

**Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association  
Semi-Annual Meeting  
October 6, 2010**

**Executive Members Present:**

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

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Jim Mutcheson at 7:35 p.m. at the Miami Community Centre.

2. Bert Dow was elected to the position of East Zone Chair of Hockey Manitoba at the Hockey Manitoba Annual Meeting in June 2010. At that time, Bert stepped down from his position as Director of the Pembina Valley Region.

A motion was made by Kevin Scott that Jim Mutcheson move from the position of Vice-Director to Director and Roger Chartier assume the position of Vice-Director for the Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association. Altona Minor Hockey second. Carried.

**3. Introductions**

The Pembina Valley Executive members were introduced.

**4. Roll Call**

The Association Roll Call was taken with the following Associations having representation at the meeting: Altona, Baldur, Carman, Elm Creek, Holland, MacDonald, Manitou/Somerset, Miami, Morden, Notre Dame, Red River Wild, Rock Lake, Swan Lake, Treherne and Winkler. Not represented at the meeting was Roland.

**5. Approval of Agenda**

Manitou / Somerset moved that the Agenda be approved as circulated.

**6. Bill Lawson – Registrar**

Bill sent his regrets that he was unable to attend the meeting. He wanted to make mention that there was a seminar held in Morden on September 11/2010 for all of the association registrars in Pembina Valley for the on line registration. It was well attended and anyone with questions since then should feel free to contact him.

**7. Bert Dow – East Zone Chair**

Bert thanked the Region for the support that he has received while serving as Director of the Region and now in his new position as East Zone Chair.

Bert thanked all the volunteers for their time. He also reminded everyone that although Hockey Manitoba is responsible to provide overall direction, associations and regions are the first contact. Hockey Manitoba encourages the attempt to resolve their concerns and issues at the association or regional level before approaching Hockey Manitoba.

Hockey Manitoba is in the third and final phase of the on-line registration and database for all minor hockey associations. Once teams are approved in the HCR database by the zone registrar, rosters can be printed or emailed for your records.

To more effectively manage the collection of fees, Hockey Manitoba will now move to a system where associations are invoiced based on the previous year's registration numbers. Each Association has a copy of this invoice in their registration package. 50% of fees are due on October 15<sup>th</sup> of the current season and the balance due November 15<sup>th</sup> of the current season. The fees have not changed for the 2010-2011 season. All registration fees are made payable to Hockey Manitoba and forwarded directly to the main office. Once a reconciliation of registration numbers is completed by Hockey Manitoba on March 1<sup>st</sup>, each association will be invoiced or credited accordingly. Please note that Hockey Manitoba Zone Registrars will be advised of any associations that have not submitted their fees by each deadline and will not approve team rosters until fees are paid.

Each Association is receiving two Hockey Manitoba registration manuals that will assist in the registration process. All forms required can be found on the Hockey Manitoba website under the "forms" section. Questions should be directed to the zone registrar (Bill Lawson). Each association should forward their executive contact information to Bill Lawson and to Barb Orchard for Pembina Valley.

All on-ice participants including coaches are required to wear a CSA approved helmet during all Hockey Manitoba sanctioned activities.

The deadline for submission of team rosters (via HCR database) to participate in the Provincials is December 1<sup>st</sup>. The hosting application package and matrix were distributed at the end of August and the deadline to submit an application form to the Hockey Manitoba office was October 1<sup>st</sup>.

New this year: In order to establish consistency within the provincial championship program, Hockey Manitoba has finalized an arrangement to offer provincial championship items to each host through its official supplier, Awards and More. This will service the agreement with Cargill Ltd. and provide a simple method for all hosts to access an attractive line of apparel to sell during their event. All provincial hosts will be required to place orders through Awards and More. More information is included in the host application package.

Existing sponsors remain for the 2010-2011 season, including Cargill Ltd., Canad Inns, Awards & More, the Manitoba Moose, the WHL and others. Canad Inns provide a preferred rate when booking multiple rooms at any Canad Inns location in Manitoba (exception: Brandon on weekends). When booking rooms for your teams, simply refer to the "Hockey Manitoba/Group" rate.

Regarding insurance, Hockey Canada is the secondary insurer – your first claim would go to your own insurer (eg. Blue Cross, etc.).

Scholarship applications can be found on the web site and the deadline to apply is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Volunteer of the month – encouraged associations to nominate their local volunteers.

Development Week is the first week of February.

Hockey Manitoba has established two Legacy Funds for the purpose of hockey development initiatives. Associations, regions and leagues can apply for funding through

the World Women's Legacy Fund and the Development Legacy Fund. Application forms and criteria can be found on the website under hockey forms.

### **8. Bill Whitehead - Vice President Hockey Manitoba**

Bill welcomed Bert to the Hockey Manitoba executive as well as Jim to the position of Director of the Pembina Valley Region.

Bill expressed appreciation for the volunteers in the region.

This is a transition year for the referee in chief position at Hockey Manitoba – the plan is to have possibly five assistants working with Ian Heather and to have a new referee in chief in place for next year.

Development is very important in all areas; players, coaches and officials.

The Mentorship program is outstanding in Pembina Valley thanks to Brian McElroy's commitment to the program under the guidance of Bob Caldwell.

Bill also stated the importance of forwarding the names of the volunteers to Hockey Manitoba and encouraging eligible students to apply for the scholarships.

### **9. Approval of Annual General Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting were posted on the website. Notre Dame moved that the AGM minutes be approved as posted. Manitou/Somerset second. Carried.

### **10. Business Arising from the Annual General Meeting Minutes**

The Associations that have a bond due for not having any representation at that meeting are: Miami, Roland, Carman, Elm Creek and Treherne. These bonds must be paid prior to registration. The Associations are reminded to review the Pembina Valley website on a regular basis.

Notice of Motions – results. The majority of the notices of motions were defeated. Bill Whitehead explained the bylaw and notice of motion process of Hockey Manitoba.

Many important motions were defeated by as little as one person voting against it.

Pembina Valley Constitution - Constitution and Rules and By-laws will be separated.

New League Format - Split season format that was a pilot project in the Atom category last season was successful.

### **11. Reports**

Official Report – Brent Smart

Brent was absent and sent his report to the meeting. There will not be a referee in chief meeting but Brent would like each association to e-mail him their association's referee in chief.

Director - Jim Mutcheson

The League Scheduling Meeting is on October 24/2010 at 1:30 p.m. in Miami. Further details can be found on the website. There is a \$25.00 fine per team that does not have a representative at the scheduling meeting.

Following approval, the overage list is sent back to the regions to notify which players are eligible and Jim will forward the applicable information to the presidents of each association.

Pembina Valley's league fees did not change for this year and are posted on the web site. There are still opportunities to apply for provincial hosting as there are still vacancies that need to be filled. Associations should provide a letter of intent if they would still like to host even if the dead line has passed.

Novice – Matt Bestland

Matt introduced himself as this is his first season on the Pembina Valley executive. His contact information will be posted on the web site and he encouraged people to contact him with their questions.

Atom – Greg Ens

Split Season - After the first half of the season the teams were moved into different divisions and the games were very competitive in the second half. Greg stated that all managers must attend the scheduling meeting.

Pee Wee – Warren Schroeder

Warren is looking forward to convening the Pee Wee group this year.

Bantam – Kevin Scott

Morden and MacDonald Bantam gold teams will be playing in Eastman this season. Gold and silver divisions will be together. The teams will be realigned in mid season.

Midget - Roger Chartier

There is not a split season for the midgets. The high school rules will apply to the midget league.

Mentorship – Brian McElroy

A list of the Clinics being hosted in Pembina Valley and in other regions was distributed. Brian feels that it would be more beneficial to decide on clinic hosts in the spring so that it does not have to be done over the summer.

Hockey Manitoba will host a clinic if there is enough interest within the region.

Coaches Development Camp – hosted in Winnipeg in July was an excellent clinic to attend. It was so successful, that they are strongly considering running it again.

Brian thanked the Associations for their support in the mentorship program.

Female - Sherry Rutherford

There will be a female PeeWee league. The Bantams and Midgets will combine for league play and separate into their own playoff schedule.

A Female development camp will be held in Holland on November 20<sup>th</sup>, and the Bantam Challenge try outs will be held in Holland.

## **11. New Business**

The Atom Pilot Project will expand this season to include the Novice, Atoms, Pee Wees and Bantams in the male program only.

Hockey Manitoba is considering setting a date that registration has be done throughout the province. This matter is going to be discussed at Hockey Manitoba meetings this weekend.

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	2	2	? Goalie			
Baldur									
Carman	2	2	3	2	2		1		1
Elm Creek				1					
Holland	1	1	1	1					1
MacDonald		3	3	2	2				
Manitou / Somerset	1	1	1	1	1	combine	1	1	
Miami	1		1						
Morden	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	
Notre Dame	1	1	1	1					
Red River Wild	2	2	1	2	1	combine			
Rock Lake	2	1	2	1		1	1		1
Roland									
Swan Lake	1	1		1	1	?			
Treherne			1		1	1		1	1
Winkler		3	2	2	2	?			
Portage				1	2		1		
Gladstone/MacGregor					1				
	14	18	21	20	16	3	5	3	4

The League Scheduling meeting will be held on October 24/2010 at 1:30 p.m. at the Miami Community Centre. Check the web site for the times of each category. League fees are payable prior to registration as well as any outstanding bonds and fines need to be paid. It is very important that managers attend the scheduling meeting. The goal is to try and make a schedule that is adhered to in an attempt to reduce the number of game changes throughout the season.

Provincial placements - Whatever the category of your Association that is where you will be placed. Can always move up with your team but you cannot move down.

Important Dates:

October 15/2010 – Deadline for Associations to submit team placements to convenors.

October 16/2010 – Team placements available on the website.

October 18/2010 – Last day for team movement.

October 24/2010 – League scheduling meeting for Initiation through Bantam and all Female teams. \*\*All managers/coaches must attend.

November 6/2010 – League starts.

December 1/2010 – Initiation play will start.

December 1/2010 – Deadline for Provincial applications.

December 19/2010 – First Half split season ends.

February 4 - 6/2010 – Development Weekend.

February 13/2010 – League ends.

February 18/2010 – Playoffs begin.

## **12. Recognition and Awards**

Bert Dow was recognized for his years of service and commitment in the region. Jim presented him with gift of appreciation.

Louise Vigier was not present at the meeting but she was also recognized for her years of commitment to the Pembina Valley Region.

Dr. Letain Award

This year the Dr. Letain Award was presented to Doug Orchard.

## **13. Items from the Floor:**

Treherne

October 30<sup>th</sup> Body checking clinic for Pee Wees and major aged Atoms. Brian and crew will be facilitating. Information will be sent to Jim and it will go up on the web site.

Fee \$15.00 / player / 1 hour session

Red River Wild

Breast Cancer Weekend

They would like to have all their minor hockey teams schedule a home game for that weekend - November 5, 6 and 7<sup>th</sup>. Their weekend has been very successful for the last two years.

Breast Cancer Project

The intent was to have the funds that each minor hockey association raised come back through Pembina Valley so that the total can be tracked. The jerseys should be returned promptly and washed. Book your date soon so that the jerseys are available for your fundraiser.

Brian McElroy

Female Skills Camp

Brian encourages female players and coaches to attend these programs. There will be a second program held in the spring. We all need to work together to strengthen the female program. The program will grow if the development increases. Friday night has a specialty clinic and they would like to have ten participants and then they would be prepared to go on the ice the next day to help with the clinic.

Keep checking the web site for any clinics and information as it will be updated frequently.

Jim Mutcheson

In the new handbook, any rule changes are highlighted in grey. Several of the changes have been made for clarification purposes.

Altona

They have 19 skaters and 3 goalies on their bantam team. They are attempting to make three teams out of two large rosters. Red River Wild and Altona will try and work the numbers out in a positive manner that will accommodate both centres.

Bantam AA Male Program

There was a discussion around the regional bantam teams. Probably coming in the future therefore Hockey Manitoba will be holding discussions regarding the bantam program in general at the meetings this weekend. Hockey Canada has also dropped the age of their programs so that the development begins at an earlier age.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m. by Altona Minor Hockey.