

**PEMBINA VALLEY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2006
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PRESENT: Doug Orchard, Jim Mutcheson, Roger Chartier, Arlen Hildebrand, Brian McElroy, Louise Vigier, Myron Pinkerton, Vince Hink, Brent Smart, Bert Dow and Lisa Sibbald.

GUESTS: Bill Whitehead and Helen Hoepfner.

Prior to the meeting, Helen was thanked for her many years of service to Pembina Valley Minor Hockey and presented with a gift as a token of appreciation.

Meeting was called to order at 8:45 pm.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

A half page advertisement was purchased in the Pembina Valley Hawks program for 225.00.

REPORTS:

NOVICE:

There seem to be a large number of lopsided scores within the league this year. There was one complaint received from a team that didn't want to have to travel to play a team that was obviously much stronger and they lost the game 23 – 0. That same team played another team where they beat the team 22 – 0.

ATOM:

No major issues at this time. There is a team out of Morden that has played 2 games with AP players that have put them over the allowed number of skaters on the roster and are therefore considered to be playing with ineligible players. Previously when this has occurred, the Association involved has lost their bond and the games played with the ineligible players were forfeited. Doug will contact the President of Morden Minor Hockey to inform him that this will be the case in this instance.

PEE WEE:

The beginning of league play saw mostly evenly matched games. More recently however, there seem to be more lopsided scores coming in (23 – 0). The Letain division seems fairly evenly matched at this point in time. There was an incident in Altona involving a MacDonald team. A coach from the MacDonald team apparently confronted the referees in the referee room. The incident report on the game sheet was written up

although most of it is not legible. Brent will contact the referees involved and get a more detailed report of the incidents. In previous cases, the coach from the offending team has had to serve a game suspension for actions such as this. Brent will report back once he has spoken with the refs involved. Brent will also speak to Altona's Ref-In-Chief to impress upon him the importance of filling out the game sheets clearly and legibly.

FEMALE:

There has been one suspension at the Bantam level so far this season. The Atom champs from last year have asked if we could order a banner for them when placing this years order. They will cover the cost of this. Everyone thought that would be fine. Feedback from all teams involved seems to be positive regarding the Eastman teams that are playing within the league. There was a complaint out of Eastman regarding gate admissions being charged by rinks in the West. It was explained that this has been something that has occurred for many years and Eastman was reminded that they were made aware of this at the spring meeting when the vote occurred to have the Eastman teams involved in Pembina Valley.

BANTAM:

On at least 3 occasions, games that have been played in Oak Bluff have been cut short in time. Bert has spoken with the president of MacDonald Minor Hockey and informed them that this is not allowed and that the length of games is set by the league not the individual rink involved. At the semi-annual meeting, each Association was cautioned that games would run longer than previous years especially in light of the new rules and that each association should schedule accordingly. On at least 2 occasions, Rock Lake has provided only 2 officials for games where a 3 man system is mandatory. Bert has dealt with this. Glenboro has a couple of overage players on their roster. There have been some complaints that these players are quite skilled and should be playing at a higher level. Bert reminded everyone that when the overage application was brought forward, the associations voted in favour of the application. These players haven't been listed on the last few game sheets and it is possible that they are playing somewhere else. Doug will look into this further.

MIDGET:

The league is very close up to this point. Arlen noted that only 4 points separate the top 7 teams in the league. The number of misconducts to date is minimal.

DEVELOPMENT:

Jim talked about sending all the information for development week to Hockey Manitoba. All coaching clinics have been completed. Overall, everything ran smoothly and successfully.

REF-IN-CHIEF:

Nothing to report.

COACH MENTOR:

Brian has been contacted and is working with a couple of coaches. He has passed along some written material to these coaches that should prove to be helpful (ex: defense drills). He stressed how much material and resources he has that he can make available to coaches and every coach within the association is strongly urged to contact him for ideas etc. He attended a clinic in Winnipeg hosted by Bob Caldwell and found it very informative and Brian is anxious to pass along info. At the clinic he was shown a variety of drills that are pertinent at all age levels. Each Association is reminded that the only cost involved with having Brian consult with a team would be the cost of any ice required.

NEW BUSINESS:**DIRECTOR'S CUP:**

The deadline for coach applications for the Director's Cup team is December 15, 2006. We have received one application at this time. This applicant has stated that his assistant coaches would consist of a coach from the East, one from the West and one from other applicants. This particular coach does have proper credentials. Doug has also received one other inquiry though no formal application has come forward at this point. There have been no applicants for the Female team. Louise has spoken with a couple of people regarding this but has not received a definite confirmation at this time. It was mentioned that instead of naming the final cuts on the Sunday, perhaps it should happen a couple of days later. The thought behind this would be to allow more time to properly assess the evaluations without rushing into naming the team. Brian Boyle as well as various members of the Executive will be helping to evaluate at the POE under Brian's direction. It was discussed that we should be providing more feedback to kids who are attending development camps so that they know where to focus their attentions particularly for those kids who are a year away from Director's Cup.

PROVINCIAL PLACEMENT MEETING: This will need to be held on either January 2nd or 3rd since Doug has to attend the meeting in Winnipeg on the 6th. Pembina Valley is hosting 7 Provincials this year. It was mentioned that we should try to get the matrix changed in order to avoid having Provincials being held on the same weekend in Morden and Winkler. There is a real problem with adequate accommodations when both centers host Provincials on the same weekend.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

Everyone is reminded that the final date for additions/deletion of players on rosters is January 15th.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.