

**Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association
Executive Meeting
April 7, 2008**

Present: Bert Dow, Arlen Hildebrand, Jim Mutcheson, Barb Orchard, Louise Vigier,
Vince Hink, Brent Smart, Roger Chartier, Myron Pinkerton
Regrets: Brian McElroy

The meeting was held in the Kinsmen Room at the Morden Recreation Centre beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Agenda was circulated to executive members prior to the meeting and was approved.

The minutes from the last meeting were not available.

Reports:

Financial:

Barb moved the adoption of the financial report as presented. Arlen Hildebrand second. Carried.

Officials:

Brent Smart reported that all in all it has been a good year. There are fewer referees in the western area of Pembina Valley than in previous years. Brent will be submitting a list of the supervisions that were completed in Pembina Valley to Hockey Manitoba. He will continue next year to expand and work on the development of officials in the region. The officials from this region that will be recognized at the luncheon at the Hockey Manitoba Annual Meeting are:

- Most Dedicated – Robert Collet
- Most Promising – Brett Dow
- Most Improved – Kevin Klassen.

Mentorship:

Brian e-mailed a report that has been summarized as follows: A mentorship clinic was held in Treherne on March 21/2008 with seven participants. The participants assisted with the Skills Camp that was also hosted in Treherne on March 22/2008. There is still hope that a goalie mentorship clinic will happen this year yet prior to the POE evaluation camps. Brian feels that the clinics have had a positive effect in the region and will continue encouraging the skill development concepts and hold clinics next year.

Development:

Brian e-mailed a report that has been summarized as follows: A second skills development camp was hosted by PVMHA, Hockey Manitoba and Hockey Canada in Treherne on March 22/2008 with 51 players participating. The camp was very successful. Treherne and Rosenort have both expressed interest in hosting developments

camps next season. The Directors Cup program is going as well as expected. The Directors Cup weekend will be challenging for the team.

Convenors:

Midget:

Arlen reported that the league structure works well with the exception of playoffs. He recommends eliminating the consolation series in playoffs and adopting the format that has all teams making the playoffs. If a bye is necessary, it would be awarded to the first place team. The remaining teams playoff and “if you lose you are out”.

There are two suspensions that carry over to next season:

1. MacGregor – Jeff Burke – 5 game suspension
2. MacGregor – Jackson Burke – 3 game suspension

Bantam:

Jim reported that the league was fairly equal with the exception of one team. A discussion was held around how to maintain better equality in the leagues. There was the usual amount of suspensions handed out this year.

Pee Wee:

Vince reported that the league went OK this year. All scheduled games were completed. The incident in Holland was discussed. Vince recommends that perhaps a more stringent structure be considered for the first round of playoffs to ensure that the games are played off in a timelier manner.

Atoms:

Roger reported that overall the season went well. This year’s playoff format worked well and seemed to be well received by the teams. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the parents’ behaviour following a playoff game between Morris St. Jean and MacDonald. A letter will be forwarded to the MacDonald association.

Novice:

Myron reported that the Novice league was quite balanced this season compared to previous seasons which made for a better league overall. It was a good year and the league increased by four teams over last year which is encouraging. The playoff format worked well. This year there was no consolation banner presented.

Female:

Louise reported that everything went well in the various categories of the female league in Pembina Valley. Pembina Valley was well represented at the Provincial Competitions. The Female Bantam Challenge was well attended and the team has been practicing and playing together. The coaching vacancy has been dealt with and a replacement has been found. Thank you to Gary McMannis for filling this position on short notice.

Detailed reports from each of the convenors, the referee-in-chief, mentorship and development will be e-mailed and compiled into the Annual Report for distribution at the Annual General Meeting on April 21/2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Miami Community Centre.

New Business:

Brain Storming Meeting:

Jim Mutcheson and Brian McElroy attended a meeting with representatives from Carman, Altona, Morden and Winkler Minor Hockey Associations. The meeting was arranged between the Associations where they expressed common concerns. The main concerns being that qualified coaches are difficult to obtain and keep and that there is an inconsistency in development. Brian recommended a clinic to help develop coaches and programs that will encourage and maintain development throughout the association. Pembina Valley will support their development and will not force the associations to place a team in a category if they do not have the teams to fit that category.

League Reorganization 2008-2009:

In the fall of 2008, there will not be any discussion at the Semi-Annual Meeting about the team placements in an effort to make that meeting more efficient. The Associations will send in their teams prior to the scheduling meeting. The format of the scheduling meeting will be changed in that each group will meet at a designated time. During that time, the teams will be placed and scheduled, both in the same meeting. The team managers will attend and it will be an opportunity to familiarize themselves with other managers, the convenors and other executive members that they will be working with throughout the season. These changes will be tried in an effort to ensure that the information is going to the appropriate people that it pertains to. More details and information will be provided in the fall but it was also noted that this particular format has proven to be very successful with the Midgets for the last number of years.

Scholarship Criteria:

The scholarship committee met and prepared "Scholarship Marking Criteria". The established criteria will be scored on a point system. Executive members reviewed and approved the system. This scoring will assist in evaluating the scholarship applications in a consistent, fair manner.

Scholarship Selection:

Nine scholarship applications were received and reviewed from students in Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Region. Four \$500.00 scholarships are awarded each year. The recipients for 2008 are:

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

Dr. Letain Award:

A discussion was held and an additional plaque will be established that lists all the recipients of the award since its inception.

Arlen Hildebrand nominated that Ken Sawatzky from Altona Minor Hockey Association be this year's recipient. Myron Pinkerton second. Carried.

Hockey Manitoba Notice of Motions:

Roger has submitted a Notice of Motion to Hockey Manitoba on behalf of Pembina Valley regarding the clarification of a boundary. Other Notice of Motions that will be voted on at the Hockey Manitoba Annual Meeting were also discussed.

PVMHA Notice of Motions:

Two Notice of Motions have been received that will be discussed and voted on at the Pembina Valley Annual Meeting.

PVMHA Constitution Amendments:

There are no major changes to the current constitution but there are some areas that require clarification and amendment. Any recommended changes should be emailed to Bert and he will compile and prepare for review at the Annual Meeting.

Female High School Hockey – Sanction

Sanctioning of the Female High School Hockey League has been proposed by MHSAA. Bert has discussed extensively with the Commissioner of the Zone IV High School League and they agree that sanctioning would not be beneficial to Zone IV or to the Pembina Valley League. The final decision will be made at the Hockey Manitoba AGM.

Midget Female AA Update:

Louise reported that a meeting was held in Portage on April 5/2008 regarding a league formation for the Female Midget AA teams. There was a great deal of discussion with all regions having input and an opportunity to express concerns. The general consensus was that each region should be permitted to determine what is best for their region regarding team formation. There should be no differentiating between double carded and stand alone teams; these teams would be referred to as Regional Teams going forward. It was also agreed that a balanced schedule would not be required and should be able to accommodate each team's game commitment. Each region is required to submit the number of league games they would commit to for the 2008-2009 season by April 10/2008.

Executive Elections – PV AGM:

The executive members positions of Pembina Valley that are up for election at this year's AGM are: Bert Dow, Jim Mutcheson, Louise Vigier, Arlen Hildebrand, and Myron Pinkerton. Arlen Hildebrand and Myron Pinkerton will not be letting their names stand.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m. by Louise Vigier.