

Pembina Valley Minor Hockey Association
Semi-Annual Meeting
October 7, 2009

Executive Members Present:

Bert Dow, Jim Mutcheson, Warren Schroeder, Kevin Scott, Roger Chartier, Barb Orchard, Louise Vigier, Brian McElroy and Greg Ens

1. The meeting was called to order by Bert Dow at 7:30 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. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed for the members of the hockey family within Pembina Valley who have recently passed away.

3. Roll Call

The Association roll call was taken and all Associations were represented. The Associations in attendance were: Altona, Carman, Elm Creek, Holland, MacDonald, Manitou, Notre Dame, Rock Lake, Roland, Miami, Southern Steelers, Swan Lake, Treherne, Winkler, Red River Wild and Morden.

4. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was moved approved as circulated by Winkler Minor Hockey.

5. Bill Lawson

Bill thanked the association registrars for the work that they will be doing throughout the year. The points that Bill addressed were:

Registration and Rosters

Paper registrations will be required as well as the online registrations. Registrars are encouraged to complete the on-line registrations and to call Bill with any questions that may arise with the completion of the forms online. All overage players must be approved before they are listed on the roster. Parents are still required to sign the rosters. Mailing is the preferred method of submitting the rosters as they can only be processed when the registration fees are received.

Coaching Certification

All coaches that are on a roster must have their “Respect in Sport” or “Speak Out”. They have until December 1, 2009 to complete it. If a coach has taken the Respect in Sport for another sport, contact Bill and hockey can be added to it.

Every roster must have a safety person listed on the roster.

Helmets

All on ice participants must wear an approved helmet at practices.

Females

Female players can be on a male and a female roster.

Provincials

Provincial categories and classification is based on populations of the players – that is - the number of players that are registered in the association in male hockey from novice up to midget. Once the designation is made, teams cannot go down. The second team in the association can go down.

The deadline for Provincial hosting applications was October 1, 2009.

Transfers

Be sure that the transfer and overage applications have all been signed off in the order listed on the forms before they are forwarded to Bill.

Novice and Initiation rosters should be in to Bill as soon as possible. He needs to have them all entered into the system by November 1, 2009 as these players will receive welcome letters from Hockey Canada.

Hockey Manitoba is moving from 200 Main Street to a new address effective December 31, 2009.

Goal Tending Equipment details can be found on the website.

Scholarships

All Associations should encourage any players that are eligible to apply for scholarships. There are several scholarships of various amounts available through Hockey Manitoba.

Tournaments hosted in Manitoba

Royal Bank Cup – Dauphin

Memorial Cup – Brandon

6. Bill Whitehead

Bill complimented how smoothly the Pembina Valley Region runs. Bill touched on the Hockey Manitoba fall board meeting coming up on October 9th and 10th, 2009.

AA bantam hockey is available for rural teams now.

Female AA Midget league is entering its second season.

Congratulations to Morden in the success of their bid to host the West Region Midget AAA Championship.

Morden and Red River Wild are hosting the yearend development tournaments.

Canad Inns is a major sponsor to Hockey Manitoba. Any teams will be offered a discounted rate on their room while their team is staying at a Canad Inn.

Scholarships – 16 scholarships are available through Hockey Manitoba.

Funds are available through the World Women's Legacy Fund to promote female hockey.

New Development Legacy fund has been established. Bill will provide further information and details to the executive.

Bill encouraged all associations to participate and make use of the mentorship program that is available in Pembina Valley. Brian McElroy is the Region's Mentorship representative.

7. Don Brown

Each Region is asked for nominations for the Volunteer recognition program.

Cargill has renewed their provincial sponsorship for 2009-2010. Dodge Canada is also in for their second year of sponsorship. Don encouraged support of these sponsors to express appreciation for their involvement.

Don also mentioned the availability of scholarships through Hockey Manitoba.

H1N1 – each player should have their own water bottle. It has not been mandated with a directive as of yet but items such as shaking hands, etc. will be addressed at the upcoming Hockey Manitoba meeting.

8. Approval of AGM Minutes for 2008.

A motion was made by Manitou / Somerset Minor Hockey to approve the minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting as posted on the web site. Altona Minor Hockey second.

9. Business arising from the 2008 minutes.

Provincials – this year when the applications are sent in, there will be no moving down with the first team. Second team can move down.

10. Reports

Officials - Brent Smart sent his regrets.

October 19th is the annual Referee in Chief meeting for the ref in chief of each association at 7:00p.m. in the Kinsman Room in Morden. It is mandatory for each association to have a Referee in Chief or representative attend.

Two clinics have been run in Oak Bluff and Morden so far this year.

The upcoming clinics are in Altona on October 17th, in Swan Lake on October 24th, and in Carman on October 31st. Further details are posted on the Hockey Manitoba web site. Each participant in the clinic is to register on line.

Development – Brian McElroy

A Coaches Level One clinic will be held on November 15th in Morris upstairs in the curling club and on November 22nd in the upstairs of the Winkler arena.

A Safety clinic will be held in Winkler on November 15th.

Winkler has offered to host the Initiation clinic. At this point, no one from Pembina Valley has responded with any interest in taking the program. All new coaches need the program. Contact Brian and he will see if a clinic could still be arranged in Pembina Valley.

Development weekend is February 5th - February 7th / 2010

This year, the Directors Cup is for minor age bantams.

Two Hockey Canada Skill Camps have been scheduled in the region. The first is in Rosenort on October 17th. Atom and Pee Wee age players and coaches are invited to attend. The second is on October 24th when Holland is hosting a female Hockey Canada skills camp with 60 participants already signed up with some on a waiting list.

Breakfast clubs are growing in success throughout the Region. The breakfast club in Morden is in its third year, Treherne is in its second year and Altona is start this year. Manitou and Holland are interested in getting one going in their communities as well. Mentorship

Swan Lake	1	1	1	1					
Treherne	1			1					1
Winkler		2	2	2	2	1			
Portage				1	2			1	1
Gladstone					1				
St. Eustache									
MacGregor						1			
	16	19	19	18	14	6	0	1	5

Rock Lake Minor Hockey moved that the out of region teams that have applied to play in Pembina Valley Region be accepted for the 2009-2010 season. Carman Minor Hockey second. Carried.

14. Important Dates

Important dates to be noted are listed on page two of the agenda. Please note October 15th, the teams must be into the convenors. The teams will be put up on the website on October 16th. The 18th of October is last date for any movement within the leagues. Team placements will be following the bronze, silver and gold criteria.

The Midget male meeting and scheduling will take place on November 4th in Morden in the Kinsmen Room at 7:30 p.m.

The league begins on November 7th and ends on February 14th.

December 1st is the deadline for provincial applications.

New this season – Playoff Deadlines – dates for all playoff games are to be submitted to the convenors before each series begins.

15. League Scheduling Meeting

Coaches and Managers meeting is mandatory to attend. If an association does not have a coach or manager present for a team the Association will be fined \$25.00 for each age category that is missing a representative.

The Scheduling Meeting is October 25th in Miami beginning at 1:00 p.m.

16. Support Breast Cancer Initiative

The region will buy two sets of pink jerseys – one small and one large. Each association will be challenged to host at least one game and collect funds for Breast Cancer. The results will be tabulated and at the end of the season the association that has raised the most funds for Breast Cancer will be recognized. Contact Bert and a schedule will be made to keep the jerseys moving throughout the region and eliminate conflicts of event dates.

17. Dr. Letain Award.

The award was not presented at this meeting as the recipient, Vince Hink, was unable to attend.

18. Items from the floor:

Brian McElroy – regarding development weekend – each association is encouraged to provide someone that is available to come out and help with the programs.

The Mentorship clinics are offered free of charge. There is no cost to the coaches. The host has to provide ice and an off ice room.

Bert complimented Brent Smart on the job that he has done on the evaluation of the officials throughout the region.

Altona Minor Hockey Association moved the meeting be adjourned.