



Yellowhead Region Minor Hockey – Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, April 9, 2008

The Annual Meeting of the Yellowhead Minor Hockey Association was held on Wednesday April 9, 2008 in the Hamiota Sports Complex with the following members present:

Executive:

Bruce Coulter	Director
Keith Orr	Vice-Director
Shirley Wowryk	Secretary-Treasurer
Charles Bertram	North area representative
Butch Kostaskey	South area representative

Others:

Ray Brethour	Chair Senior Hockey, Hockey Manitoba
Cheryl Ernest	Zone Registrar, Hockey Manitoba
Cory Dowd	Referee Co-ordinator – Yellowhead Region
Jim Fortune	AAA Midget Yellowhead Chiefs, Manager
Gord Paddock	Tri-Town Minor Hockey and Coach Coordinator – Yellowhead Region
Jamie McFadden	Tri-Town Minor Hockey and Rivers-Elton Rage High School Hockey
Scott Stephenson	Minnedosa Minor Hockey
Dennis Kyle	Elkhorn Minor Hockey
Kelvin Hollier	Neepawa Minor Hockey
Kevin Bartram	Shoal Lake Minor Sports-President
Craig Fedorowich	Hamiota Minor Hockey
Cal Harrison	Hamiota Minor Hockey, Female Rep
Lance Routledge	Hamiota Minor Hockey
Alan Wilson	Birtle Minor Hockey
Dean Lindenbach	Birtle Minor Hockey
Deena Amy	Birtle Minor Hockey
Shelley Tibbatts	Foxwarren Minor Hockey
Robin Scantlebury	Foxwarren Minor Hockey
Stephane Chartier	St. Lazare Minor Hockey
Craig Geekie	Strathclair Minor Hockey

Executive Absent:

Craig Cameron	East area representative & Minnedosa Minor Hockey.
Garth Mitchell	West area representative and Elkhorn/McAuley Minor Hockey

Director Bruce Coulter called the meeting to order at 7:39 P.M.

All present were asked to introduce themselves.

MOTION: Cal Harrison – Craig Fedorowich
 “That Minutes of December 19, 2007 meeting be adopted as circulated and read.”

CARRIED

Director Bruce Coulter gave the **Director's Report:**

- Very busy year for registration committee and would like to thank the 4 area reps and Keith for all their very hard work and Stan for his guidance on a number of issues.
- Thanks to associations for hosting provincials. From all accounts, things went very well.
- Congratulations to teams from our region that medaled at provincials.
 - Atom D Male – Hamiota (Gold)*
 - Pee Wee A Male – Elkhorn (Gold)*
 - Pee Wee A Male – Neepawa (Silver)*
 - Pee Wee A Female – Elkhorn (Silver)*
 - Bantam C Male – Elkhorn (Silver)*
 - Bantam A Male – Neepawa (Gold)*
 - Bantam B Female – Hamiota (Silver)*
 - Bantam B Female – Elkhorn (Bronze)*
 - Bantam C Female – Minnedosa (Bronze)*
 - Midget C Male – Foxwarren (Silver)*
 - Midget B Female – Elkhorn (Bronze)*
 - Midget A Female – Hamiota (Gold)*
- Once again suspensions were low in the region – a positive.
- Thanks to all of the individuals who were involved with the development programs. We had 2 development squads, 1 Female Bantam Challenge, 1 Director's Cup team, and organized the Female POE.
- The extended season seems to be quite popular. I had a number of calls from people wanting to ensure they were following the regulations.
- AAA Chiefs – good year, have placed an ad in the paper and to date have received one application (Garth Mitchell).
- Things to look at:
 1. Greater use of Webpage to communicate.
 2. Re-evaluate the budget.
 3. Low numbers in many associations may require some associations to work together. Perhaps regional associations should have registration on a common day, prior to Regional meeting in September.
 4. Overage & Transfer Applications-
 - a. Require more formal written information when accepting overage and transfer applications.
 - b. Association need to work together better and need to make the right decisions. (Don't pass on to Registration Committee to deny).

Finances - Treasurer Shirley Wowryk presented the Interim Financial Statements (Sept 1, 2007 to April 8, 2008). Revenues \$17,973.00, Expenses to date - \$6,796.70. Net Income over Expenses - \$11,176.30. Secretary-Treasurer noted that '07-'08 Regional Fees are billed but may require adjustments.

Closing balances at April 8, 2008

Cash on Hand	\$ 0.00
Chequing	\$10,556.04
Savings	\$12,216.57
Credit Union Shares	\$ 8.00
Accts. Receivable:	
'06-'07 Directors Cup Rev-late cks	\$ 975.00
'07-08 NSF Cheques	\$ 175.00
'07-'08 Region Fees	<u>\$ 7,383.00</u>
TOTAL	\$31,213.61

MOTION: Shirley Wowryk – Charles Bertram

“That the Interim Financial Report dated April 8, 2008 be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

The **Yellowhead Chiefs AAA Midgets Hockey Team** report was given by **Jim Fortune**, Manager:

- The Yellowhead Chiefs finished the regular season with a record of 19 wins - 19 losses – 1 OTL – SOL The Chiefs won their first round of playoffs against the Parkland Rangers and then lost in the second round to Brandon.
- On average, we had better crowds at our games and long with the excellent job the parents did fundraising and the hockey draft that Garth ran, we did better financially than last year.
- We also ran a major bantam mini camp on Dec 28. The players had an hour ice session and then Garth had a short video presentation for the players and parents that did an excellent job in promoting the program.
- We will be running a Fitness + Training day sometime during the summer and we are looking forward to the start of the fall Camp.

Referee Co-ordinator report by **Cory Dowd**.

- Low numbers of new officials
- Some communities are good, some poor.
- Cory Dowd going to Directos Cup (Evaluator)
- Brent McNabb going to Directors Cup in Portage.
- Laura Cadieux going to Female Bantam Challenge in The Pas.
- Need to change clinics to suit the numbers.
- Would like more feedback from West side of region.

Coach Coordinator report was given by **Gord Paddock**, **Coach-Coordinator**:

- Would like to set clinics in June.
- Last year Initiation & Safety were in Shoal Lake and Minnedosa.
- His organization had 2 fines for not having levels required.
- Coaches must have “Respect in Sport”.

Vice-Director Keith Orr gave the **Development & P.O.E. report**:

Female AA Midget -

- One year under our belts.
- We kept club teams going.
- Propose - that all teams be considered equal.
- - structure like the boys program – stay in own region unless cut from team.
 - Provincials – want all regions to have same opportunities.
 - going to try to have a rural ‘league’.
 - that regions not release + regions not accept unless they go through the proper process.
 - tryouts in late Sept or early Oct.

2 Development Squad Teams – Minor Bantam -

- Craig Cameron
- Bryce Koscielny & Scott Elder.

Directors Cup -

- Mark Berr & Chad Facey
- Whitney Mitchell

Parkland’s year to host female & Jeff McDonald planned to coach but couldn’t.

The Development Programs are good, but there is talk of changing it.

2008 Hockey Manitoba AGM - Notices of Motion discussed:

- # 5 - Some regions get Director, 2 Vice-Director votes (not all) – hope to make it fair.
- # 8 - Regional Females can roster on female AND male teams – proposal to eliminate that.
YELLOWHEAD OPPOSED.
- #10 - Clarify wording.
- #11 - Currently 15's cut from AAA Midget can't tryout for another AAA Midget –want to change it.
YELLOWHEAD OPPOSED
- #12 - Proposal to re-align divisions based on male registrations from Novice to Midget.
YELLOWHEAD OPPOSED
- #17 - Helmets for on-ice Bench personnel.
YELLOWHEAD OPPOSED
- #19 - Overagers that receive approval want
 - a. Males – participation in all activities except playoffs & Provincials,
 - b. Females – participation in all activities including playoffs and Provincials.YELLOWHEAD OPPOSED

Additional Notice of Motion suggested – To allow for formation of Female AAA Midget League.

MOTION: Craig Fedorowich – Charles Bertram

“Be It Resolved that the Yellowhead Region authorize Cal Harrison to attend the Hockey Manitoba Semi-Annual meeting in Winnipeg with applicable expenses paid as per Hockey Manitoba guidelines.”

CARRIED.

ELECTIONS: Ray Brethour, Chair-Senior Hockey-Hockey MB - agreed to conduct Elections.

Referee Co-ordinator:

Cal Harrison nominated Cory Dowd, nomination was seconded by Craig Fedorowich.

Moved by Jim Fortune, seconded by Kevin Bartram that nominations cease.

CARRIED

Cory Dowd is re-elected as Referee Co-ordinator by acclamation.

Region Reps:

SOUTH Rep: Craig Fedorowich nominated Butch Kstesky, nomination was seconded by Cal Harrison.

Moved by Cal Harrison, seconded by Craig Geekie that nominations cease.

CARRIED

Butch Kstesky is re-elected as South Area Rep by acclamation

NORTH Rep: Craig Fedorowich nominated Charles Bertram, nomination was seconded by Cal Harrison.

Moved by Gord Paddock, seconded by Jamie McFadden that nominations cease.

CARRIED

Charles Bertram is re-elected as North Area Rep by acclamation

Secretary-Treasurer:

Charles Bertram nominated Shirley Wowryk, nomination was seconded by Dennis Kyle.

Moved by Cal Harrison, seconded by Jim Fortune that nominations cease.

CARRIED

Shirley Wowryk is re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer by acclamation

Director:

Cal Harrison nominated Bruce Coulter, nomination seconded by Craig Geekie.

Moved by Charles Bertram, seconded by Cal Harrison that nominations cease.

CARRIED

Bruch Coulter is re-elected as Director by acclamation.

OTHER BUSINESS:

It was pointed out that our **Constitution requires the levy of a \$100.00 fine** to an organization for not having an representative attend the *region's Annual General Meeting*.

MOTION: Kevin Bartram – Cal Harrison

“Be it Resolved that Waywayseecappo Minor Hockey Association be levied a \$100 fine in accordance with the Yellowhead Constitution, for non-attendance at the Yellowhead Region Annual General Meeting held this evening.

CARRIED

The Director reviewed the **Yellowhead Chiefs AAA Constitution** and made some ‘housekeeping’ amendments to it.

MOTION: Jim Fortune – Stephane Chartier

“Be It Resolved that the housekeeping amendments to the Yellowhead Chiefs Constitution be approved.”

CARRIED

OTHER COMMENTS or QUESTIONS:

Kelvin Hollier – talk of a girls High School Team.

Ray Brethour – suggests registering through the Minor system.

Craig Geekie – requested booking hotel rooms for teams going to Provincials (Sept meeting).

Ray Brethour spoke to Coach deficiency issues – there is a proposal that registrations be on-line.

Ray Brethour reported that there are Rule Book changes, Cory Dowd will have info on this by Fall.

Cheryl Ernest (Hockey MB Registrar) – Coaches can check their certification on-line.

MOTION: Charles Bertram – Stephane Chartier

“Be it Resolved that a **donation of \$75.00 be made to the Hamiota Sports Complex**, for use of the facility for our Region meetings.”

CARRIED

Next meeting (Fall):

Scheduled for **Wednesday, September 17, 2008 7:30 P.M. in Hamiota.**

Adjourned by Dennis Kyle at 9:37 PM.

Shirley Wowryk, Secretary-Treasurer.