

**Yellowhead Region Minor Hockey – Annual Meeting**  
**Minutes – Wednesday, April 20, 2005**

The Annual Meeting of the Yellowhead Minor Hockey Association was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2005 in the Hamiota Sports complex with the following members present:

**Executive:**

Garth Mitchell	West area representative and Elkhorn/McAuley Minor Hockey
Shirley Wowryk	Secretary-Treasurer
Butch Kotesky	North area representative
Craig Cameron	Regional Coach Co-ordinator and Minnedosa Minor Hockey

**Others:**

Dennis Kyle	Elkhorn/McAuley Minor Hockey
Dave Pollon	Minnedosa Minor Hockey
Marie Smith	Minnedosa Minor Hockey
David Henderson	Hamiota Minor Hockey
Cal Harrison	Hamiota Minor Hockey
Craig Fedorowich	Hamiota Minor Hockey
Glen Thomson	Tri-Town Minor Hockey
Blair Fordyce	Kenton Minor Hockey
Charles Fouillard	St. Lazare Minor Hockey
Charles Bertram	Birtle Minor Hockey
Alvin Rutchka	Birtle Minor Hockey

**Absent:**

Rick Saler	Regional Director
Ray Christie	Regional Vice-Director

**West Area Rep Garth Mitchell chaired the meeting,** due to the absence of the Director Rick Saler and Vice-Director Ray Christie, and called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

MOTION: Cal Harrison – Dave Pollon  
“That **Minutes of December 15, 2004** meeting be adopted as circulated and read.” CARRIED

Chairperson Mitchell read the written **report from Director Saler:**

- Suspensions were at a minimum again this year. This is likely due to players being more disciplined or coaches that are better educated, or a combination of both.
- The one weekend for hockey programs was well received and would like to work something out with the AAA midget teams in order to include 15 year olds. Thank you to Terry at Parkland and Dennis at Central Plains for their help with our programs which were combined.
- One team was suspended in Yellowhead for practicing with their extended roster, before all teams had completed their season. Rumors of this happening in other regions were heard but not verified. Coaches must follow the rules, and could make suggestions on how to improve the program, instead of jeopardizing it.
- Thanks extended to Ray Christie, Garth Mitchell and Shirley Wowryk and the rest of the Yellowhead Executive for all their help and support, because of them things run very smoothly.
- Thanks also to Stan Harvey (Hockey MB-Chair – Rural Minor West Zone) for his guidance and support. Stan's always available to support Minor Hockey. Last, but not least, thanks to all the office staff (Hockey Manitoba) for the great job they always do.
- See you at the (Hockey Manitoba) Annual General Meeting.

Chairperson Mitchell read the written **report from Vice-Director Christie:**

- Female Bantam POE – Combined with Parkland Region and had 18 players at try-outs, 17 actually sent to play with 10 of them being from Yellowhead. Team had a 1-2-1 record, beating Brandon, tied Eastman 4-4, losing to Central Plains 1-0, and losing to Westman South 6-1.

**Finances - Treasurer Shirley Wowryk** presented the Interim Financial Statements (Sept 1, 2004 to April 20, 2005) showing excess revenue over expenses to date of \$4,930.89. Not all Regional Fees are actually collected, but are shown as receivable in the amount of \$6,090.00.

Account balances at the Rivers Branch of the Westoba Credit Union as of April 20, 2005 were:

Cash on Hand	\$ 1,029.95
Chequing	\$ 776.87
Savings	\$ 8,812.93
Credit Union Shares	\$ 7.00
Accounts Receivable	\$ 6,090.00
Accounts Payable	(\$ 500.00)
TOTAL	\$16,216.75

MOTION: Shirley Wowryk – Craig Fedorowich

“That the Interim Financial Statements to April 20, 2005 be adopted as circulated and discussed.”

CARRIED

A written **Yellowhead Chiefs AAA Midgets Hockey Team** report submitted by **Bert & Lynda Lowry** was read by **Alvin Rutchka** as follows:

“I think it is fair to say that we were disappointed with the performance of our team this season. We started out the season with a good attendance at our try-out camp having a total of 77 players registered. However, the team ended the season with 12 wins and 29 points in 40 games. We were a long way under 500 with a disappointing 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in our 6 team division. We had a rookie coaching staff this year who were learning the ropes of the Manitoba AAA Midget hockey league. Also, we suffered what is probably a record number of injuries and were forced to use Affiliated Players for nearly every game. We had no less than six players who were refunded part of their player fees since they missed eight consecutive games or more.

Home games were moved around the region:

- 10 games in Shoal Lake
- 2 games in Neepawa
- 2 games in Hamiota
- 2 games in Minnedosa
- 2 games in Birtle
- 1 game in Waywayseecappo
- 1 game in Elkhorn.

Hamiota and Neepawa venues were our most productive financial this year with good crowds at both of those locations. The Parent meeting after the windup decided to move the game from Waywayseecappo to Rivers for the 2005-2006 season due to the disappointing turnout at the Wayway arena and a written request from the Rivers Rink Board.

We attempted to minimize our expenditures with regard to food and year-end awards. Fundraising was very successful this year, specifically the souvenir program, the score boards, and the 50-50 draws. Two promotional games were held in the year, where each player received 20 complimentary passes to give out and serve to increase crowd size. They were used for the Home Opener and the First Home



Playoff game. Two preseason games were held in Shoal Lake – one against the Yorkton Harvest from the Sask.AAA Midget league and the other against the Brandon Wheat Kings who were the defending Canadian Champions. The first ever Yellowhead Chiefs Alumni Game was held in Shoal Lake on Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>. It was well received by players and fans; the purpose was to give the team some icetime during the holidays and to serve as a fundraiser for the team. The game was considered a success on both counts and the consensus was that we should do this again next year.

The financial report indicates that after retaining \$7000.00 in reserve for next year's team, there will be a significant refund to each player from their initial player fee payment.

The new team managers for the 2005-2006 Season are Lorne and Karen Fraser from Brookdale. One of the immediate challenges of the team, is to recruit a new trainer for the team since Jon Lewis from Minnedosa has retired after 5 years in the Chiefs' service."

**No Referee-In-Chief** report.

**Coach Coordinator Craig Cameron** reported:

- Would like to have the 4 Main clinics in the Region.
- No one offered to host the "safety" clinic.
- Had a request from Wayway for all 4 clinics, perhaps in Oct?
- At the Annual General Meeting of Hockey Manitoba, there is a motion to have certification by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the season.

Chairman Mitchell reported that Director Saler would like to have a meeting (with the Ref-In-Chief and Coach Coordinator) in June about refs and coaches.

- Hope to have a "Coach Day" (Seminar) in October, although there are no plans yet.
- Garth was involved in about 6 clinics which were well received.

Garth Mitchell reported on **Minor Bantam POE:**

- 41 Registered with only one cut.
- Divided into East and West, with a Tournament in Minnedosa.
- Calibre was even.

**Directors Cup** report.

Coached by Glen McNabb and Steve Smith.

- Tournament hosted by Souris/Hartney.
- Lots of complaints from some regions and scouts (low and good calibre)
- Winnipeg enters 2 AAA teams.
- May have a Tournament with just rural teams before the Directors Cup.

**POE Male:**

- Combined with Parkland.
- Jeff McDonald coached.
- Held in Birtle
- Poor attendance.

**Female – Midget (born '88 & '89):**

- Marie Smith in charge.
- 12 Skaters & goalie (2 girls dropped out).
- Not advancing to Winnipeg.

Garth Mitchell reported on the **Female Bantam:**

- Combined with Parkland.
- Tournament well received – scouts in attendance in Winnipeg.

Chairman Mitchell says:

- it is important to book in the early fall for POE tryout Ice Times.
- Old jerseys from AAA Midget Yellowhead Chiefs are used by the POE programs. There are 4 sets of old jerseys in use now.

Marie Smith reported that there are starting to be regional teams at the Female Midget Level.

**Chairperson Mitchell reviewed Notices of Motion** (for Hockey MB Annual General Meeting):

- 1) Discussion on “Elite” players and “Extended Season”.
- 2) Lots of references about A.P.’s (Affiliated Players).
- 3) Provincials Withdrawals (fines & bonds).
- 4) Dates for Provincials – conflict with MB Winter games.
- 5) Propose Dec 1<sup>st</sup> as deadline for Coach “Certification”.
- 6) Female Challenge – all female players must play in region in which they reside.

**Discussion for our Fall Meeting:**

- 1) Discussion on mileage rate currently at \$0.25 per km.
- 2) Referee in Chief.
- 3) Discussion on “Female Rep” not being the Vice-Director.
- 4)

Motion: Alvin Rutchka – Craig Fedorowich

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

CARRIED

Motion: Cal Harrison – Craig Fedorowich

“That an honorarium of \$300.00 & mileage be paid to Secretary-Treasurer Shirley Wowryk for the 2004-2005 season”.

CARRIED

The **Hockey Manitoba Annual General Meeting** will be held **April 29 to May 1<sup>nd</sup>, 2005** in Winnipeg.

**Next meeting (Fall)** is scheduled for **Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005 7:30 P.M. in Hamiota.**

Adjourned by Blair Fordyce at 9:35 P.M.

---

Shirley Wowryk, Secretary-Treasurer.