



Yellowhead Region Minor Hockey – Annual General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, April 20, 2016

The Annual Meeting of the Yellowhead Region Minor Hockey Association was held on Wednesday April 20, 2016 in the Hamiota Sports Complex with the following members present:

Executive:

Roz Maddess	Vice-Director and Hockey Development Rep
Dean Lindenbach	Vice-Director and Female Hockey Rep
Darcy Heapy	South Area Representative
Brent Brennand	West Area Representative and Elkhorn Minor-President
Barry Good	East Area Representative
Shirley Wowryk	Secretary-Treasurer

Others:

Kyle Moffat	Yellowhead Region - Referee Co-ordinator
Bruce Coulter	Yellowhead Region - Coach Co-ordinator
Tobi Geekie	Strathclair Minor Hockey-Treasurer
Ken Morrice	Minnedosa Minor-President
Kevin Bachewich	Erickson-Onanole Minor Hockey-President
Craig Atkinson	Erickson-Onanole Minor Hockey-Vice President
Mike Collyer	Erickson-Onanole Minor Hockey - Director
Kevin Kirk	Hamiota Minor Hockey-President
Brian Armitage	Miniota Minor Hockey-Vice President
Troy Luhowy	Rosburn Minor Hockey-President
Mark Wotton	Foxwarren Minor Hockey – Board Member
Jacki Barteaux	Foxwarren Minor Hockey
Louis McArthur	Birtle Minor Hockey-President
Ross Emerick	Birtle Minor Hockey – Vice-President
Jason Sumner	Neepawa Minor Hockey – President
Cam Witmer	Neepawa Minor Hockey
Kent Wareham	Rivers Minor Hockey-President
Rene Fouillard	St. Lazare Minor Hockey-President
Adrian Belinski	AAA Yellowhead Midget (Male) Team – Manager
Dale Murray	Shoal Lake Minor Sports - President

Absent: (SENT REGRETS)

Dan Johnson	Director
Jeff Maddess	North Area Representative
Ray Brethour	Senior Chair, Hockey MB

Due to the absence of Director Dan Johnson, Vice-Director Roz Maddess assumed the chair, and called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

All present were asked to introduce themselves.

Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting on December 9, 2015 were read by the secretary.

MOTION: Shirley Wowryk – Kevin Bachewich

“That Minutes of the December 9, 2015 meeting be adopted as circulated and read.”

CARRIED

Vice-Director Maddess read the Director's Report:

To all in attendance I am sorry for not being here, but work has taken me away for this night.

Recap of the season. As presented at the mid-season meeting, there were a number of Transfer Requests and Over Age applications sent to the registration committee. Thanks to all that sat on that this year. I appreciate your timely responses.

Thanks to Bruce Coulter for his service to the region for 10+ years on the executive. Bruce will be stepping away after tonight. His experience will be impossible to replace. Bruce won't completely disappear as he has offered to continue to be the webmaster for the Region's website. Thanks Bruce!

This past season was the “year of firsts” which was very challenging with so many new things to implement. Online Registration, Parent Respect in Sport and the new Modified Ice format for HIP.

1. Online registration, I think went fairly well. I am sure there were a few glitches, but with patience, we got thru it. I know the process has been reviewed in the Hockey Manitoba Office and some changes have been implemented.
2. Parent RIS. HM was very lenient on this qualification this year and most parents were compliant. However, I did have to chase a handful of people. I don't think this information was made easily available to the associations to keep a handle on it. Usually deficiencies are given to the Association Registrars, but this was not one of them. This should be much easier next year as most will have it already. I will also ask that each association monitor the behavior of parents and spectators and if there are any problems, to either, try and diffuse the situation or even call the police. This will see much more focus in the coming years.
3. Modified Ice for HIP. I know this had mixed reviews and I hope all have brought forward your experiences and recommendations on how to improve on this. As I mentioned in my email a couple weeks ago, this program is not going away and will be a part of HIP hockey across the province for the foreseeable future. Roz and Dean and I have talked about what we can do to help this along and we have a couple ideas for the next season. I will let Roz and Dean explain what that plan will begin to look like in 2016/17. This will be yet another brand new thing we will be implementing in the new season beginning this fall. It is far from complete and will require full participation from all associations to help deliver this new initiative.

I would like to extend congratulations to the Midget female Chiefs this year on winning the league and Provincial Gold medal. Some very exciting hockey was seen this season. Congratulations also to the Bantam Male Chiefs for their Silver medal at provincials this season. Bantam Female girls won Bronze at provincials. Congrats to the Midget Male Chiefs for their impressive playoff run falling just short of advancing to the league final late in the 5th and deciding game in the league semi-final series. This certainly was a season to remember for all 4 Chiefs teams.

9 other medals were won by Yellowhead teams this year in Rural Provincial tournaments.

- Gold: Birtle in Female Bantam A/B and Hamiota in Female Midget A/B
- Silver: Shoal Lake in Peewee D, Hamiota in Atom D and Hamiota in Bantam D
- Bronze: Neepawa in Atom B, Elkhorn in Atom C, Elkhorn in Bantam A and Rivers in Bantam C.

Further to the Provincials, the new categories will be implemented next season. There will no longer be a D category and the other categories have changes to them as well. Provincials will be a little tougher to get to next year as there will be more teams competing for provincial Berths.

Categories are as such:

- Rural AA – 121+ players in the Male programs from Novice to Midget.
- Rural A – 81-120 players in the Male programs from Novice to Midget.

- Rural B – 51-80 players in the Male programs from Novice to Midget.
- Rural C – 0-50 players in the Male programs from Novice to Midget.

I would like to add some changes in responsibilities by board members. Currently the 4 Area reps serve as members on the registration committee. While the early part of the season is a busy time, come November 1 this group doesn't have much else to do. I would like to assign 2 area reps to each vice director to aid him/her in the development and delivery of the regional development programs. This includes the Rising Stars and both the Male and Female Director's Cup prospects teams. These programs are a huge responsibility for just one person and I feel with the addition of the area reps to these vice director's will help all involved in these programs. My thought is that the North and East reps would work with the Male Vice Director (Roz) and the South and West reps will work with the Female Vice Director (Dean).

Hockey Manitoba has asked the regions to look to adding some Coach Specialty Clinics this season. There are a number of these available and the new Regional Coach Coordinator (RCC) will be implementing these throughout the season. The RCC elected this evening will work with all associations in the delivery of these programs. I would ask that each association appoint an Association Coach Coordinator (ACC) at their level to work with the RCC. I feel that we can get more accomplished when we have total buy in from the associations. The associations will be asked to name this person by the fall regional meeting so the RCC can begin to plan the clinics with the help of all the ACC's.

I want to mention that I intend to allow my name to stand for re-election as Regional Director for another 2 year term. This last 2 years has been very busy and I feel that I am getting comfortable with all the facets of the position.

I am somewhere in Saskatchewan for work but I am available this evening via text or by phone. Feel free to send me text or give me a call throughout the meeting if required.

Submitted by: Dan Johnson

Vice-Director (Female Rep) Dean Lindembach report:

AAA Midget + Bantam – Successful year.

Strong showing in Provincials for both teams, Bantam won Bronze and Midget won everything (Gold). Expect to have good numbers for next year.

Midget – 40 @ Spring camp – good turnout.

Proposal for AA Midget Female.

Couple of Showcases and Provincials. Parkland allowed to play.

Vice-Director (Development) Roz Maddess report:

Lots of learning the programming.

Successful 'Rising Stars' thanks to Mark Wotton – 34 registered. Played 16 games and lost only 2.

Female Directors Cup – Dean Lindembach:

Low numbers – 10 @ camp – 14 registered this weekend for Portage.

Male Directors Club – Roz Maddess:

Craig Geekie and Jordan Mitchell.

Still ongoing – playing this weekend – strong numbers.

Finances - Treasurer Shirley Wowryk -

Treasurer Shirley Wowryk presented the Interim Financial Statement for Sept 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016.

Revenues \$37,184.72, Expenses - \$34,993.67. Net Revenue over Expenses to date - \$2,191.05.

MOTION: Shirley Wowryk – Bruce Coulter

"That the Interim Financial Statement ending April 30, 2016, be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

Coach Co-ordinator (Bruce Coulter) – report:

- Not much to report – this is my final report.
- Specialty clinics should be held in Region.
- Not a big time consumer, for anyone taking on this role
- Bob Caldwell – Master Mentor.

Referee Co-ordinator report - Kyle Moffat:

Approximately 119 officials in our region.

52 – Level 1

44 – Level 2

39 – Level 3

3 – Level 4

1 – Level 5.

Mentorship & Supervisions - if any organizations have done supervisions, please call me – so I can send those supervision numbers to Hockey MB, so we can get our grant.

I will handle the season end awards.

Male Directors Cup – 2 refs to go from our region.

Had one incident but got good support from the local regional team.

AAA Midget Male report – Adrian Belinski:

Co-managed with Bruce Coulter.

Great Season.

Coaching was excellent.

6 Graduating players.

Camp is first weekend in September.

AAA Bantam Male – Mark Wotton:

Good Team.

No troubles with the parents.

Players really improved.

7 returning players.

AAA Midget Female – Bruce Coulter:

Good group of players.

Had success.

Good support.

8 graduating – some playing college hockey.

Regan Boulton (Assistant Coach) from Brandon – did a good job and was a great role model.

AAA Bantam Female – Kyle Moffat:

Good year.

Great parents.

Dual rostered (with club teams).

Did well in 'Showcases'.

Most of team graduating (potentially 3 players returning).

Very enjoyable.

Other Business:

1) Revision of Modified Ice for H.I.P.

BIRTLE – well received. Kids more in the play.

ELKHORN – A lot of negative people – but by end season most liked it. Used 2 x 6's instead of the dividers, didn't use the smaller nets. Used officials.

FOXWARREN – only had 3 players. Didn't use the dividers.

HAMIOTA – 20 players. No guidelines! Used full sized nets. Opportunity to use young officials when using one end of ice.

MINIOTA – Liked smaller nets. Didn't modify ice as it's a small rink anyway. Used officials which helped in lining up players to play.

MINNEDOSA – Coaches said that parents didn't like it in the beginning. Tried both directions – both worked. Used smaller nets. NEED guidelines. Weaker players were closer to the play.

NEEPAWA – Same as above. Coach thought it was ridiculous in the beginning. Promoted fun and more chances to carry the puck. Older H.I.P's were past being on modified ice – hope it doesn't go on to Novice.

ROSSBURN – Same as above. Some visiting teams were against it. It didn't help the players who played some Novice. NEEDS guidelines.

ERICKSON/ONANOLE/SANDY LAKE – Coach was for it. Saw that it worked. Would like guidelines for consistency. Good for skill development. Goalies aren't necessary with small nets. Large teams should loan players to smaller teams. Bumpers were found – kids liked them.

RIVERS – 40 players – hard to divvy up to play other teams. Younger kids liked it...they were always in play. Used smaller nets – put a pylon in net for something to shoot at. Thought it was better for skill development.

ST. LAZARE – Same as above. 6 players. Lots of teams loaned players – some didn't though. Russell refused to play modified ice. Sometimes used a goal, something not. As a border town.....found that Saskatchewan didn't use modified ice.

SHOAL LAKE – No players that age this year. Don't think small nets would help develop goalies.

STRATHCLAIR – Played full ice. Guidelines needed. Smaller nets not conducive to developing goalies. Liked re-start when goal scored. Lots of puck touches l- but not good for developing skating. Need to use officials.

2) Development Plan for H.I.P (Roz Maddess) - in draft form. She took notes on ideas to add or change.

3) Scholarships – Bruce Coulter:

New forms on Website.

2 Scholarships offered.

4) Yellowhead Council – Bruce Coulter

This was developed this year ago when we only had one regional team. It's the governing body of the Regional team. Thinks this Council should be available to the other Regional Teams.

MOTION: Kevin Kirk – Mark Wotton

"Be it Resolved that the membership of the Yellowhead Region support the proposal that the Yellowhead Council be the governing body for all Yellowhead Regional Teams."

CARRIED

The Region received \$500.00 being the **WHL release payment for Morgan Geekie**. Half that amount is retained by the Region and the other half sent to the organization of the player's choosing. Morgan wants ½ to go to Strathclair Minor Hockey and the other ½ to go to the AAA Yellowhead Chiefs (Male) team.

Mark Wotton would like to **form AA Bantam Male team** if possible - would be double rostered. (Considerable discussion on this subject but no consensus).

Jackie Barteaux – reported on an incident with a team that went to Provincials with an Affiliated Player that didn't tryout with the team. Feeling was why bother attending tryout camp if you can get on team without attending. (A/P was from Parkland – which is not forbidden according to Hockey MB rules).

MOTION: Bruce Coulter – Ross Emerick

"Be it Resolved that we donate \$75.00 to the Hamiota Sports Complex for the use of the facility for our meetings.

CARRIED

ELECTIONS:

Director – No nominations. **Dan Johnson** acclaimed.

North Rep – Jeff Maddess nominated....no other nominations. **Jeff Maddess** acclaimed.

South Rep - Mark Stainer nominated....no other nominations. **Mark Stainer** acclaimed.

Coach Co-ordinator – Scott Gibson nominated...no other nominations. **Scott Gibson** acclaimed.

Sec-Treas – Shirley Wowryk nominated.... No other nominations. **Shirley Wowryk** acclaimed.

NEXT MEETING - Wednesday September 7, 2016 at 7:30 PM at the Hamiota Sports Complex.
Adjourned by Kevin Bachewich at 10:35 PM.

Roz Maddess, Vice Director

Shirley Wowryk, Secretary-Treasurer