

Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association

Semi-Annual Meeting

October 5, 2011

Miami Community Centre

1. Call to Order and Introductions

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

Executive Members in Attendance: Jim Mutcheson, Roger Chartier, Matt Bestland, Greg Ens, Warren Schroeder, Kevin Scott, Sherry Rutherford, Shane Froebe, Barb Orchard
Regrets: Brian McElroy

Guests: Bill Whitehead – Vice President, Hockey Manitoba
Bert Dow – East Zone Chair, Hockey Manitoba
Chris Barret – Interlake Minor Hockey Association
Representatives from Langdon Midget Team

2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was distributed prior to the meeting. The acceptance of the agenda was moved by Manitou and Greg Ens second.

3. Roll Call

The Association Roll Call was taken. The following Pembina Valley Associations were represented: Altona, Carman, Elm Creek, Holland, MacDonald, Manitou, Miami, Somerset, Morden, Notre Dame, Red River Wild, Rock Lake, Roland, Swan Lake, Treherne, and Winkler. Also in attendance was Gladstone/MacGregor.

4. Dr. F. Letain Award

The 2011 recipient of the Dr. Letain award was Bruce Third for his commitment and volunteering in hockey for several years at various levels.

5. Bill Lawson

Bill Lawson is the Regional Registrar with Hockey Manitoba for the Pembina Valley Region. Bill was unable to attend the meeting. His contact information is available on the website. Feel free to call Bill with any questions regarding registration.

6. Bert Dow

Bert Dow is the East Zone Chair with Hockey Manitoba. Bert brought greetings on behalf of Hockey Manitoba and offered congratulations to Bruce Third on his receiving the Dr. Letain award. He highlighted some of the changes and items coming out of the Hockey Manitoba semi-annual meeting.

- The overage regulations will be reviewed and discussed further at the fall meeting

- Associations should be aware of changes that have occurred in the categorization in regards to Provincials
 - In the midget category – there is no longer a Rural/City A category. Now those teams that previously played in the rural city category will participate in D
 - Female players rostered and playing on a male team that wish to play on a female team in provincials will have to be on a female roster by December 1, 2011.
 - IP Certification and Respect in Sport required by all coaches
 - Everyone on a roster, managers etc. must have the Respect in Sport by December 1 2011
 - Bantam male and female programs are up and running. It is a pilot project for this season and there will be some changes that no doubt will occur throughout the season.
 - Hockey Manitoba has adopted a long term player development program that mirrors the program that has been implemented by Hockey Canada
 - Regional boundaries have become an issue again – Brian Franklin has asked Sheldon Lansberry to review the boundaries as a third party and he will make recommendations to those involved.
 - Hockey Canada adopted the new head contact rule
 - Hockey Manitoba website has the Chevrolet free helmet program for 5 year old hockey players
 - Dodge program offers \$500.00 for jerseys for Novice teams.
 - Calendars on web site for all upcoming programs
 - Information and application for funding for legacy fund available on the web site
 - Bert will be attending the Hockey Canada General Meeting in two weeks that are held in Montreal
 - Hockey Canada has established six priorities that will be discussed at the provincial level.
 1. To spirit the attitude and create mechanisms in player movement to facilitate flexibility within the game reflecting the needs of the modern player and family.
 2. To service sport schools and create a positive and flexible infrastructure that meets the needs of this Hockey Canada customer.
 3. To address and create the opportunity for flexible seasons, allowing players and families to participate in both hockey and other activities comfortably.
 4. To recognize and enhance exciting non-contact streams and to encourage and spirit more non-contact streams as a viable and credible participatory program.
 5. To encourage and embark upon relationships and partnerships with entrepreneurs/private hockey programs and work together to provide the best development programs for the player.
 6. To proactively work with Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS), recognizing it as a critical part of a vision of the Canadian student/athlete alternative, with particular focus on female hockey.
- All information is available on the Hockey Canada Web Site.

7. Bill Whitehead

Bill Whitehead is the vice-president of Hockey Manitoba. He also brought greetings from Hockey Manitoba. He expressed appreciation to everyone who volunteers within

their own associations and made mention of the time and commitment that the Pembina Valley Executive provides to the Minor Hockey leagues and programs. Bill touched on similar points that were presented by Bert as noted above.

8. Approval of Annual General Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting of Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association were posted on the web site. Miami moved that the AGM minutes be approved as posted. Morden second. Carried.

9. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Constitution changes – Roger, Kevin and Jim have a draft of the constitution that will be presented for approval later on this meeting's agenda
- June hot stove meeting did not occur this year due to the flood

10. Reports

Official Report – Shane Froebe

Two clinics have already been held and upcoming clinics will be held on October 8th in Altona, October 15th in Morden, October 22nd in Carman and October 29th in Swan Lake. Clinic dates and details are also posted on the web site.

Shane encouraged the recruitment of young officials – both male and especially female officials.

With the implementation of the Rule 6.5 Head Contact Rule – details can be found on the Hockey Canada web site. On the site there are 24 video clips that demonstrate what is acceptable and what is not. Coaches are encouraged to view this video so that they can properly instruct their players.

Development/Mentorship Report – Brian McElroy

Brian was unable to attend the meeting and submitted the following report:

Male AAA Bantam

The AAA Male Bantam program is under way. As with any new program the start had a few a bumps but I think both the Executive and parents have learned how to make the program run smoothly for next year if the program continues. Mike Bellisle of La Salle, Ryan Friesen of Winkler, and Jordan Hintz of Carman are the coaches for this team. Paul MacDonald of Altona and Dale Klassen of Carman are co-managers. Contact any of above for a list of the players that are on the team.

Clinics (initiation, safety and coaches)

Coach Level – Morden, Kinsmen Recreational Center November 5, 2011. Sign up on Hockey Manitoba web page.

Development 1- none in Pembina Valley but locations are Winnipeg, Brandon and Steinbach

Initiation Program - Morden, Kinsmen Recreational Center October 29, 2011. Sign up on Hockey Manitoba web page.

Safety – none for Pembina Valley. Clinics listed on Hockey Manitoba website.

Every year we go through the same problem of finding hosts in Pembina Valley for the clinics. What we are going to do is at the spring meeting we will go alphabetically with the towns in Pembina Valley region and they will host a clinic. At that time we will

determine what clinic is going to go where. When ice is required there will be some movement for accommodation. When the forms are sent out from Hockey Manitoba in August we will forward the forms to the appropriate associations. If the association still does not host a clinic, without prior notice to the Executive, a bond shall be taken.

Development/Mentorship Representative

Another new initiative we as a board would like to see is a development/mentorship representative from each association. People's name will be forwarded to the Executive to be this contact person. These people will help at the tryout camps, pee wee development programs, and any other camps or programs put on by Hockey Manitoba / Pembina Valley. The reason for this change is the work load is becoming quite heavy for executive members. As a way to distribute the work, these people will be called upon to help with putting on these programs. Jobs would include making up teams, working registration desks, evaluator's forms being made up, and arranging referees when necessary. Again there will be a rotational system setup. This person will also be the organizer for that town's mentorship clinic, if they choose to host one. These duties will help us organize dates, ice, off ice meeting room and coaches. The people for these positions will not have any previous incidents or suspensions against them through referee reports, Pembina Valley Executive, Hockey Manitoba or Hockey Canada. This position will not give the person the right to run camps under the Hockey Canada or Pembina Valley mentorship name. Hopefully this helps this program to continue to grow. Pembina Valley is known throughout Canada as having the best Hockey Canada Mentorship program and hopefully this system will help us to continue to grow. Speciality clinics locations and dates will be posted on the Pembina Valley website and will be emailed out.

If there are any questions please email me with your concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian McElroy

Gerry Leiding

Female – Sherry Rutherford

Sherry presented the following report: This year is off to a very busy start with the formation of the new Female Bantam AAA pilot project this fall. It has had many growing pains and issues over the last little while as many last minute changes have occurred and there are still many questions that hopefully will be resolved by the end of the season, but it is a pilot project, and therefore there will be hiccups along the way. Tryouts were held on September 3rd and 4th and organizers were pleased with the 33 very enthusiastic girls that tried out and the talent that there is out there in Pembina Valley. We have opted for the double-roster option this season just because it was a pilot project and we were unsure what to expect and didn't want to jeopardize the Bantam league with the small numbers that are only there to begin with. We are happy to announce that the coaches for this year's AAA Bantam team will be: Dana Bell and Al Couling from Pilot Mound, Jenna Mangin from Bruxelles and Karlee Heide from Morden, who are very excited for the upcoming season.

This program was supposed to replace the old Bantam Challenge format, but since summer meetings, a new program has come out that will replace the old format and will be set up the same as the midget POE is currently, where each region will be able to send

a set “quota” of players into a large tournament at the beginning of April 2012. All the information has not been ironed out yet in this program and will be available on the website when it is.

The Female Midget AAA team will once again be coached by Jeff Andrews from Altona and he has brought aboard Reid Sloane from Morden to be his assistant coach. They had their tryouts on September 10th and 11th with 10 midgets and 11 bantams trying out.

They travelled to Melville September 17th and 18th for a pre-season tournament with an extended roster and since then, the coaching staff has finalized their team and decided to go with a roster of 14 – 12 skaters and 2 goalies and will use APs.

This season, the female leagues in Pembina Valley will consist of the following teams:

Pee Wee – 8 teams – Portage, Morden, Carman, Manitou, MacDonald, MacGregor, Stonewall and Arborg. There are two other teams that are also interested from Eastman, but a solid confirmation has not been received from them as of yet as they may just want to play exhibition games.

Bantam – 4 teams – Holland/Treherne, Rock Lake, Morden and Carman

Midget – 4 teams – Portage, Treherne/Holland, Rock Lake and Morden

Therefore, three separate leagues will be run this year. Sherry has spoken with the western regions and with the Bantam and Midget teams, and will be scheduling exhibition games so that they will be part of the winter schedule, but will not affect the standings in each of their leagues. If there are any teams in either league that don’t want these extra games, they can decline and not have them pre-scheduled.

There is not an Atom league as the male programs still need the girls to form their teams to eliminate the travel for that year. Sherry is planning on forming a couple of atom girls teams again this year, however they will be rostered at the start of the season, allowing them to play on their boys teams, but have the chance of playing exhibition games with Atom teams from other regions that are already starting to inquire about games.

The numbers are looking good in the younger age group, which shows that more girls are getting involved.

A female skills camp will be hosted in Holland on October 22, 2011. There is still room for participants to register to attend. There is a link on the Pembina Valley website to register for the camp.

At this point in the meeting, Chris Barret from the Interlake Region presented. Chris thanked the executive for allowing them to attend the meeting. They are trying to develop female hockey in their Region. They have proposed some options to Sherry that they hope that the Pembina Valley female teams will review and consider. They would like to become part of the Pembina Valley league. They are well aware and realize that travel is going to be an issue but they are willing to compromise to accommodate teams in both regions.

Midget – Roger Chartier

This year, Roger would like to see the midget league scheduling occur on the same day as the other leagues in Pembina Valley if at all possible. At this time, Morden, Winkler, Holland and Treherne will have one combined team, Rock Lake, MacGregor/Gladstone and Langdon will have teams. Sandy Bay has a midget team that possibly would like to play in this league.

With Langdon being part of the league, please ensure all players and team personnel have their passports. Roger is working on getting a blanket travel permit for the midget league to facilitate playing in the US. Rules and regulations will be reviewed to ensure everyone has a smooth transition playing both in Manitoba and the U.S. in league play this season.

Roger would like to know who the coaches and managers are that are already in place as soon as possible so that he can have some early contact with them.

11. New Business

Provincial hosting applications were to be submitted by October 1st. There are still some provincials that are available to be hosted. If any association would still like the opportunity to host, they can still indicate their desire to do so.

The Constitution draft and changes were presented and reviewed in detail. Winkler moved the changes and amendments to the Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association Constitution be accepted as presented. Carman second. Carried.

Associations provided their team numbers for league play this season as listed below:

	Male						Female		
	Initiation	Novice	Atom	PeeWee	Bantam	Midget	PeeWee	Bantam	Midget
Altona	2 house	2 league / 1 house	3	2	1				
Carman	2	2	3	2	1		1	1	
Elm Creek		1							
Holland	1	1	1	1		1			
MacDonald		4	3	3	2		1		
Manitou / Somerset	1	1	1	1			1		
Miami*	1*	1*	1						
Morden	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1
Notre Dame	1	1	1	1	1				
Red River Wild	2	2	2	1	2				
Rock Lake	1	2	2	1	1			1	1
Roland*									
Swan Lake	1	1	1		1				
Treherne	1			1				1	1
Winkler	4	3	2	2	1	1			
Langdon									1
Portage							1		1
Gladstone/MacGregor					1	1			
	20	24	23	18	13	4	5	4	5

The League Scheduling Meeting will be held on October 23/2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the Miami Community Centre. The manager of each team must accompany the schedulers to the meeting.

Dates to be Noted:

October 14/2011 – Deadline for associations to submit team placements to convenors.

October 16/2011 – Team placements available on the website.

October 18/2011 – Last day for team movement.

October 23/2011 – League scheduling meeting.

November 5th – League starts.

December 1/2011 – Deadline for Provincial applications.

December 18/2011 – End of First Half of Season.

December 19/2011 – Storm date to play cancelled games

December 20/2011 – Second Half League scheduling meeting.

February 3 – 5/2012 – Development Weekend.

February 12/2012 – League ends.

February 17/2012 – Playoffs begin.

Initiation Program

At the Annual General Meeting it was brought forward that perhaps initiation would be played on cross ice instead of full ice to improve the development of the players at the Initiation level. A discussion was held and it was decided to implement this concept for the first half of the season until Christmas. Jim Mutcherson will be the contact for this age group and the cross ice concept will be re-evaluated at that time. That evaluation will determine whether or not the concept is continued in the second half of the season.

12. Items from the Floor

There were no items brought forward from the floor.

The past records of the Region are being reviewed and some of the historical data is being included on the web site to establish a history of the region.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. by Greg Ens.