



Yellowhead Region Minor Hockey – Semi-Annual Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday, December 10, 2014

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Yellowhead Region Minor Hockey Association was held on Wednesday December 10, 2014 in the Hamiota Sports Complex with the following members present:

Executive:

Dan Johnson	Director
Jackie Barteaux	Vice-Director and Male Hockey Rep and Foxwarren Minor
Cal Harrison	Vice-Director and Female Hockey Rep and Hamiota Minor
Darcy Heapy	South Area Representative
Barry Good	East Area Representative
Brent Brennand	West Area Representative and Elkhorn Minor-President
Jeff Maddess	North Area Representative and Shoal Lake Minor-President
Shirley Wowryk	Secretary-Treasurer

Others:

Ray Brethour	Hockey MB – Chair Senior Male Hockey
Bruce Coulter	Coach Co-ordinator
Dave Clark	Neepawa Minor Hockey-President
Ben Howard	Miniota Minor Hockey-Vice-President
Deone Oertel	Birle Minor Hockey-President
Kevin Bachewich	Erickson-Onanole Minor Hockey-President
Ken Morrice	Minnedosa Minor-Minnedosa-President
Kevin Kirk	Hamiota Minor-President
Duane Kent	Hamiota Minor
Kent Wareham	Rivers Minor Hockey-President
Troy Luhowy	Rosburn Minor Hockey
Scott Wotton	Foxwarren Minor-President
Dean Gadd	Foxwarren Minor

Absent:

Grant Butler	Referee Co-ordinator – sent regrets
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Director Dan Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

All present were asked to introduce themselves.

Minutes of the Annual Fall Meeting on September 3, 2014 were read by the secretary.

MOTION: Dave Clark – Ken Morrice

“That **Minutes** of the September 3 meeting be adopted as circulated and read.”

CARRIED

Dan Johnson gave the Director's Report:

Thanks to Registration Committee. Lots of things to deal with this fall.

- *Overage – minimal really compared to past years. Mainly the Pre-Novice and Novice levels with the odd Atom one.*

- Transfers – were significant with the associations shrinking in size and more and more combining to form teams.
- Appeals – 0 for 2.
- Suspensions – 3 to date.

Outdoor Series / February 15. Ongoing games throughout the season starting this Saturday (weather permitting). Cumulative total for the season. Information on the host centres for February 15 will be announced soon. Rossburn and Minnedosa applied to date.

www.prosmartsports.com Website for grassroots coaches for practice plans. In conjunction with Hockey Canada. Strathclair and Shoal Lake have signed on so far. Cost is free.

Hockey Manitoba Referee in Chief – Harvey Nichol from Killarney.

AAA Bantam Provincials being hosted in Shoal Lake and Birtle

Vice-Director (Male Rep) Jackie Barteaux report:

- Future Stars

Registrants are attending 1-2 sessions per month in Foxwarren with Mark Wotton running the drills. We took all registrants until the end of November.

The program consists of 2 components. All FS are to attend 1 monthly skills session for the months of November, December, January, February and March. After Provincials, the FS teams will practice together a few times (decided amongst team) and they will attend a tournament April 10-12/15 (Parkland, South West + Interlake)

The cost for the program is twofold. As far as the skills sessions, Mark has charged \$50 or \$100 depending on 1 or 2 sessions per month. When it comes to the team component, costs would depend upon the # of practices. As of now the tournament cost of \$270 is the only known expense.

- Directors Cup

All Yellowhead 2001 male players are encouraged to participate in the Development Week. Our Directors Cup team will consist of 9 forward, 6 defence and 2 goalies. We will roster APs as well.

2014 was the inaugural year for the new Directors Cup program and overall it was excellent. The Yellowhead team practices together 2x per week as well as 1 dryland session per week. They practised for 4 weeks. As a team they attend a tournament where they participate in round robin play. There, they have an education session and a draft where each player is divided onto 1 of 12 teams for the final Directors Cup tournament. That final tournament is a lot of fun, where the boys meet many other kids and get coached by different people and are treated really well. This experience takes them out of their comfort zone and pushes them to try new things. In the past this program has been costly. We are currently working together with Hockey MB to try and make this program more financially inclusive for all. Tournaments in West & East, but main Tournament not set.

- Female Development

Totally new program this year. All Yellowhead 2001 and 2002 female players are encouraged in attending the Development Week. We will be taking a team of 9 forwards, 6 defence and 2 goalies. The vision for this program is to practice together for a few weeks and then attend the Female Development weekend which is going to be held in Yellowhead on April 24-26, 2015.

DEVELOPMENT WEEK - Feb 1-7, 2015.

Future Stars will be 2 sessions.

Directors Cup will be 1-2 skills sessions and 2 exhibition games.

Female Development will be 1-2 skills sessions and 2 exhibition games.

Vice-Director (Female Rep) Cal Harrison report:

AAA Bantam – plan to host Showcase (last one in Rivers)

AAA Midget – team is doing well.

Finances - Treasurer Shirley Wowryk presented an Interim Financial Statement for Sept 1, 2014 to Dec 9, 2014. Revenues \$2,545.24, Expenses - \$2,177.03. Net Revenue over Expenses to date - \$368.21.

MOTION: Shirley Wowryk – Scott Wotton

“That the Interim Financial Statement dated December 9, 2014 be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

Director reported receiving a cheque for \$500.00 which is the WHL release payment for Travis Sanheim. The region shares that amount with the organization of the player's choice. Travis wants it to go to Elkhorn Minor Hockey.

Coach Co-ordinator (Bruce Coulter) – report.

Here are the numbers from the clinics in Yellowhead this year:

Oct 25th Minnedosa Checking Clinic – 14

Nov 23rd Hamiota Coaching Clinic – 25

Nov 23rd Hamiota Checking Clinic – 24

Overall that isn't too bad, the checking clinic on October 25th in Minnedosa was very similar in numbers to a lot of our other early checking clinics. The two clinics in Hamiota were both very well attended which is to be expected considering that was the second last weekend of the clinic season.

Overall this was pretty good considering last year the only coaching clinic scheduled for Yellowhead was cancelled. Hockey Manitoba is looking at doing something similar next year in Yellowhead.

AAA Midgets (Male) report by Bruce Coulter:

- .500 - 11 wins and 11 losses
- In 7th place – need to be in top 8 for playoffs.

Bruce reminded everyone in attendance that the regional website is available for their hockey events.

AAA Bantam (Male) report by Jackie Barteaux:

- 2nd place
- Having lots of fun
- Free tickets for sponsor appreciation.

Other Business:

Notice of Motions (Hockey Manitoba) for their Semi Annual Meeting Jan 16-17, 2016 at the Radisson Hotel in Winnipeg.

Motions:

1. Official name to be Hockey MB (registered name).
2. Appeals – to make appeals more clear.
3. Add member to Minor Council.
4. Add member to Female Minor Council (non-voting).
5. Online registration (FOR).
6. Player registrations by Sept 15th (FOR).
7. AAA Bantam Female rule change (FOR).
8. Female Council – Winnipeg wants to have more AAA teams (AGAINST).
9. AAA Midget – any midget aged player can be released (FOR).
10. *Respect In Sport* for parents – if not obtained by Nov 1st, player would not be able to play.
11. Initiation Program (moving to Novice next year) – to change to *Cross Ice* play for this age group for 2015 to 2016. (AGAINST).

The Hockey MB Annual General Meeting is scheduled for May 1-3, 2015.

Provincial Playoff teams were confirmed as follows:

MALE MIDGET:

B – Elkhorn vs Rivers

MALE BANTAM:

B – Neepawa vs Rivers (Minnedosa – Host)
C – Foxwarren
(Convenor – Jackie Barteaux)

MALE PEEWEE:

A – Rivers (Birtle/Shoal Lake – Host)
B – Minnedosa#1 vs Elkhorn
C – Foxwarren vs Minnedosa#2, Neepawa (Bye)
D – Hamiota
(Convenor – Cal Harrison)

MALE ATOM:

A – Shoal Lake (Elkhorn – Host)
B – Minnedosa vs Rivers
C – Foxwarren vs Neepawa
D – Hamiota vs Birtle
(Convenor – Dan Johnson)

FEMALE MIDGET: None

FEMALE BANTAM

A/B – Birtle/Hamiota (Host)
C/D – Neepawa

FEMALE PEEWEE:

A/B – Foxwarren (Host)
C/D – Hamiota (Host)

FEMALE ATOM:

A/B – Foxwarren
C/D – Neepawa vs Elkhorn, Hamiota – Bye)
(Cal Harrison to see if there might be 3).

***** WEST to have home advantage, First Rounds to be completed by Jan 31/15 and Second rounds to be completed by Feb 15/15.** Winning teams are responsible for getting rosters to respective Provincial Host location.

Ray Brethour, Chair Senior Male Hockey, Hockey MB:

Scotia Bank Festival in Winnipeg.
Project 100 – Female event this weekend @ MTS Centre.
Scholarships available.
Volunteer of the Year.
Talk to your Director or Vice-Directors first before contacting office.

Next meeting (Annual):

Scheduled for **Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 7:30 PM in Hamiota.**

Adjourned by Scott Wotton at 9:33 PM.

Shirley Wowryk
Secretary-Treasurer