



Yellowhead Region Minor Hockey – Annual General Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday, April 16, 2014

The Annual Meeting of the Yellowhead Region Minor Hockey Association was held on Wednesday April 16, 2014 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
Barry Good	East area representative + Minnedosa Minor Hockey
Butch Kotesky	South area representative
Shirley Wowryk	Secretary-Treasurer

Others:

Ray Brethour	Hockey MB – Chair Senior Male Hockey
Jackie Barteaux	Regional Team Rep- Foxwarren
Dave Clark	Neepawa Minor Hockey – President
Jason Sumner	Neepawa Minor Hockey – Vice-President
Jeff Maddess	Shoal Lake Minor Sports, President
Dale Murray	Shoal Lake Minor Sports, Vice-President
Dan Myhill	Shoal Lake
Trevor Clark	Miniota Minor Hockey – President
Scott Wotton	Foxwarren Minor Hockey
Deone Oertel	Birle Minor Hockey – President
Ross Emerick	Birtle Minor Hockey – Vice-President
Kevin Bachewich	Erickson-Onanole Minor Hockey - President
Trevor Veitch	Rivers Minor Hockey - President
Brent Brennand	Elkhorn Minor Hockey – Vice-President
Neil Carson	Rosburn Minor Hockey – Vice-President
Dave Barnesky	Rosburn Minor Hockey – President
Kevin Kirk	Hamiota Minor Hockey - President
Craig Geekie	Strathclair Minor Hockey - President
Darcy Heapy	Oak River

Absent:

Dean Lindenbach	North area representative
Grant Butler	Referee Co-ordinator – sent regrets
Garth Mitchell	West area rep - sent regrets
Coach Co-ordinator position is vacant	
St. Lazare Minor Hockey – sent regrets	
Waywayseecappo Minor Hockey – Inactive	
Rapid City Minor Hockey – Inactive	

Director Bruce Coulter called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

All present were asked to introduce themselves.

Minutes of the Semi-Annual General Meeting on December 10, 2013 were read by the secretary.

MOTION: Shirley Wowryk – Butch Kostaskey

“That Minutes of the December 10, 2013 meeting be adopted as circulated, read and amended.” CARRIED

Director Bruce Coulter gave the Director's Report:

- Once again it was a busy year for registration committee and 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 Grant Butler, our RIC.
- Thanks to associations for hosting provincials. From all account things went very well.
- Congratulations to all the teams from Yellowhead who brought home medals.
- I am pleased 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 1 Future Stars team (Major Pee Wee's), 1 directors Cup and the regional send a number of individuals to the U16 Male POE and the U18 Female POE event which was part of the Manitoba games.
- All four regional teams had, what I would call, successful seasons. The primary goad 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 regional will once again conduct online surveys of the players and parents for all.
- Regional Website. Currently the regional website is hosted on the old Hockey Manitoba website. It works but I was wondering about making a change to hometeamsonline. A provider like this would allow us to hose all regional teams, along with the region's website on one site. There would be a cost. (approx. \$400 per year)
- Finally, thank you to all those involved with the region over the 8 years I have been director and the 1 year as vice director. I have been very fortunate to work with people who have looked at the big picture and have done what is best for Hockey and our region. I truly believe our region has earned the respect of the Hockey Manitoba executive and of the other regions for how we operate.

Vice-Director (Male Rep) Dan Johnson report:

Director's Cup

29 Players participated

Coaches: Michael Birch, Shane Jury, Chad Facey. Chad mentoring as part of his HP1.

Manager: Jacki Barteaux

Team of 20 selected with 4 Alternates participating in practices and Off Ice training.

Future Stars

20 Players participated

Coaches: Bruce Coulter, Jake Coulter, Barry Good

Manager: Val Caldwell

YHD received special permission from Hockey Manitoba to participate with only 1 entry.

YHD hosted Tournament in Rivers.

Rural AAA Bantam League

Attended meeting in Portage during AAA Provincials. Appetite to form a rural league with approximately a 32 – 36 game schedule with a full playoff format. Champion to compete again city Champion for the right to go to Westerns. Tournament play will continue. Showcases will continue for chance to play the city teams.

Rationale for this league:

Wpg fees very expensive

Need a more flexible schedule

Playoff format better way to declare a champion that Prov weekend.

Inclusion of Norman (single Roster for 2014/15). Winnipeg will not travel to Norman.

Long term goal to form a Provincial league similar to Midget.

Midget 15/16

There may be rural entries in the Winnipeg city Midget AAA league. Regions are considering hosting their own teams, regions will not be required to participate. Some regions may combine. Another thought is that a number of centres be assigned teams and players would play for the closest centre.

Rationale for this:

Chance for graduating Bantams to stay in AAA programs

Better chance to be able to compete for the regional AAA team on an AP basis

A way to continue to brand regional programs before potentially losing players to High School hockey – which will ultimately strengthen AAA midget in all regions.

Vice-Director (Female Rep - Cal Harrison) report

- AAA Female Midget – Good year next year
- AAA Bantam – good numbers
- Boundaries/transfers are an issue already
- Programs will continue as in the past.

Finances - Treasurer Shirley Wowryk presented Interim Financial Statements (Sept 1, 2013 to Apr 15, 2014). Revenues \$12,160.57, Expenses - \$7,593.49. Net Revenue over Expenses to date - \$4,567.08.

MOTION: Shirley Wowryk – Cal Harrison

“That the Interim Financial Statement dated April 15, 2014 be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

Coach Co-ordinator (position vacant) – no report.

Referee Coordinator (absent) - no report.

Director Coulter indicated that the Ref Coordinator hopes to have the same number of clinics next season.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ELECTIONS:

Director Coulter asked Ray Brethour, Chair of Senior Male Hockey, Hockey Manitoba to assume the chair and conduct the elections.

WEST REP: (former rep Garth Mitchell asked the regional to relieve him of his ‘West Rep’ duties)
Brent Brennand was elected by acclamation as the West Representative.

SOUTH REP:

Darcy Heapy was elected by acclamation as the South Representative.

NORTH REP:

Jeff Maddess was elected by acclamation as the North Representative.

SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Shirley Wowryk was elected by acclamation as the Secretary-Treasurer

DIRECTOR:

Bruce Coulter nominated Dan Johnson. Dan was elected by acclamation as Director.

VICE-DIRECTOR (MALE HOCKEY):

Darcy Heapy nominated (Ms.)Jacki Barteaux. Jackie was elected by acclamation as Vice-Director(Male).

REFEREE COORDINATOR:

Kevin Kirk nominated Grant Butler. Grant was elected by acclamation as Referee Coordinator.

COACH COORDINATOR:

Deone Oertel nominated Bruce Coulter. Bruce was elected by acclamation as Coach Coordinator.

Signing Authorities:

MOTION: Cal Harrison – Trevor Veitch

“Be it resolved that any two of the following four executive members be authorized to sign documents or cheques on behalf of the Yellowhead Region Minor Hockey Association (Yellowhead R.M.H.A.):

Dan Johnson (of Minnedosa) – Director

Cal Harrison (of Shoal Lake) – Vice-Director

Jacki Barteaux (of Foxwarren) – Vice Director

Shirley Wowryk (of Shoal Lake) – Secretary-Treasurer”

CARRIED

Scholarships:

Applications were reviewed – 2 will be awarded, upon receipt of proof of attendance at post secondary institution.

Coach Ads will be placed for the regional teams.

There will be **evaluations for the regional programs**, again.

Website – we have been linked to Hockey MB...but we need to find something better to include the regional teams.

MOTION: Dave Clark – Brent Brennand

“Be It Resolved that our region entertain switching web providers, in order to include our regional teams.”

CARRIED

The Director and Vice Directors have prepared **information sheets to communities wanting to host our regional teams**. Current interest is Shoal Lake and Rivers.

Directors Cup Program:

Last year was a 5 week program

This year will be a 6 week program.

Mid Tournament

12 teams in Directors Cup – more like the POE program.

Jack Barteaux spoke on some issues of Directors Cup – rural players paid a lot more than city players.

MOTION: Dave Clark – Craig Geekie

“Be It Resolved that we donate \$75.00 to the Hamiota Sports Complex in thanks for allowing us to have our meetings there.”

CARRIED

Next meeting (Fall):

Scheduled for **Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 7:30 PM in Hamiota.**

Ajourned by Butch Kostaskey at 9:02 PM.

Shirley Wowryk, Secretary-Treasurer.

Bruce Coulter, Director