

Yellowhead Region Minor Hockey – Annual Meeting
Minutes – Wednesday, April 21, 2004

The Annual Meeting of the Yellowhead Minor Hockey Association was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2004 in the Hamiota Sports complex with the following members present:

Executive:

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| Rick Saler | Regional Director |
| Ray Christie | Regional Vice-Director |
| Shirley Wowryk | Secretary-Treasurer |
| Garth Mitchell | West area representative and Elkhorn/McAuley Minor Hockey |
| Rick Peters | South area representative and Tri-Town Minor Hockey |
| Murray Birch | East area representative and Minnedosa Minor Hockey |
| Doug Braden | Regional Referee In Chief, |
| Craig Cameron | Regional Coach Co-ordinator and Minnedosa Minor Hockey |

Others:

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| Cheryl Ernest | Regional Registrar, Hockey Manitoba |
| Ray Brethour | Senior Director, Hockey Manitoba |
| Dallas Strachan | Hamiota Minor Hockey & Parkissimo League Pres. |
| Blair Fordyce | Kenton Minor Hockey |
| Alvin Rutchka | Birtle Minor Hockey |
| Dale Luhowy | Shoal Lake Minor (Hockey) Sports |
| Terence Woychysyn | Shoal Lake Minor (Hockey) Sports |
| Kevin Harris | Neepawa Minor Hockey |
| Brenda Orr | Elkhorn/McAuley Minor Hockey |

Director Rick Saler called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M.

MOTION: Murray Birch – Ray Christie

“That **Minutes of December 17, 2003** meeting be adopted as circulated and read.”

CARRIED

Business Arising from Minutes:

Alvin Rutchka reported that Birtle Minor Hockey finally received the outstanding Performance Bond funds from Provincials played in Birtle several years ago.

Finances - Treasurer Shirley Wowryk presented the Interim Financial Statements (Sept 1, 2003 to April 19, 2004) showing excess revenue over expenses to date of \$3,382.52. Not all Regional Fees are actually collected, but are shown as receivable in the amount of \$4,220.00.

Account balances at the Rivers Branch of the Westoba Credit Union as of April 19, 2004 were:

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| Chequing | \$ 1,761.73 |
| Savings | \$ 5,675.36 |
| Credit Union Shares | \$ 6.00 |
| Cash on Hand | \$ 0.00 |
| Subtotal | \$ 7,443.09 |
| Accounts Receivable | \$ 4,220.00 |
| TOTAL | \$11,663.09 |

MOTION: Shirley Wowryk – Craig Cameron

“That the Interim Financial Statements to April 19, 2004 be adopted as circulated and discussed.”

CARRIED

Director Rick Saler reported on:

- Brodie Dupont (St.Lazare) made the Under 17 Team.
- All juniors made their teams.
- "Overage" criteria is not being followed, "rationale" isn't usually good enough and never written clearly.
- Boundary in the N.W. area is being worked on between the regional Directors.

A written **Yellowhead Chiefs AAA Midgets Hockey Team** report was submitted by Jon & Heather Lewis as follows:

"Yellowhead started the 2003-2004 season sort of potential veterans, with the following players moving on the the MJHL and the WHL.

John Motuz-Southeast Blades

Geoff Davidson – Dauphin Kings

Ian Lowe & Brodie Dupont – Swan Valley Stampeders

Ryan Johnston – Neepawa Natives

Brad Cole – Seattle Thunderbirds & then the Kooteney Ice of the WHL.

This left us with 6 vets and 14 rookies to start the year. We ended the season with 15 wins, 20 losses, 3 ties, and 2 OT losses for a total of 35 points, leaving us in 8th place.

We met Norman in the first round of playoffs, beating them 2 straight. This is the first time Yellowhead has beat Norman in the playoffs, We then went on to play Brandon, and lost 3 straight. However, Brandon went on to win the league, the Regionals in Regina, and are presently playing in the National Midget Championships in Kenora.

Yellowhead will start the next season with two new coaches, Jeff MacDonald and Murray Birch of Minnedosa. As well, the new managers are Bert & Lynda Lowry of Neepawa. Trainer and Equipment Managers are vacant positions at this time and will be filled by September.

The team will begin Fall Camp the week of September 10th. At their Annual Meeting, the league decided to go with an East and West Division for next year to help defray travel costs during playoffs. They will play a 40 game schedule with 22 games within their division, and the remaining games against teams in the East Division. The first two rounds of playoff will be within their division with a cross-over with the East for the semis and finals. West division teams are Yellowhead, Parkland, Southwest, Central, Brandon and Pembina Valley. East division teams are Winnipeg Wild, Winnipeg Thrashers, Interlake, Kenors, Eastman & Norman."

Doug Braden, Referee-In-Chief report:

- Supervisions were up this year - 32 compared to 17 last year.
- Supervisions were only done by 2 refs this year (Doug and one other). Higher level officials (Level 3's and especially Level 4's) are obligated to do some supervisions.
- Some communities are still not performing supervisions.
- Assignment of officials getting better but one community did not follow requirement as outlined by Hockey MB (i.e.- used a 2 man system when the 3 man system was required, community was informed by the Referee-In-Chief and validated by the Rural Minor Director)
- Community also used one underqualified official. (Last year the community used underqualified officials and complaints were investigated at that time).
- Generally Provincials went well- no complaints about officiating.
- Directors Cup – Yellowhead sent Greg Fouillard, St. Lazare as Referee, Sean White of Minnedosa and Aaron Dutchak of Neepawa as Linesmen.
- Western Shield – Kaarissa Teows and Shelley Kirk (from Wpg) now living in Hamiota.

- Awards: Most Deserving – Glendon Short (Shoal Lake)
Most Improved – Karissa Teows (Hamiota)
Up & Coming – Tim Gianotti (Neepawa).

- Level IV candidate – Greg Fouillard.

- Instructors-Keith Jordan.

- Upcoming Officiating (**Referee**) Clinics:

| <u>Level</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Contact</u> | |
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| 3 | Sept 25 | Minnedosa | Frank Taylor | 867-2245 |
| 2 & 3 | Sept 26 | Shoal Lake | Randy Tully | 759-2045 |
| 1 & 2 | Oct 2 | Neepawa | Keith Jordan | 476-3834 |
| 1 & 2 | Oct 3 | Elkhorn | Garth Mitchell | 845-2347 |
| 1 & 2 | Oct 23 | Birtle | Alvin Rutchka | 842-3392 |
| 1 & 2 | Oct 24 | Hamiota | Ed Graham | 764-2470 |
| 1 & 2 | Nov 6 | Rivers | Claudia Nohr | 328-7064 |

Second Part Clinic Dates: (Officials in their Initial [First] Year of the Hockey Canada Officiating Program will be REQUIRED to attend an Additional Three Hour session, making a total of 11 hours of instruction).

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| Dec 4 | Shoal Lake | 9 – 12 | Randy Tully | 759-2045 |
| Dec 11 | Minnedosa | 9 – 12 | Frank Taylor | 867-2245 |
| Dec 13 | Hamiota | 6:30 to 9:30 | Ed Graham | 764-2470 |

(*** Secretary's Note – These last dates do not coincide with the Hockey Manitoba Website information).

Doug Braden, submitted his resignation from the Yellowhead Referee-In-Chief position.

Director Rick Saler thanked Doug for his excellent contribution to the Referee Program in the Yellowhead region.

Coach Coordinator Craig Cameron reported that Bruce Stephens and Bob Caldwell held a Mentorship Program "Introduction to Hitting" clinic in Minnedosa.

Program of Excellence (P.O.E.)

15's – 22 players – held in Parkland.

Directors Cup report by Dallas Strachan:

- took 18 players, but one broke his wrist.
- didn't do that well against the Winnipeg Teams.

Garth Mitchell reported on the Minor Bantam and Pee Wee **Development Squads**:

Minor Bantam – 29 players, ended up with 4 in Southwest. Team used the purchased jerseys.
Pee Wee – Directors Cup for Girls – washed out, went with Central Plains.

Rick Saler reported on the **Pee Wee Skills Camp in Shilo** - started with 3 days and end up 6.

Directors Report by Rick Saler:

- Relatively quiet year.
- 8 or nine suspensions.
- All camps went well.

Reviewed Notices of Motion (for Hockey MB Annual General Meeting):

- 1) Females to join regular minor stream – yes.
- 2) Resolution to have “Notices of Motion” in by 60 days.
- 3) Boundary Review Committee – discussed.
- 4) Females playing on male rosters – should be noted for “Provincials” purposes.
- 5) Proposed that the first weekend in February be set aside for all Development Programs.
- 6) Our region opposes the requirement for coaches to wear helmets when doing “on-ice” coaching.
- 7) Agree that game misconduct be removed for hitting from behind in last 10 minutes.
- 8) Agree with centre red line being removed re: 2 line pass.
- 9) Agree that camera phones be banned from dressing rooms.
- 10) Agree that players to play in area they reside in for P.O.E. Programs.
- 11) Want “Overages” to be allowed to play Provincials.
- 12) Agree that females can only affiliate in category they are registered in.

Discussion for our Fall Meeting: Registration for Midget & High School.

ELECTIONS were conducted by **Ray Brethour**:

Area Reps:

Dale Luhowy nominated Butch Kostaskey for North rep.

Ray Christie nominated Garth Mitchell for West rep.

Blair Fordyce – Murray Birch, moved that nominations cease.

Butch Kostaskey (North) and Garth Mitchell (West) were acclaimed as **Area Reps.**

Director:

Garth Mitchell nominated Rick Saler.

Dallas Strachan – Craid Camerson moved that nominations cease.

Rick Saler was acclaimed as **Regional Director.**

Vice-Director:

Alvin Rutchka nominated Ray Christie.

Rick Peters – Dale Luhowy moved that nominations cease.

Ray Christie was acclaimed as **Regional Vice Director.**

Motion: Ray Christie- Brenda Orr

“Be It Resolved that we **donate \$50.00 to the Hamiota Sports Complex** for the use of their facility for our meetings.”

CARRIED

Garth Mitchell reported that he plans to have a Mentorship Program in early Fall, hopefully with sponsorship for it to try to get new and younger coaches. Garth was chosen to go to Los Angeles (Kings) to mentor for a week with the Coaching staff of the NHL team.

Bills are to come in to the Treasurer for the Tournament Registration Fees for the POE and Development Teams.

The **Hockey Manitoba Annual General Meeting** will be held **April 30 to May 2nd, 2004** in Winnipeg,

Next meeting (Fall) is scheduled for **Wednesday September 22nd, 2004 7:30 P.M. in Hamiota.**
Adjourned by Ray Christie at 10:00 P.M.

Shirley Wowryk, Secretary-Treasurer.