

P.V.M.H.A. SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, September 24, 2001 - 7:00 p.m. - Miami Community Centre

All member associations were present except Winkler. Out of region associations attending were Gladstone, Portage, St. Eustache and St. Claude.

Bill Whitehead was declared President and Director of Pembina Valley. There were no nominations from the floor.

Bill Lawson, Hockey Manitoba Registrar gave a brief report on registration, pointing out that there are no more pre-printed cards. For any question regarding registration, tournament sanctions, overage players, player transfers, application for a team of less than 10 or more than 19, etc. please contact Bill at 483-2815.

Motion: Jim Mutcheson/Eugene Fillion to adopt the minutes of the semi-annual meeting - 2000, as previously circulated.

Carried

Bill introduced Jack Forsyth, President of Hockey Manitoba, Peter Woods, Executive Director, and Dale Fossay, Chair of Rural Minor East. Each of them was given an opportunity to address the membership.

Motion: Helen Hoepfner/Gord Klippenstein to adopt financial report as circulated.

Carried

Referee Clinics

There will be 7 referee clinics in Pembina Valley.

October 13 - Starbuck October 20 - Rosenort

October 27 - Carman November 3- Morden

November 11 - Altona November 17 - Swan Lake

November 24 - Crystal City

All clinics will be Levels I - III. For more information call Don Brown at 736-4512.

Coach Clinics

There will be a coach clinic in Winkler and a safety trainer clinic in Morris. Morden, Morris, Miami, and Rock Lake have asked for coach awareness clinics, but unfortunately Pembina Valley is allocated only one clinic. Once that one is filled we will be given another. Apparently last year there were too many clinics with too few participants and cancellations at the last minute. Please contact Mike at 735-2576 if you are interested in hosting a clinic.

Female Hockey

We'll have 4, possibly 5 Female Atom teams, 4 Pee Wee and possibly 5 Midget teams this year. For information on Female hockey contact Marguerite at 723-2293.

Triple AAA Midget

Last years team was made up of 19 players from across the Pembina Valley. The coaches were Brad McConnell and Brad Platt. Pierre Glawson was the team manager. The team finished 3rd in regular league play. They had the lowest goals against record. Seven of the graduating class have moved up to Junior A this year, 2 players have gone the U.S. college route and one player is now playing in the WHL with the Brandon Wheat Kings.

Eight players have returned to this years squad and we have added Chris Thomas from Winkler to the coaching staff and Frank Toews is returning as trainer. The tams will be finalized after the AAA tournament in Souris this weekend.

High School Hockey

Zone IV High School hockey had a successful season in 2000 -2001 with 11 teams competing in the league. The executive is made up of staff from Elm Creek, including Barb Lepp as President, Duncan McRae as Commissioner, Neil Martin as Secretary/Treasurer and Val Esau as Statistician. They have reviewed the constitution and passed a revised version, available by contacting the executive or High School team.

This year there will be 12 teams playing a home and away schedule. League play begins November 1.

There has been considerable discussion regarding the signing of first year Bantams to High School rosters. We have expressed our concerns to Morris Glimcher, Executive Director of Manitoba High School Athletic Association. While we support the ruling, we recognize the need for an avenue of appeal. With reduced numbers in some rural areas, it makes it difficult to ice a team without using Bantam players, particularly as goalies.

Where there is no Bantam team, it makes sense that as students of the High School they be allowed to play High School hockey provided that both player, parents and coaches are in agreement. We do not support the use of first year Bantams simply to strengthen the High School team at the peril of the local Bantam team.

Brian Burnett will be the referee-in-chief for the league.

Other Business

There are no affiliation lists required this year EXCEPT for combined teams. Example: Towns A and B have a combined Bantam team but each town has a Pee Wee team. The Bantam team may then sign affiliates from both the Pee Wee teams and only those players on the AP list are eligible to affiliate.

The question was raised whether there would be any interest in Junior C hockey in Pembina Valley, participating in Eastman. They are also interested in any Midget teams that might want to come their way. For more information contact Bill Whitehead at 343- 2292.

There seems to be some concern as to how some towns form their teams. Bert Dow will conduct a survey giving us some feedback.

Jack Forsyth spoke on 1st year Bantams and the appeal process that is in place should players choose that route. He also spoke on the Gatorade program, head checking (see rule in Hockey Manitoba handbook) and some pros and cons in regard to amalgamations.

Peter Woods discussed mouth guards and for those players with a medical reason for not wearing them, they must have a doctors certificate which the coach should have a copy of. He also spoke on transfers and the coming age change.

Brandon's delegation of Morris Mott, Mark Sefton, and Tony Bertone made a presentation and a request to play in the Pembina Valley Bantam Gold division with their team consisting of 7 majors and 12 minor age players.

A decision was made that Bert Dow will head a committee to discuss Brandon's proposal and reach a decision by Friday, September 28, or at the latest, Monday October 1.

Anyone interested in hosting the Pembina Valley Regional Novice tournament should get in touch with Brad Rasmussen at 735-2307 or send application to Box 89 Starbuck, MB R0G 2P0.

Motion: Garth Steinert/Brad Rasmussen that the Southern Steelers be released to Eastman with all their teams for the 2001-2002 season.

Carried

Cam Cornelsen made a presentation regarding a hockey school. See enclosed poster.

Also included is another pamphlet regarding a hockey clinic. This is for your information since I cannot give out any contact information.

Motion to adjourn by Evan Rodgers/Don Brown.