

**Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association
Executive Meeting
September 15, 2009**

Present: Jim Mutcheson, Kevin Scott, Bert Dow, Roger Chartier, Warren Schroeder, Greg Ens, Barb Orchard

Regrets: Brent Smart, Brian McElroy and Louise Vigier

The meeting was held in the Kinsmen Room in Morden.

The meeting was chaired by Bert Dow and called to order at 7:40 p.m.

The agenda was emailed to the executive members prior to the meeting and was approved as circulated.

The minutes of the May 20, 2009 Executive Meeting were read by Barb Orchard. Greg Ens moved the adoption of the minutes as read. Jim Mutcheson second.

Business and Discussion arising from the minutes:

- The POP program has been scheduled in Morden and Greg Ens will follow up with Winkler. The importance of the program will be discussed at the Semi-Annual meeting and it will be presented to the coaches and managers at the scheduling meeting.

Directors Report – Bert Dow:

Hockey has not stopped all summer! There is a lot happening around the region – some positive and some not.

Financial Report:

Barb Orchard presented the financial report and moved the adoption of the report as presented. Second by Roger Chartier.

Discussion arising from the treasurer's report:

- Scholarships – more proof of attendance is required therefore students will be asked to provide their first semester's transcript. Barb will monitor.

- The executive will continue to maintain diligence in budgeting of programs etc.

Referees Report:

Not available.

Mentorship Report:

Brian McElroy submitted a written report.

The interest in the mentorship program continues to grow. The year was kick started this year with Bob Caldwell sending out an invitation to the regions offering to do one day specialty clinics. Crystal City, Pilot Mound, Manitou, Morden, and Winkler will be hosting clinics. When dates are determined for these clinics, they will be posted on PVMHA and Hockey Manitoba websites. A puck control clinic will be held on October

16th in Rosenort and in Holland on October 23rd. Gerry Leiding is completing the courses to become a Mentor for Pembina Valley Region.

New Business:

Assignment of Convenors:

Kevin Scott – Pee Wee

Greg Ens – Atom

Warren Schroeder – Novice

Roger Chartier – Midget

Jim Mutcheson – Bantam

Louise Vigier – Female

The executive will continue to look for another executive member.

Bert Dow will help Kevin Scott with the Pee Wee Development Program and Jim

Mutcheson will take over the directors cup if his schedule allows.

Committees:

Executive members will serve on the following committees:

Discipline: Roger Chartier, Jim Mutcheson, Kevin Scott

Registration: Greg Ens, Warren Schroeder, Louise Vigier

Web Site Proposals:

Two proposals to update the web site have been investigated and reviewed to date and a third has yet to be checked out before a final decision is made.

Meeting with Eastman:

Greg Ens, Jim Mutcheson, Roger Chartier and Bert Dow met with Eastman to discuss and investigate the Atom league format. It was a very informative meeting. The goal of the league structure is to maintain parity in the league. Eastman provided various formats that they have used with success in their region. At the semi-annual meeting, Greg will have a short presentation on how the league will work. The details will be worked out once the number of teams in the league is established.

League Structure 2009-2010:

The pilot project will be implemented in the Atom division; otherwise the structure will remain the same throughout the remainder of the league.

Semi Annual Meeting Agenda:

- The various Hockey Manitoba representatives will speak
- The Atom pilot project will be presented
- It will be stressed to all Associations the importance of having a coach / manager for each team attend the scheduling meeting.

A motion was made by Greg Ens that every team must have a manager or coach present at the scheduling meeting or face a fine of \$25.00 per team that is missing a representative. Kevin Scott second. Carried.

Transfers / Releases:

The transfers and releases that have been received to date were discussed in detail. The transfer request of Breann Murner to Portage was denied.

Shaking of Hands:

Shaking of hands at the Midget level (both male and female) will be implemented at the beginning of the game instead at the end of the game this season.

League Fees:

The league fees will increase for the 2009-2010 season. Greg Ens moved that the fees for the Pembina Valley Region increase by \$10.00 per team and that the fees for the out of Region teams increase by \$25.00 for the initiation team and \$20.00 per team for the remaining levels. Kevin Scott second.

Midget Regionals:

Jim Mutcheson reported that a committee has been formed as Pembina Valley Region and Morden prepares to host the West Region Midget AAA Championship and they will be meeting on September 16th. There has been lots of volunteer interest throughout the region and the committee members are in place with the exception of a treasurer. Sub-Committees will take care of many of the details and arrangements that need to be completed. The event will be held on April 1-4th, 2010.

Dr. Letain Award:

The Dr. Letain award will be presented at the semi- annual meeting if the recipient is available to attend.

Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association Constitution:

Minor housekeeping of the constitution will be completed and updated on the web site.

Scott Furman's Regional Meeting Template:

Scott has provided a template and Bert will put the meeting template on the agenda to be distributed and discussed at the Semi-Annual meeting.

Winter Games Update:

Male evaluation camp will be held on September 25, 26, and 27th in Morden.

Female evaluations camp will be held on September 19th in Portage and September 26th in Morris.

Coaches are in place and the support staff has yet to be assigned.

Moose 50/50:

Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association was awarded two Moose 50/50 dates. They were posted on the website and both dates have been filled - one by Treherne and one by Morden.

Open Discussion:

Killarney Minor Hockey sent a letter of request to participate in the league this season in the Atom division. The Associations that have teams in the Atom group will vote whether to accept them into the league at the Semi-Annual meeting.

MCI high school team is no longer part of a co-op. They are exploring options of what format the team will take and where it will play.

There are some suspensions that have to be served at the male Midget level that were carried over from last season. Roger will continue to monitor.

The next Executive Meetings will be on October 14th and October 21st at 7:30 p.m. in the Morden Kinsmen room.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. by Greg Ens.