

**Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association
Executive Meeting
September 23, 2010**

Present: Sherry Rutherford, Greg Ens, Warren Schroeder, Matt Bestland, Roger Chartier, Kevin Scott, Jim Mutcheson, Brian McElroy, Barb Orchard

The meeting was held in the Kinsmen room in Morden.

Jim called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Introductions were made and Matt Bestland was welcomed to the Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Executive. Matt will serve as the convenor for the Novice group.

The minutes of the August 18, 2010 Executive Meeting were read by Barb. Kevin moved the adoption of the minutes as read. Warren second.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- Jim has not had an opportunity to work on the constitution, arrange meetings etc. as listed in the minutes. He plans to address that as soon as possible.
- Rule changes – Jim has yet to put them up on the Web site. There are several changes this year.
- News space has been increased on the front page of the web site so that pertinent news items are not bumped off as new additions are made.
- Novice convenor position has been filled by Matt Bestland.
- Kevin addressed the Bantam situation throughout the Region – most presidents were concerned that by releasing players, it may mean the difference between icing a team or not within their own associations. A discussion was held and there will be certainly more discussions forthcoming.
- October 6th at 7:30 p.m. Semi Annual Meeting Miami Community Centre, Miami, Mb.
- October 24th at 1:30 p.m. Scheduling Meeting Miami Community Centre, Miami, Mb.
- Dr. Letain Award – Nominees were discussed for the Dr. Letain Award. The award will be presented at the Semi-Annual Meeting. Brian McElroy nominated and moved that Doug Orchard be the recipient of the Dr. Letain award for this year. Greg Ens second. Carried.

Reports:

Directors Report – Jim Mutcheson

- very busy with hockey
- a big issue this year is the numbers at the bantam level and the concerns around that.
- female program in the region has dropped off – looking for ways to encourage and re-stimulate the interest
- Jim would like to see game sheets filled out properly so that the convenors job is much easier.
- the Hockey Manitoba semi-annual meeting is October 8th & 9th in Winnipeg.

Financial Report – Barb Orchard

The financial summary was circulated and reviewed. Following a brief discussion Barb moved the adoption of the financial summary. Greg second.

Officials Report

Jim presented the report for Brent Smart.

- Oak Bluff clinic has been completed
- clinic dates are posted on the web site.

Development / Mentorship Report - Brian McElroy

Development:

The clinics available in Pembina Valley are as follows:

Coach – Coach Level Morris Arena, Morris, Manitoba – November 11, 2010 at 8:30

HCSP Level 1 – Manitou Arena, Manitou, Manitoba – November 28, 2010 at 9:00

Coach – Coach Level Altona Arena, Altona, Manitoba – October 16, 2010 at 8:30

All the clinics are listed on the Hockey Manitoba website. Click on the Coaches tab and then click on the clinic of interest on the drop down menu.

Brian wanted to mention the female hockey program. Gerry Leiding and Brian helped out at the Female Hawks Midget AA tryouts. Brian expressed concerns about the future of the program. Brian feels that a lot of emphases needs to be put on development and player recruitment. The following is a plan that Brian outlined:

- PVMHA executive, representatives of the Female Midget program and local associations have to work cooperatively in the development and recruitment of young female players.
- At the start of winter we find a day where Gerry Leiding and Brian will take players and coaches out on the ice for a practice. The idea being the players and coaches get exposed to skills they should develop to play at higher levels if so desired. This will also be done again in the spring.
- Novice and Atoms in the morning and Pee Wee and Bantams in the afternoon. These sessions will be for existing players and also for new players like the “Bring a Friend” programs.
- At noon have a lunch and a presentation by the midget Hawk representatives to explain the program and why that program is a good experience. Brian has been in contact with Mel Davidson from Hockey Canada and she provided a contact whose job is to promote female hockey. Brian would work with this person to get something for a presentation that will have a Pembina Valley view. Maybe do the POP presentation? He is sure that she has lots of ideas that have not been considered as of yet in this Region.

Brian invites anyone to come forward with any comments, ideas or concerns.

Mentorship Report:

The following specialty clinics are available in Pembina Valley this fall.

Holland - Developing Defensemen - Wednesday, October 27th, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

Clinic is free

Holland - Goalie Clinic, Monday, November 1st, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm Clinic is free

Altona Puck Control, Sunday October 3rd 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Clinic is free

Altona Small Area Games, Sunday October 3rd 1:30 pm to 4:45pm Clinic is free

The Altona clinic is a little unsure at this point. Bob Caldwell may have to take that week off to look after a group of Finnish coaches for Hockey Canada.

Convenors:

Female – Sherry Rutherford

- The Bantams and Midgets may have to be combined in one league due to numbers.
- There will be a Pee Wee league.
- No Atom league this year.

Novice – Matt Bestland

- no report

Atom – Greg Ens

- received a few e-mails but not too much going on yet.
- Greg stressed the importance of every team manager being in attendance at the scheduling meeting.

Pee Wee – Warren Schroeder

- not too much going on, has been able to deal with the minor issues that have come up.

Bantam – Kevin Scott

- Kevin's report was as stated above in the business arising from last meeting's minutes.

Midget – Roger Chartier

- nothing to report on midgets

New Business:

Committees:

Executive members will serve on the following committees:

Discipline: Roger Chartier, Greg Ens, Kevin Scott

Registration: Warren Schroeder, Matt Bestland, Sherry Rutherford

Web Site:

We want to continue to upgrade the site and include photos, etc. of players, activities around the region.

Semi-Annual Meeting Agenda:

The meeting agenda will follow the same format as last year.

Transfers/Releases:

Several requests have been received to date.

MacDonald Association:

Several meetings were held over the summer between Pembina Valley and MacDonald and an agreement has been met.

League Fees:

The league fees will not increase for the 2010-2011 season and are already posted on the web site.

Constitution:

The Constitution is being revamped. The Constitution and the League Rules will be two separate documents. The project is ongoing.

Open Discussion:

- discussion regarding the cancelling and rescheduling of league games.
- Breast Cancer project – the project will continue in the Region again this year and there are three sets of Pink jerseys that are available for teams to use for Cancer fundraisers. The sweaters should be booked in advance to ensure that they are available.
- Morden Bantam request.

Greg Ens moved that the Morden Gold Bantam team be released from Pembina Valley Region to participate in the Eastman Bantam AA League for the 2010-2011 season. The release is granted for one year only. Kevin Scott second. Carried.

Next Meeting:

The date for the next Executive Meeting will be set later.

The meeting was adjourned by Greg Ens at 10:40 p.m.