

# **Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association**

## **Annual Meeting**

April 21, 2008

Miami Community Centre

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

Bert Dow called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The PVMHA Executive members were introduced.

Executive Members in attendance were: Bert Dow, Jim Mutcheson, Brent Smart, Brian McElroy, Vince Hink, Roger Chartier, Myron Pinkerton, Louise Vigier, and Barb Orchard.

Regrets – Arlen Hildebrand.

Don Brown, the East Zone Chair was also introduced.

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

The Agenda was included in the Annual Report for the Association representatives to review prior to the meeting. The Agenda was moved as presented by Morden Minor Hockey.

### **3. Roll Call**

The Association Roll Call was taken. The following Associations were represented: Altona, Carman, Holland, MacDonald, Manitou, Morden, MSJ Wild, Notre Dame, Somerset, Rock Lake, Roland, Rosenort, Treherne, Miami, and Winkler. Those Associations not represented at the meeting were Elm Creek, Southern Steelers and Swan Lake.

### **4. Approval of Previous Annual Meeting's Minutes**

The minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting of the Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association were approved and moved by Rosenort Minor Hockey. MacDonald Minor Hockey second. Carried.

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

There was no business or discussion arising from the 2007 minutes.

### **6. Dr. F. Letain Award**

The 2008 recipient was not available to attend the Annual General Meeting therefore the award will be presented at the Semi-Annual Meeting in the fall.

Myron Pinkerton was presented with a gift of appreciation for his years on the Pembina Valley Executive.

### **7. Reports**

All Executive and Convenors annual reports were compiled in the printed report that was distributed to the Associations for review. Any questions and / or discussion that may arise from the reports were deferred to #13 – other items on the agenda.

## **8. New Business**

Don Brown

Don Brown – East Zone Chair, brought greetings from Hockey Manitoba. He commented on the favorable support from the associations to the Pembina Valley executive and the positive effect that is unique to this region. He also thanked the members for their support in general. Don encouraged attendance at the Hockey Manitoba Annual Meeting to vote, etc. on Notice of Motions as that is “your voice” at the Hockey Manitoba level.

Don also mentioned the new on-line registration system that is being implemented. In 2008-2009 25% of Associations are to participate in the on-line registration. In 2009-2010 that number will increase to 50% and the remaining 50% will be on-line in 2010-2011. There is a presentation at the Victoria Inn on Saturday, April 26, 2008 to clarify the new system. Scott Furman is the contact for further information at Hockey Manitoba. A training session will be offered in August as well. In the new system, once a player’s registration information is in the system, it will be easier to simply advance them each year thereafter. All registrations will still require approval by Bill Lawson, the registrar.

### **Scheduling Meeting**

The format of the scheduling meeting will be changed. The individual age levels will meet together. The managers and / or coaches will meet with the convenors. They will be given a manager’s package with information such as filling out game sheets, contacts, etc. It is hoped that the new format will be a more efficient use of meeting time and will help to improve the communication between Pembina Valley and the individual team management. Questions arising from this presentation were: from MacDonald – they may not have their coaches in place by then and from Notre Dame – a concern about the ice scheduling. The new format will be tried for one year and then re-assessed. In September, information will be on the web site. Requests for team placement can come in at the Semi-Annual meeting.

### **Clinics**

Brian McElroy sent out an e-mail inviting associations to apply to host initiation /safety /etc. clinics. If any associations have not responded to the e-mail and still wish to do so, names can be submitted to Brian by the end of this meeting.

### **Female**

This was the inaugural year of the female AA/AAA midget team. The team and coaches were selected. They played in four tournaments and each tournament saw improvement. A prospects camp was held in March in Miami with 33 girls attending. Going forward, there will be a formation of a rural league for the 2008-2009 season. It will be an 18 game schedule (with the exception of Norman) and will run from October to February. Pembina Valley is double carding but whether the teams are double carded or stand alone, they will all be classed as a regional team. The guidelines and criteria will follow

the male program regarding tryouts, releases, etc. The High School team will play into this. There is a concern that double rostering maybe phased out by 2010. The Regional league etc. is pending the agreement being formed at the Hockey Manitoba meeting being held this weekend. Winnipeg would also be involved in the league.

#### Total Hockey Training Centre

Louise Vigier distributed brochures with information on the Total Hockey Training Centre to the Associations. J.P. Vigier is part owner and additional information can be found on their web site. The Centre offers programs for players both male and female from 10 years of age and up.

#### Mentorship and Development

Brian McElroy reported that the mentorship clinics went over well this past season and hopes to have more clinics next season. The Hockey Canada skills camps were successful in both Rosenort and Treherne. The mentorship camps are run the night before and then they participate in the skills development camp the next day. Brian welcomes questions and comments in both the mentorship and development areas.

#### Officials

Brent Smart reported that the number of officials in the region remains consistent. The Referee Clinics that will be hosted in the fall are as follows:

Carman	October 11, 2008	Kevin Scott
Oak Bluff	September 20, 2008	Dan Simcoe
Swan Lake	October 18, 2008	Dave/Melanie Chevalier
Morden	October 19, 2008	Jim Mutcheson
Altona	October 25, 2008	Ron Epp

Information can be found on both the Pembina Valley and Hockey Manitoba web sites. There will be a referees' meeting in the fall prior to the start of the season. Next year is a rule change year, face off dots and goal tender equipment measurements, but it is the 2009-2010 season that will see the Hockey Canada rule changes implemented at the minor hockey level.

#### Scholarships

This year new criteria was developed to assist in evaluating the scholarship applications in a consistent, fair manner. There were nine applications received this year. The four recipients of the \$500.00 scholarships were:

1. Jason McMannis – Holland
2. Kyle Enns - Altona
3. Courtney Sawatzky - Altona
4. Candis Mullin – Cartwright

#### **9. Notice of Motions – PVMHA**

Two Notice of Motions were voted on at this meeting. Details of the Motions were circulated by e-mail and were available for preview on the web site.

1. The Notice of Motion put forward by Rosenort Minor Hockey and seconded by MacDonald Minor Hockey was voted on and passed.

2. The Notice of Motion put forward by Altona Minor Hockey and seconded by Winkler Minor Hockey was amended by Altona Minor Hockey and then seconded by Morden Minor Hockey. After much discussion, the Motion was voted on and was opposed.

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

Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association is putting forth one Notice of Motion at the Hockey Manitoba Annual Meeting. It is regarding the East Border of the Region. The details of the Motion can be found on the web site.

The Notice of Motions that will be voted on at the Hockey Manitoba Annual Meeting were reviewed and discussed. Associations were again encouraged to attend the Hockey Manitoba meeting to vote. The discussion of the Motions provided a general feedback and a sense of what the Associations in Pembina Valley are thinking for the executive members that are attending the Hockey Manitoba meeting to vote accordingly.

### **11. Constitution Changes**

No major changes to the Constitution are necessary. The items requiring clarification were reviewed and amended and the addition was made regarding the use of the proper game sheets.

Altona Minor Hockey moved that the constitution changes be accepted as discussed. Rock Lake Minor Hockey second. Carried.

### **12. Elections**

Five positions are up for election on the Pembina Valley Executive: Director, Vice-Director, Vice-Director Female, and 2 League Convenors.

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 let her name stand for the position of Vice-Director Female. There were no nominations from the floor. Louise returns as vice-director female by acclamation.

League Convenor:

This convenor position needs to be filled for a one year term. There were no nominations from the floor therefore nominations were tabled to the fall semi-annual meeting.

League Convenor:

This convenor position is a two year term. There were no nominations from the floor therefore nominations were tabled to the fall semi-annual meeting.

A motion was made by Miami Minor Hockey that if the Pembina Valley Executive could find replacement(s) for either or both of the vacant Executive positions prior to the fall semi-annual meeting that they should go ahead and do so. Winkler Minor Hockey second. Carried.

### **13. Other Items**

The following topics were discussed:

Concern was expressed regarding the past season's Bantam provincial qualifying play downs.

Associations were cautioned to make sure that they are filling out their initial provincial application properly as that determines their provincial category.

There was a concern expressed regarding associations that are creating teams from their house leagues to compete in the Provincials – particularly in the B, C and D level of provincials.

A concern was raised regarding overage players playing down. There are some instances where the overage player is a strong player in the lower category. A discussion was held as to determine how to make the information available as to which teams have overage players.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.