

**Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association
Semi-Annual Meeting
September 29, 2008**

Executive Members Present:

Bert Dow, Jim Mutcheson, Vince Hink, Kevin Scott, Roger Chartier, Barb Orchard,
Louise Vigier, Brian McElroy, Brent Smart

Regrets: Greg Ens

1. The meeting was called to order by Bert Dow at 7:35 p.m. at the Miami Community Centre. The following introductions were made:

Executive Members

Bill Lawson – Zone Registrar

Bill Whitehead – Vice-President, Hockey Manitoba

Don Brown – East Zone Chair, Hockey Manitoba

2. Roll Call was taken and all associations were represented.

3. The agenda was moved approved as circulated by Rosenort Minor Hockey.

4. Dr. Letain Award

The Dr. Letain Award was presented to Ken Sawatzky for his work and dedication in Altona Minor Hockey. All Associations were encouraged to bring forth nominations for the award.

5. Bill Lawson

Registration.

- associations can register on-line

- five associations are participating in the on-line registration from Pembina Valley this year

- paper copy of registration is still required

Coach Certification

-“Respect in Sport” must be completed by all coaches

– do not put coach’s name on the roster until the program has been completed by the coach

- can be done on-line

- December 1, 2008 is the deadline to have the certification completed

Provincials

- new classification this year

- it is based on the number of players in the individual association and not the population of the communities included in the association

Rosters

- must be in prior to league play

Overage Players

- this year some players that are overage will be eligible for Provincials
- further details are available in the handbook

Transfers

- please have transfer applications in as soon as possible

Handbooks

- handbooks will be included in all registration packages that are distributed to the Associations

Hockey Helmets

- all coaches must wear CSA approved helmets during practices
- failure to do so voids the insurance for everyone at the practice

Provincial Sponsors

- Cargill Manitoba
- Dodge Canada – providing sponsorship particularly at the Novice level

Scholarships

- encourage all eligible students in each association to apply to Hockey Manitoba for scholarships

Hockey Manitoba Fee Structure

- same as last year with exception of the GST rate
- forms can be downloaded from the web site

Development Programs

- some age changes in Development Programs
- more information forthcoming

Contacts

- a list of all association executive/contact information must be submitted to the zone registrar

6. Don Brown

- thanked volunteers for the work that they do
- there are Welcome Kits available to new players aged 4-10 years from Hockey Canada
- Manitoba is hosting two Canadian Championships this year
 - Telus Cup in Selkirk (Triple A Midget)
 - Allan Cup in Steinbach (Senior)

7. Bill Whitehead

- thanked everyone for volunteering in hockey
- Hockey Manitoba offers a “Volunteer of the Month Award” – please submit nominations to Hockey Manitoba
- “Respect in Sport” required in hockey but is good for coaching all other sports – very worthwhile to complete the program
- participation of overage players in Provincial competition is on trial for this year
- development of AA Midget Female League is exciting

- Development Programs

- POE – Manitoba is not going to ice an Under 17 team. This year eleven Manitoba players will join with eleven Saskatchewan players to form a team
- Players will attend Directors Cup as a 14 year old and participate in the Under 16 tournament. This year Pembina Valley will send a team to Dauphin
- 13 year old tournament. Pembina Valley will send one team to a twelve team tournament in April. A host for this tournament is still to be determined.
- Development will move down to 12 year olds
- the Female Program will not change

8. Approval of the Annual General Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on April 21, 2008 were moved approved by Holland Minor Hockey. Second by Manitou Minor Hockey. Carried.

9. Business Arising from the Annual General Meeting Minutes

Regarding the motion at the AGM that allowed the Pembina Valley executive to fill the two vacant positions on the board – a motion to accept Greg Ens as the Novice Convenor and Kevin Scott as the Atom Convenor was made by MSJ Association. Second by Altona Minor Hockey. Carried.

10. Brent Smart

- referee clinics are posted on the web site
- please register on-line so that it is known how many will be attending each clinic
- officials' meeting will be held on October 27, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kinsmen Room of the Morden Complex. Ensure that each Association has a representative in attendance.
- rule change
 - all face offs will take place at a face off dot – details are available on the Hockey Canada web site
- official supervisions – recruits will be found at the meeting for officials to do evaluations / supervisions to assist the development of the younger officials. Hockey Manitoba pays \$5.00/supervision.

11. Brian McElroy

- Mentorship Clinics
 - Winkler – October 18, 2008 – puck control and small area games
 - Altona – October 25, 2008 – puck control and developing defensemenBoth clinics include practice development modules
- Notre Dame – Date TBA – skating clinic
- Coming up in October
 - October 4, 2008 – Altona – Coach
 - October 11, 2008 – Winkler – Initiation/Coach
 - October 18, 2008 – Carman – Safety

October 25, 2008 – Notre Dame – Initiation/Coach

- All dates and clinics are listed on the Hockey Manitoba website.

12. Louise Vigier

- POE – three girls from Pembina Valley Region are members of Team Manitoba that will be traveling to Napanee, Ontario to compete in the National Championship in November

- tryouts for the AA Midget Female team have been held and team is in place. The coach is Ryan Hutton and Assistant Coach is Melissa Comte

- there are challenges around the AA Midget team:

- how does a player complete their requirement to play 75% of their midget team's games if there is no team in their area

- where do groups of 2 to 6 players go to play when they are a substantial distance apart

- suggestions are welcomed and encouraged

- great deal of discussion was held

13. Parent Orientation Program (P.O.P.)

- it is a program that has been rolled out by Hockey Canada

- Bert Dow and Brian McElroy presented an abbreviated overview of the program

- the program will be presented in Morden by Bert and Brian

- a date and location will be chosen and Bert and Brian will “train the trainers”. A representative from each association will take the program and then they will take it back to present and train the parents of their individual associations.

14. New Development Matrix

- power point presentation available

- if anyone would like to view it, they are welcome to e-mail and request it

15. Provincials

- AA does not change

- Rural AA – apply to the region

- Rural City A does not change

- Rural A (Novice through to Midget) – 116+ players in association

- Rural B (Novice through to Midget) – 76 – 115 players in association

- Rural C (Novice through to Midget) – 51 – 75 players in association

- Rural D (Novice through to Midget) – 0 – 50 players in association

- have Provincial applications in to host by October 1, 2008

16. Financial Report

- the 2007-2008 Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association financial report was distributed. Rock Lake Minor Hockey moved that the Financial Report be approved as circulated. Second by Notre Dame Minor Hockey. Carried.

- the Pembina Valley Minor Hockey League fees for 2008-2009 will remain the same as the prior season.

17. Team Numbers

- send placement requests to the convenors by October 7, 2008

- a tentative count of the teams in Pembina Valley was taken with the following results:

	Initiation	Novice	Atom	PeeWee	Bantam	Midget	F Atom	F PeeWee	F Bantam	F M
Altona			2	2	2	?				1
Carman	2	2	3	2	1	?				1 ?
Elm Creek		1	1					1		
Holland	1	1	1				1			1
Morden	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	1		1
Notre Dame	1	1	1		1					
Roland/Miami	1	1								
Rosenort				1						
Treherne		1	1	1	1			1		
Winkler		2	2	2	1	1or2				
Swan Lake	1	1	1	1	1					
Manitou/Somerset	1	1	2	1or2	1					1 ?
MSJ	1	1	1or2	1	1					?
Southern Steelers					1					
MacDonald		4	3	3	3					
Rock Lake	2	2	2	1	2	1		1		
Glenboro		1			1					
MacGregor/Gladstone					1					
Portage					2		1			
St. Eustache					1			1		
	12	21	23or24	17or18	22	maybe8	2	5	5	m

- information from the general membership is that there will be no gold teams in the Bantam level. A request from MacDonald that as they will have a strong Bantam team this year, they would like to move to Eastman.

- the scheduling meeting will be on October 26, 2008 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Miami Community Centre

- each association will submit their league fees and contact information at the meeting

- further details of the scheduling meeting will be available on the Pembina Valley website

18. Miscellaneous Items and Other Items from the Floor

- Roger Chartier – Atom requests regarding associations with more than one team will be dealt with
- Louise Vigier – suggestion of a recruitment day / fun day to encourage players aged 4 – 10 years both male and female to join hockey as a means of offsetting declining numbers
- Bert Dow – encouraged each association to have a female representative sit on their association's executive
- November 29, 2008 – a Hockey Canada concussion seminar will be held at the Fairmont Hotel in Winnipeg

19. Adjournment

- the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.