



## **Yellowhead Region Minor Hockey – Annual Meeting**

### **Minutes – Tuesday, April 16, 2013**

The Annual Meeting of the Yellowhead Minor Hockey Association was held on Tuesday April 16, 2013 in the Hamiota Sports Complex with the following members present:

#### **Executive:**

Bruce Coulter	Director
Dan Johnson	Vice-Director and Male Hockey Rep
Cal Harrison	Vice-Director and Female Hockey Rep
Dean Lindenbach	North area representative
Garth Mitchell	West area representative
Craig Cameron	East area representative
Butch Kotesky	South area representative
Gord Paddock	Yellowhead Coach Coordinator
Shirley Wowryk	Secretary-Treasurer

#### **Others:**

Bill Whitehead	Hockey MB - President
Peter Woods	Hockey MB – Executive Director
Ray Brethour	Hockey MB, Chair, Senior
Duncan Murray	Hamiota Minor Hockey
Barry Good	Minnedosa Minor Hockey - President
Kevin Bachewich	Erickson/Onanole Minor Hockey – President
Mike Collyer	Erickson/Onanole Minor Hockey – Registrar
Kurt Amy	Birtle Minor Hockey
Steve Desjardins	Birtle Minor Hockey - President
Daren Stanick	Rapid City Minor Hockey – President
Dave Barnesky	Rosburn Minor Hockey – President
Neil Carson	Rosburn Minor Hockey – Vice-President
Dale Murray	Shoal Lake Minor Hockey
Jeff Maddess	Shoal Lake Minor Sports, President
Dennis Kyle	Elkhorn Minor Hockey - President
Craig Geekie	Strathclair Minor Hockey - President
Jason Smith	Foxwarren Minor Hockey
Dave Clark	Neepawa Minor Hockey – President
Kent Wareham	Tri-Town Minor Hockey –Vice President

#### **Absent:**

Grant Butler	Referee Co-ordinator – sent regrets.
Wayway Minor Hockey and St. Lazare Minor Hockey reps sent their regrets – No Fines levied	

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Director Bruce Coulter called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

All present were asked to introduce themselves.

Whereas the President and Executive Director of Hockey Manitoba requested the earlier meeting time, Director Coulter asked them to make their presentation before proceeding with the Annual General Meeting business.

They made a presentation (which was also made at the Hockey Manitoba Semi-Annual meeting) about the Hockey Manitoba "Governance Review" which includes:

- Voting Changes
- Board Size
- Directors on the Board
- Term of Board members
- Meeting Schedule
- Maximizing effectiveness of Meeting schedule

Director Coulter thanked them for their presentation.

The Secretary-Treasurer read the minutes of the December 12, 2012 Semi-Annual Meeting.

**MOTION:** Shirley Wowryk – Craig Geekie

"That Minutes of December 12, 2012 meeting be adopted as circulated, read and amended." CARRIED

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

- Once again it was a very busy year for the registration committee and I would like to thank the 4 area reps, Dan and Cal for all of their hard work. I would also like to thank Shirley for all of her hard work throughout the year and to recognize the efforts of both Grant Butler and Gord Paddock.
- Thanks to associations for hosting provincials. From all account things went very well.
- Congratulations to the following teams from Yellowhead who brought home medals:

**Week 1**

- Atom D Male – Tri-Town (SILVER)
- Pee Wee C/D Female – Birtle (GOLD)
- Bantam B Male – Minnedosa (GOLD)
- Bantam C Male – Foxwarren (SILVER)
- Midget A/B Female – Hamiota (SILVER)
- Midget C/D Female – Neepawa (BRONZE)

**Week 2**

- Pee Wee AA Male – Shoal Lake (BRONZE)
- Pee Wee C Male – Foxwarren (BRONZE)
- Pee Wee D Male – Elkhorn (GOLD)
- Pee Wee D Male – Tri-Town (SILVER)
- Bantam A/B Female – Hamiota (SILVER)
- Bantam C/D Female – Birtle (GOLD)

**Week 3**

- Bantam AAA Female – Regional Team (SILVER)



- I am please to report that suspensions within the region were not significant.
- Thanks to all of the individuals who were involved with the development programs. We had 2 development squads (Major Pee Wee's), 1 Director's Cup team and the region sent a number of individuals to the U16 Male POE and the U18 Female POE in Winnipeg.
- All four regional teams had, what I would call, successful seasons. The primary goal of all programs is to give the players in our region a chance to compete at the highest level in the province. Not only are they doing that, but in many cases are having terrific success. The region conducted online surveys of the players and parents for all programs and were able to receive feedback which should help us move forward to improving all programs. 56% of the eligible players/families responded.
- Female bantam 10/17
- Male bantam 11/17
- Female midget 6/17
- Male midget 13/21
- Congratulations to Donnie Citulski, long time volunteer equipment manager for the Midget Chiefs, for being selected as Hockey Manitoba's volunteer of the month for January.
- Bingo – June 28<sup>th</sup> – 3 volunteers needed.

*Breakdown of player numbers in region:*

- 958 Registered in Minor Hockey
- 169 Pre-novice (37 Female, 121 Male)
- 164 Novice (34 Female, 130 Male)
- 136 Atom (44 Female, 92 Male)
- 158 Pee Wee
- 123 Bantam (48 Female, 75 Male)
- 107 Midget (49 Female, 58 Male)
- 101 High School (101 Male)

**Things to Look at**

1. Sponsorship and fundraising for 4 regional teams.
2. Coach selection process. The midget male program has the Yellowhead Council which is established to select a head coach. Regional executive is looking to put together a similar group to aid in selection of coaches for other regional teams. Ad to go out next week. Deadline will be April 30.
3. Continue to do online surveys for various initiatives and programs run by the region.
4. Sport Manitoba Winter Games Program.

**Vice-Director (Female Rep) Cal Harrison gave the following report from Myles Cathcart, Head Coach**

*The Yellowhead Chiefs AAA Female Midget program showed a very good improvement during the season. The team only had 3 top aged players with the majority of the team comprised of 1<sup>st</sup> year players. The girls progressed during the year to qualify for the playoffs. We finished with an overall record of 14 wins, 28 losses, 9 ties. The league was scheduled with 28 games and we participated in 4 exhibition games, four Showcase Tournaments (Minnesota, Central Plains, Melville and Westman).*

*During the Showcase tournaments a number of our players have been identified by NCAA and Canadian Universities. We provide each tournament with an information package with academic information. Tirra Lemoine also played for U-18 Team Manitoba capturing a silver medal. Our goal of the program is to promote the regional players to the next level.*

*The coaching staff would like to thank the Yellowhead Region for supporting female hockey and the development of female players within the region.*

Vice-Director Harrison thanked Myles Cathcart, Derek Tibbats and Bill Brown of the AAA Female Midget Team; and Laura Cowling, Jim Cooke and Bruce Coulter of the AAA Female Bantam team.

**Vice-Director (Male Rep) Dan Johnson** gave the following report:

*Development Squads:*

- 36 players formed 2 teams (2012-40 players) (55/17 boys/girls registered in 2012/13)
- Thanks to Bruce Coulter and Craig Geekie for coaching.
- Thanks to Wes Barrett and Barry Dowsett for Managing
- Thanks to Jake Coulter, Sale Murray, Mark Rainka and Morgan Geekie for On ice help.
- Thanks to Foxwarren and Minnedosa arenas.
- 7 players dropped out of the program prior to the tourney weekend.
- Very good lead into the Director's Cup program.

*Director's Cup:*

- 18 players attended camp (2012 – 23 Players) (34 boys registered in 2012/13)
- Thanks to Chad Facey and Michael Birch for Coaching
- Thanks to Logan Young and Mathew Short for On Ice Practice coaching
- Thanks to Sherri Hockin for Off Ice Training. Awesome!
- Thanks to Foxwarren and Minnedosa Arenas
- Program is a Vast improvement from years past
- Feedback is the program has expensive for a 5 week term.
- 10 practices and 5 off ice training sessions and Exhibition tourney (4 games)
- Final tourney in Portage April 26-28 (4 games)

*Recommendations/Options and Observations:*

- Continued decline in attendance in these 2 programs
- Development Squads program needs to be better promoted within the region
- The Minor Hockey Association board member need to promote this within their communities
- Branding/Promotion the Regional Programs at this age is imperative to the success of the AAA programs.
- Have the AAA players in our regions attend Novice, Atom and Peewee practices to promote Development Squads, Director's Cup and AAA Programs.
- Buy a bunch of "Property of The Yellowhead Chiefs" T-shirts for all 12 and under.
- Mandatory participation in Development Squads to be eligible for Director's Cup
  - Consideration given to injuries
  - Consideration given to new residents
- Extended Season programs available up to Peewee Minor
- Attracting Coaches was a challenge this year
- Coaches come from AAA programs
  - Bantam/Midget Assts for Development
  - Bantam/Midget Head Coaches for Director's Cup
  - Other ???

**Finances - Treasurer Shirley Wowryk** presented the Interim Financial Statements

Sept 1, 2012 to April 15, 2013). Current estimated Revenues \$11,542.21, Expenses to date - \$5240.20. Net Income over Expenses - \$6302.01. Secretary-Treasurer noted that '12-'13 Regional Fees are billed but some may still require adjustments, due to some players being rostered to more than one team.

Closing balances at April 15, 2013

Cash on Hand	\$	.00	
Chequing	\$24,342.34		
Savings	\$12,492.46		
Credit Union Shares	\$	6.08	\$36,840.88



Accts. Receivable:	'11-'12 Region Fees overpd (\$ 120.00)	
	'12 - 13 Region Fees	<u>\$ 6,144.00</u> <u>\$ 6,024.00</u>
TOTAL		\$42,864.88

**MOTION:** Shirley Wowryk – Cal Harrison

“That the Interim Financial Report dated April 15, 2013 be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

**Coach Coordinator Gord Paddock** reported that is he currently determining locations for coach clinics to be held in the fall.

**Referee Coordinator Grant Butler** was absent but sent a report:

*Ref Clinics – The region held 5 ref clinics this past fall – All Clinics were well attended with enrolment from 21 to 35.*

*Neepawa - Level 1 and 2*

*Rivers - Level 1 and 2*

*Hamiota - Level 1 and 2*

*Minnedosa - Level Senior 3 and some 4 wrote the exam*

*120 Approx. Referees were certified in Yellowhead region this season. (Numbers are from Hockey MB)*

*Level 1 – 55, Level 2 – 25, Level 3 – 40.*

*7 - Birtle Minor Hockey*

*10 - Elkhorn Minor Hockey*

*2 - Foxwarren Minor Hockey*

*5 - Hamiota Minor Hockey*

*23 - Minnedosa Minor Hockey*

*26 - Neepawa Minor Hockey*

*5 - Shoal Lake Minor Hockey*

*3 - St. Lazare Minor Hockey*

*3 - Strathclair Minor Hockey*

*9 - Tri Town Minor Hockey*

*1 - Waywayseecappo*

*14 - High School Hockey (2-Brandon, 1-Hamiota, 2-Minnedosa, 1-Neepawa, 1-Rivers, 2-Roblin, 1-Russell, 4-Shoal Lake)*

*10- Yellowhead Senior Hockey (2-Birtle, 1-Brandon, 3-Elkhorn, 2-Minnedosa, 1-Rivers)*

*No major issues in the region this year.*

*Nest Hockey Season: 2013-2014 Hope to have the same number of clinics as the past year, in the same locations. If anyone has a request for a clinic they should contract me as soon as possible.*

*Grant Butler – [gbutler@rrsd.mb.ca](mailto:gbutler@rrsd.mb.ca)*

Director Coulter commented on:

AAA Midget Male – Keith Orr, Manager not able to attend. Dennis Kyle indicated they had a good year.

AAA Bantam Male – Craig Geekie coached – in Winnipeg league. Felt we were most developed team (as per peers), 8 players selected to U16 and some on All-Star team.

AAA Bantam Female - Laura Cowling was Head Coach – a great role model – team was close to winning Gold.

### **2012/13 Pee Wee Development Program report – submitted by Mark Wotton**

In our first year of the program held in Foxwarren on Mondays we had 33 palyers enrol with 5 of those players being goalies. We had players from Birtle, Strathclair, Hamiota, Shoal Lake, Elkhorn, Foxwarren, Neepawa and Minnedosa. A mock try-out was held on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> as we told the players only 20 of the were going to make the cut. I wanted the players to get some experience in trying out to make a team as it is a different feeling. A few days aftr the try-out every player was split into two groups keeping car pooling and

positions in mind. I decided that each group would practice every second Monday starting on Nov 19<sup>th</sup> and run the practices thru February. Each group was to have 13 ice session, be we had to cancel two of them due to the weather so there ended up being 11 session each with 3 session being inter-quad games with scores being 2-1, 5-4 and 7-4. practices ran for an hour and half and consisted of different drills focusing on proper technique and positioning as well as some high paced thinking drills. Regardless of the drills the biggest benefit for the players practising together was just being able to compete against their peers and be challenged by them which in turn challenges themselves. I believe the program was a success and look forward to doing it again next year. Mark Wotton (questions 847-5019).

**Director Bruce Coulter** reports that at the **2013 Hockey Manitoba Annual General Meeting** – many motions are being presented at the AGM that he wants to bring to the attention of the membership.

**Notices of Motion discussed:**

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| #7  | Governance Committee –   | YELLOWHEAD OPPOSED      |
| #8  | Ken Gladden, Chair West Zone – re: double rostered teams (affiliates, etc)   | YELLOWHEAD IN FAVOUR    |
| #9  | Ken Gladden, Chair West Zone – re: 3 Bantam AAA Showcase tournaments – dates not set but scheduled by Hockey MB  | YELLOWHEAD IN FAVOUR    |
| #10 | Ken Gladden, Chair West Zone – re: Bantam AAA – roster additions   |                         |
| #11 | Governance Committee – re: Transfers (region decision in 5 days change to 7 days)  |                         |
| #12 | Central Plains – re region to form AA Bantam teams – would like to join other regions league   | YELLOWHEAD NOT AFFECTED |
| #15 | Mike Cole, Norman Vice-Director – re Female Midget – wants roster to max 3 Bantam age players to supplement teams short on Midget aged players.                                |                         |
| #13 | Governance Committee – re: Midget – ability to place according to performance(   |                         |
| #16 | Admin & Finance Committee – re: to allow teams to have an apprentice coach in first year, but need certification by following year – but would have to have ‘Respect in Sport’ | YELLOWHEAD IN FAVOUR    |
| #18 | Bert Down, Chair, Minor East Zone – re: Current draws in provincials be reviewed by respective Chairs.   |                         |

**Bill Whitehead, President, Hockey Manitoba** spoke of the Hockey Canada meeting held at the World Women’s Championships.

- The 45 minute online program “Respect in Sport” for at least one parent/guardian (which is mandatory in some provinces) for a small cost.
- Body checking – start introducing body checking in Pee Wee.
- Quebec – plays non-body checking at any age.

**ELECTIONS:**

Positions due this year – Vice-Director(Male Hockey rep), Vice-Director(Female Hockey Rep), East Rep, West Rep and Coach Co-ordinator.

Ray Brethour assumed the Chair to conduct Elections.

**Vice-Director(Male Hockey):**

**Dan Johnson** elected Vice-Director(Male Hockey) by acclamation.

**Vice-Director(Female Hockey):**

**Cal Harrison** elected Vice-Director(Female Hockey) by acclamation.



Region Reps:

**EAST Rep:**

Craig Cameron nominated Barry Good. There were no further nominations.

**Barry Good elected East Rep** by acclamation.

**WEST Rep:**

**Garth Mitchell elected as West Rep** by acclamation

**Coach Coordinator:**

There were no nominations.

**The Executive to appoint a Coach Coordinator.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**MOTION:** Garth Mitchell - Craig Cameron

"Be it Resolved that a **donation of \$75.00 be made to the Hamiota Sports Complex**, for use of the facility for our '12-'13 Region meetings."

CARRIED

**Next meeting (Fall):**

Scheduled for **Wednesday, September 4, 2013 7:30 P.M. in Hamiota.**

Adjourned by Dan Johnson at 9:41 PM.

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Shirley Wowryk, Secretary-Treasurer.