



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4. Male Midget Program Proposal

Please provide your opinion of the proposed Male Midget Program

Midget AAA

- Its not broken why the need for change
- Good – 5
- Needs to be a lot of discussion on this.
- I hope they give each organization a warning if something will happen.
- Not sure

Midget AA

- We need representation geographically for all areas. Max 40minute drive. Not 2 to 3 hours to play in the nearest center.
- In favor
- Good -4

Midget 15

- Looks good on paper. Given our geographical challenges not sure if it works outside urban. Rural billets a challenge.
- Like the idea of 15-year old's having the option of playing only against kids the same age.
- I don't think Midget 15 works in smaller centers. Therefore, I like AA Midget as is.
- Unsure.
- Most definitely
- Works more in the city! Hard for the small towns.
- It's a good idea
- Good for bigger centers
- I see potential in this model.

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

- Indifferent.
- Yes – 10
- Yes, but should be applied to more age groups
- There are few that this would affect.

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

Mandatory use of Helmets on Coaches?

- Yes - 8
- Leave it up to the coaches. – 3
- I think this would be a good idea and would be easily accepted.
- No figure skater turned hockey coach – never worn a helmet in my life – if the arena is insured it should be up to the individual – other options such as toques with head protection.

Sanctioned Exhibition Games counting towards Suspensions?

- Yes – 10
- No
- Disagree. Preemptive games will be scheduled as insurance policies. - 2

Minor Provincial Playoff Modified Best of Three Series?

- Yes. – 11
- Full best of three is better

No icing during short-handed situations?

- Not sure.
- Keep icing
- Maybe in Bantam AA Hockey and higher
- Interesting
- Not sure this will help as icing will still be done unless penalized versus just a face off.
- No – younger ages with short benches gives kids time to rest
- Not a fan -3
- Yes enhances development

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 – 10
- Maybe
- No

7. Any Other Comments on any Topics?

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- Female hockey has to be looked at differently than male travel and other activities
- Still learning I don't know enough

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