

## **P.V.M.H.A. EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2002 - 7:00 p.m. - Morden**

Present were Bill Whitehead, Michael Phinney, Bert Dow, George Froese, Doug Orchard and Helen Hoepner. Marguerite Smith, Brad Rasmussen and Don Brown were unable to attend.

Also present were Lee Kowalski, Garth Vandenberg, Jack Mahon and Murray Lovie. Lee and Garth will be involved with the Pee Wee Development squads and Jack and Murray will be in charge of coaching the Director's Cup. Jeremy Winslow will also be involved.

Following the discussion regarding the Pee Wee Squads, Lee and Garth left. Discussion on the Director's Cup followed with Jack and Murray and then they left as well.

Motion: Doug/George that minutes of the February meeting be accepted as read.

Carried

Peter Woods and Dale Fossay were also going to attend but were unable to make it. Dale sent an email with some questions that we were to discuss and give an opinion on.

Motion: Mike/Doug that we release the Macdonald Midget team to play in the Winnipeg Minor Hockey League for the 2002-2003 season. This is a one year provision and we would hope that if Pembina Valley has a Midget league that they would then play here.

Carried with 2 abstentions.

There were 310 invitational letters mailed out for the Director's Cup and the Pee Wee Development Squads. Out of the 310 letters mailed only 3 came back undelivered and those kids were contacted and given the opportunity to register. Our apologies to Colin Wise, Tim Knight and T J Gibson.

Bert reports that 127 invitational letters were sent out for the POE which will be held April 1 - 2, 2002. Chris Yaschyshyn and Troy Ehnes will be the evaluators along with possibly two others.

Novice report

Novice gold - Morden defeated Macdonald in two games, the second game in overtime. The third game in the Novice gold consolation is scheduled to be played in Gretna.

Novice silver - Rock Lake 1 defeated Portage 1 in two games the second game in overtime. Silver consolation, Manitou leads Macdonald 1-0 and in consolation 2 Baldur leads Notre Dame 1-0. The second game is in Notre Dame.

Novice bronze - St. Eustache defeated Winkler 2 in two games. In consolation Macdonald 3 defeated Winkler 1 in two games and in Consolation 2 - Macdonald 1 defeated Morden in two games.

All the bronze winners were determined before the banners were ready, but all have now been presented or delivered.

There were many overtime games during the playoffs and a lot of the series went the three games. Most teams were cooperative in getting their playoff series done as soon as possible. There were however many teams asking for extensions which in most cases were reluctantly given. It is not fair for the teams who do follow the guidelines to wait for another team to finish their series late. "I apologize to any coaches or managers I was abrupt with but it is hard to keep the playoffs on schedule if you do not "push" the teams who are late".

Atom report

The Atom series seems to be going well and everyone is on schedule. George reports that there have been a few cancellations and requests for extensions.

Pee Wee report

Portage meets Morden for the gold championship. There is no consolation in gold. In Pee Wee silver west Glenboro will meet Treherne in the final. In Pee Wee silver east Morris/St.Jean will play Rock Lake 1 in the final.

In Pee Wee bronze Winkler 2 will meet the winner of the Rosenort - Macdonald series.  
Portage 2 is playing Morden for the banner.

The Pee Wee playoffs are behind due to other tournaments and nobody is sticking to the dates given. The solution may have to be forfeiture of games and playoff positions.

The Pee Wee Skills camp will be March 23 and 24, 2002 in Morden. There are 17 Pembina Valley players attending.

#### Bantam report

In Bantam gold, Rock Lake and Portage are playing for the championship. The consolation series is still in limbo with the final two teams still undecided.

In Bantam silver St. Eustache and Altona will play for the championship while Macdonald and Carman will vie for the bronze. The bronze consolation is still undecided.

#### Female report

Rock Lake and Holland will play for the championship and Gladstone will play Manitou for the consolation. There is still one league game to be played between Manitou and Portage.

In Pee Wee it will be Holland versus Carman for the championship. There is no consolation in this series.

In the Atom championship, MacGregor defeated Altona in two games and the consolation series has not been decided, but it will be between Morden and Rock Lake 2.

Female POE there are 19 thus far that have registered from Pembina Valley. We're not sure of how many are coming from Central Plains. The camp will be held in Treherne on March 23, 2002.

#### Referee report

"As the season winds down and age group/divisional champions are declared throughout the region, I am pleased to say that following in Bill Whitehead's shoes was not as tough as originally thought. Problems, complaints, questions and concerns from league members were minimal (convenors handled more than I did and my thanks goes out to them). We truly do have one of the most efficient executives in organized sport.

With Morden hosting the Director's Cup once again, there is an opportunity for some of our younger officials to gain some excellent experience working this tournament. Officials nominated from Pembina Valley are: Gary Smart, Jason Van Deynze, Evan Rodgers, Alvin Klatt and Graig Whitehead. We may not be able to get all five into the tournament, but I am hoping that all will see action.

As part of a sub-committee struck to develop a 2-part Level I and II new officials certification clinic, I am pleased to report that we have completed all initial preparation and are ready to make a proposal to Hockey Manitoba. It is the belief of this committee that we will retain more 1st year officials and as an end result have a better official on the ice. Seven Level I - III clinics have been tentatively set up in the region, as well as four "part 2 " clinics for Level I and new officials.

Officials receiving awards at this year's Hockey Manitoba Annual General Meeting will be as follows: Robert Collett - Notre Dame - Most Deserving, Karlee Hyde - Morden - Most Promising, Darren Johnson - Treherne - Most Improved. The selection of award winners was very time consuming as hockey people in our region are starting to pay attention to these awards and I received over forty nominations.

For the first time in four years, Pembina Valley had an increase in numbers of officials certified. Area referees-in-chief and myself are committed to continuing to develop the referee program in Pembina Valley to ensure that all games played within our league are played "on a level playing field". Certainly, hockey cannot exist without officials, so we had better learn to live with them and, who knows, we might even learn to like them".

Motion: Mike/Doug that Pembina Valley award four \$500. scholarships for the 2001-2002 season to graduating students who will be continuing with post-secondary education as per the letter that was mailed to all High Schools in Pembina Valley.

Carried

There was an omission in our previous minutes. We had taken a telephone poll regarding the purchase of some pens and key chains for promotional use. This was carried but inadvertently omitted from the minutes. Our apologies.

Please note that the Pembina Valley Annual Meeting will be held Monday, April 8, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Miami Community Centre. ALL associations must be represented.

If anyone has any notices of motion, please fax them to 822-6147 prior to April 1, 2002.

Meeting adjourned by Mike Phinney at 11:55 p.m.