

# **Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association**

## **Annual Meeting**

April 21, 2010

Miami Community Centre

### **1. Call To Order and Introductions**

Bert Dow called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Executive Members in Attendance: Bert Dow, Jim Mutcheson, Kevin Scott, Brian McElroy, Roger Chartier, Brent Smart, Greg Ens, Warren Schroeder, Louise Vigier, Barb Orchard

Guest: Don Brown – East Zone Chair, Hockey Manitoba

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda was posted on the web site prior to the meeting and distributed at the meeting. The acceptance of the agenda was moved by Winkler Minor Hockey.

### **3. Roll Call**

The Association Roll Call was taken. The following Associations were represented: Altona, Holland, MacDonald, Manitou/Somerset, MSJ Wild, Rock Lake, Swan Lake, Treherne, Winkler and Red River Wild  
Carman, Elm Creek, Roland, Treherne and Miami were not represented at the meeting.

### **4. Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the October 7, 2009 Semi-Annual meeting of Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association were read by Barb Orchard. Altona Minor Hockey moved the adoption of the minutes. Winkler Minor Hockey second.

### **5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business or discussion arising from the 2009 minutes.

### **6. Reports**

Don Brown – East Zone Chair, Hockey Manitoba

Don thanked all the volunteers for their dedication and time to the program on behalf of Hockey Manitoba. He stated that the minor hockey program would not exist without the volunteers. Don was pleased to see that one quarter of the scholarships distributed through Hockey Manitoba will be awarded to students in the Pembina Valley region this year. He noted that there were a lot of success stories throughout the region in the past season. Red River Wild hosted a successful Directors Cup tournament, the Western Regionals were successful in Morden, the Bantam Challenge was successful in Morden and both the Pembina Valley Hawks male and female teams won provincial championships. Don announced that he is not letting his name stand for the East Zone Chair position and that this would be the last Pembina Valley meeting that he would be attending as a Hockey Manitoba representative.

Following Don's report, Bert presented him with a Pembina Valley jacket as a token of appreciation for his work and assistance to the league while in his position.

Bert Dow - Director

There is no printed Annual Report this year as all Executive, Convenor, Pembina Valley Male and Female Hawks reports have been posted on the web site.

Bert thanked the executive for their dedication and hard work the past season.

Bert congratulated and thanked Red River Wild for the effort they put into running the successful Directors Cup weekend and Morden Minor Hockey for their successful Bantam Challenge. The Western Regionals were a huge success in Morden with Jim Mutcherson heading the organization committee.

The Pembina Valley scholarship applications are up on the web site. Associations were asked to remind and encourage graduating students from within their individual associations to apply.

The Breast Cancer initiative went really well throughout the Region. An additional set of pink jerseys was purchased. This year was difficult to track the funds that were raised as some associations submitted funds directly to the Cancer foundation and some submitted through Pembina Valley. Next year there may be an application process that will help to track the funds that are raised. All and all it was very successful and several hundred dollars were raised for Breast Cancer.

Bill Lawson was not in attendance. He sent his regrets and asked Bert to remind everyone that this fall on-line registrations are mandatory for all associations. The Hockey Manitoba contact sheets should be updated as soon as possible if there are any changes at the Association Annual Meetings. Hockey Manitoba will be using the information from those contact sheets to contact with information for the training sessions for the on-line registration.

This fall there will be an association presidents meeting with the Pembina Valley Executive in a round table format so that the communication will improve between the Region Executive and the Association executives.

The Hockey Manitoba Annual Meeting is April 30 through May 2, 2010. All Associations are welcome and invited to attend. That is an opportunity to have your voice heard at the Hockey Manitoba level.

## **7. Notice of Motions – Hockey Manitoba**

Bert stressed the importance of each association reviewing the Notice of Motions as the motions usually do have some impact on all minor hockey teams. The Notice of Motions are posted on the Hockey Manitoba web site. They will be voted on at the Hockey Manitoba Annual Meeting. The Motions were reviewed and discussed. The executive members that are attending the Hockey Manitoba meeting will vote on behalf of the region based on the results or the discussion. Each Association has a vote at the Hockey Manitoba meeting and are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## **8. Notice of Motions – Pembina Valley**

No Notice of Motions were received from the Region Associations. The Notice of Motion is primarily a matter of housekeeping pertaining to the Pembina Valley Hawks/Regional teams.

Altona Minor Hockey moved that the changes as put forward by Bert be included and amended. Greg Ens second. Carried

The Pembina Valley Executive would like to increase the number of members by one to serve as a convenor. The addition of a convenor would allow the vice-director to perform their duties in a single position rather than as a combined vice-director and convenor. MacDonald Minor Hockey moved that the Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association increase the number of convenors from four to five. Winkler Minor Hockey second. Carried.

## **9. New League Format 2010-2011 Season**

The pilot project at the Atom level for the past season was very successful. Next season will not see a change in the Novice league format. The split season program will be implemented in the Atom, Pee Wee and Bantam levels. It will not be implemented in the Midget male or female categories. A discussion was held with comments and suggestions from the various associations.

## **10. Elections**

Four positions are up for election on the Pembina Valley Executive: Director, Vice-Director, Vice-Director Female, and 1 League Convenor. Greg Ens chaired the elections. Director:

Bert Dow let his name stand for the position of Director. There were no nominations from the floor. Bert returns as director by acclamation.

Vice-Director:

Jim Mutcheson let his name stand for the position of Vice-Director. There were no nominations from the floor. Jim returns as vice-director by acclamation.

Vice-Director Female:

Louise Vigier nominated Sherry Rutherford. Altona Minor Hockey second. There were no further nominations from the floor. Sherry will serve as the Vice-Director Female.

League Convenor:

Kevin Scott will let his name stand as a league convenor. There were no nominations from the floor. Kevin will return as a convenor for two years.

League Convenor:

This is the new additional convenor position. There were no nominations or volunteers from the floor to fill the position. Associations were encouraged to submit names of members from their Associations. In the event that no one comes forward then as per the Pembina Valley constitution, the Executive will find someone to fill the position.

## **11. Discussion from the Floor**

Bert Dow mentioned that the Region is considering the implementation of the "Assign by Web" program for Officials. A brief outline of the program was explained and a discussion followed.

A question was raised by Rock Lake regarding the Midget male playoff format.

The question was asked by the Executive what the thought was of the League telling the Associations what the playoff dates were. The discussion that followed resulted in there

being a general consensus that this would be a very worthwhile concept in pursuing at the very least for a one year trial period.

Winkler Minor Hockey moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:05 p.m.