

**Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association
Executive Meeting
January 4, 2011**

Present: Jim Mutcheson, Greg Ens, Sherry Rutherford, Matt Bestland, Kevin Scott, Warren Schroeder and Barb Orchard

The meeting was held in the Kinsmen room in Morden.

Jim called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

The minutes of the September 25, 2010 Executive Meeting were read by Barb Orchard. Barb moved that the minutes be adopted as read. Kevin Scott second.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Constitution – Kevin, Roger and Jim have been working on the constitution and hope to present some of the changes at the March meeting.

Rule Changes posted on the web site – Jim had a request from the Director of Officials to not post the rule changes up on the web site.

Game Sheets – the filling out of the game sheets seems to have regressed this year.

Associations will not be allowed any more leniency, the fines will be implemented. A copy of the requirements of a game sheet will be sent to the Convenors and then forwarded to all managers of all Associations.

Breast Cancer Project – Pink jerseys were returned at the end of last season and it has now been determined that there were four jerseys missing. Replacement jerseys will be ordered to complete the set. Matt Bestland moved that Pembina Valley collect and hold a \$150.00 deposit when the jerseys go out and that the deposit be returned when the complete set of jerseys are returned. Warren Schroeder second. Carried. The deposit will help to cover the cost of replacement jerseys should the need arise.

Reports:

Directors Report – Jim Mutcheson

- few issues that have to be addressed

- a problem that is concerning this year is the number of reported incidents of Abuse to Officials. Any incidents of this nature need to be brought forward and dealt with.

- development programs have been started much earlier as is being allowed by Hockey Manitoba for the first time this year. Going forward, it is hoped that dates for the sessions will be set earlier to accommodate ice locations, team scheduling etc.

- Hockey Manitoba semi-annual meeting is this weekend – items that will be covered are Provincial placements, Regional Bantam changes, Midget Female

Financial Report – Barb Orchard

The financial details will be sent out to the Executive members via e-mail. All outstanding fines and bonds have been paid with the exception of one that was recently taken. All other items are current and up to date.

Officials Report – Brent Smart

Brent submitted the following report via e-mail.

Ron Bartley has come out of retirement to help out with some officiating in Carman. Also Ron has taken on a Mentorship role working with Hockey Manitoba and helping out the youngsters in the region. This is a new thing for Hockey Manitoba in our region but not new to our region. We have been doing this type of mentorship for years already with the likes of Scott Beattie, Eugene Fillion, Don Brown, Greg Clayton, Brandy Chevalier, Pete Goertzen, Brent and a few others. The Region has had a few young officials recognized for rapid advancement: Charles Bergstresser out of Morris, Josh Ginter out of Winkler and Cory Zacharias out of Morden. Our region is starting to get a little more notice and respect for the development of our young officials and Brent hopes that this trend continues.

Development / Mentorship Report

Development:

- no report available

Mentorship Report:

- no report available

Jim commented that Brian has been very busy throughout the Region with both the development and mentorship programs. There is very positive feedback on the programs. Bob Caldwell has also complemented the programs in this Region and feels that this region is one of the best in Canada for implementing the programs.

Convenors:

Female – Sherry Rutherford

- the leagues are going well

- the bantam / midget cross over league is going smoothly

- there has been some concerns raised via phone calls and e-mails about a midget team that has members that are playing with excessive aggression and are injuring opposing players. A lengthy discussion ensued and a letter will be forwarded to the team in question and their Association will also be made aware of the situation.

- two teams have been created for Atom girls in the region to compete in Provincials, one out of Carman and one out of the western area of the region.

Novice – Matt Bestland

- the league is going well

- Matt relayed a few incidents that have occurred that will be dealt with by Jim and the Association in question directly. Suspensions to the parents in question will be administered.

Atom – Greg Ens

- everything is going pretty well in the Atom league

- Greg has sent in the second half schedule and it is ready to be posted on the web site.

Pee Wee – Warren Schroeder

- had two player suspensions in the first half
- Warren will be following up on another issue that will result in a one game suspension
- second half is ready to go
- development is going well

Bantam – Kevin Scott

- several suspensions at the beginning of the season but those have diminished
- scheduling has gone very well
- development is going well

Midget – Roger Chartier

- Roger submitted the following report by e-mail
- there has been incidents of Abuse to the Officials in the Midget league
- suspensions were up at the start of the season but have come down substantially
- there is some concern that some of the teams will struggle to finish their league schedules by the season's end

New Business:

Provincial Placements:

The placements of all categories in the male and female were reviewed in preparation for the Hockey Manitoba meetings.

Breast Cancer Challenge:

There have been four requests to date for the jerseys for various fund raisers throughout the region.

League Banners and Medals:

Convenors were reminded to determine what each category will require for banners and medals so that they can be ordered.

Official Abuse:

As well as the incidents that were previously mentioned during the meeting there are two cases that are in the midst of being dealt with.

Open Discussion:

- question raised regarding develop programs being held on the weekend of Spring Break. Those dates have to work within the time frame established by Hockey Manitoba.
- extended seasons can only begin after March 1st and end by April 30th. Extended season rosters have to be approved by Hockey Manitoba.

Next Meeting:

The date for the next Executive Meeting is February 15, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned by Kevin Scott at 10:25 p.m.

