



HOCKEY MANITOBA 95th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES - FIRST PLENARY

May 1, 2009
Canad Inns Polo Park
Winnipeg, MB

CALL TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF CREDENTIALS

President Brian Franklin called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the weekend's meetings at 7:35 pm. A moment of silence was taken for all friends of Hockey Manitoba who have passed away throughout the year.

Roll call of the Board of Directors was taken for the purposes of adopting By Law 13 (2/3 required). There were 23 of 33 present, therefore quorum. Voting privileges for the second plenary session will be discussed later on the agenda.

Board of Director members in attendance were:

Brian Franklin, Brian Sarna, Bill Whitehead, Dale Fossay, Ray Brethour, Trent Ward, Rick Olson, Stan Harvey, Don Brown, Doug Lischka, Brenda Dubeck, Glen Tosh, David Kirkup, Tony Franklin, Kim Davis, Glen Parker, Dave Reid, Colin Bjarnason, Ken Gladden, Dave Bayduza, Bert Dow, Gord Agnew

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS – BRIAN FRANKLIN

Report circulated with the following highlights:

- The President introduced and welcomed Jim Stirling, BF Lorenzetti representative
- Thanks to the numerous volunteers for their tremendous efforts; thanks to staff
- The Marketing/Sponsorship committee was very active this season; fortunate to develop new partnerships while maintaining existing agreements
- Marketing initiatives update included in reports booklet
- Official supplier to Hockey Manitoba, Awards and More has booth outside meeting room
- Hockey Summits results and updates included in report booklet – please take time to review
- Hockey Manitoba's new website was launched in December 2008 – the staff has done an excellent job
- and we have received very positive feedback from membership and other branches
- We have again distributed funds for approved applications this season – approx. \$12,000
- Currently in process of establishing an additional fund for members to access for development programs – a proposal will be circulated and discussed at 2nd plenary
- Our Mentorship program under Bob Caldwell continues to grow every year and is certainly a flagship for other branches in Canada – special thanks to Bob and all mentors in the branch
- The President recognized the Manitobans who were selected to various national teams this season – information can be found in the reports booklet

- Our POE teams also represented the branch very well – U-18 Team Manitoba won bronze at the National Championships U-17 Team West placed 4th at the World U-17 Challenge
- Congratulations to Chet Pickard who won gold medal with the World Jr National team – also to Ian White and Travis Zajac who were selected to the Men’s World Championship team
- Westman Wildcats won first ever Esso Cup National Women’s Midget Championship in Calgary
- Two teams represented Manitoba at the Senior Female Western Shield – Westman Selects won gold in the “A” division and the Winnipeg Aces won bronze in the “B” division
- The President summarized all other teams representing the branch this season – also can be found in the reports booklet
- Congratulations to some of our officials who were assigned to regional and/or national events
- We ran into some challenges with the new development structure changes but ongoing communication with regions and our members assisted in the transition
- Hockey Manitoba once again ran a very successful Female Atom Festival at the MTS Centre with 120 girls participating – Delaney Collins, Sami Jo Small and some of our U-18 and U-22 team members volunteered their time
- There was a significant reduction in coach deficiencies this season – special thanks to associations and regions for their assistance
- The Respect in Sport on-line program has certainly been a successful alternative to Speak Out
- Ongoing issues with the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) system – approx. 35% of associations were involved this season but there are challenges moving forward
- Hockey Canada has cut back on training, support etc. so the branch will have to review ways to continue develop and implement the program
- Although there were challenges throughout the season, significant strides were made in the first year of the Manitoba Female Midget Hockey League
- Congratulations to TELUS Cup and Allan Cup host committees, especially Rob Cox and Randy Wolgemuth (Chairs) for their efforts in hosting two memorable and successful national events this season
- The branch is now looking forward the 2010 RBC Cup in Dauphin – host committee moving forward
- The 2010 Memorial Cup will also be held in Brandon – another great event to showcase our province
- Approx. 300 teams took part in 36 separate minor provincial tournaments – these events are a great asset to local minor associations and communities
- Hockey Manitoba office will be moving in December 2009 into the new Sport MB building on Pacific and Lily in exchange district – details to come later in meeting
- Overall 2008-09 was a very successful season – we dealt with challenges and worked on behalf of our 30,000 members
- Once again thanks to everyone for cooperation – we are all here to promote hockey development and provide our members with opportunities in hockey

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: Trent Ward/Don Brown

Moved to approve the minutes from the Semi Annual Meeting in January 2009.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- Branch initiatives and minor hockey summit updates included in reports booklet
- HCR challenges – we will hear more Peter during his report
- Once again thanks to associations for their assistance with coach certification
- Minor Council to discuss team placements and movement for minor provincials
- Senior Male Council to discuss Adult Rec Hockey and it could work in Manitoba
- Eric Wilson left Executive Committee during the season – special thanks to Rick Olson who came on as interim Chair of Junior B

REVIEW DELEGATE VOTING PROCEDURES

The President asked the Finance and Events Manager, Scott Furman to review the voting procedures for the weekend's meetings:

- Voting credentials within councils will be established at the beginning of each council
- Credentials for voting delegates at 2nd plenary will be established in accordance with By Law 7 of the Hockey Manitoba handbook – Voting by Proxy is prohibited
- Representatives in each level of hockey must be declared through council and have signed in by 5:00 pm on Saturday to be eligible to vote at Sunday's plenary

The President asked if any clarification of voting procedures was required; there were none.

REVIEW NOTICE OF MOTION PROCEDURES

The President reviewed By Law 13 and indicated that all motions (requiring By Law 13) needed a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors eligible to vote (22 of 33) to be eligible for discussion

Notice of Motion 1 – Submission of Motions

Motion: Bill Whitehead/Don Brown

Moved to invoke By Law 13 and bring Motion 1 to the floor for discussion.

CARRIED

(22 in favour)

The President indicated that Motion 1 will be discussed and voted on in all councils and brought to final vote at the 2nd plenary session.

Notice of Motion 2 – Registration Appeals Committee

Motion: Bert Dow/Ken Gladden

Moved to invoke By Law 13 and bring Motion 2 to the floor for discussion by All Councils.

DEFEATED

(8 in favour)

The President indicated that Motion 2 will not be discussed or voted on in councils.

Notice of Motion 3 – Chair of Rural Minor Female Position

Motion: Bert Dow/Ken Gladden

Moved to invoke By Law 13 and bring Motion 3 to the floor for discussion by All Councils.

DEFEATED
(7 in favour)

The President indicated that Motion 2 will not be discussed or voted on in councils. However, Minor Council is certainly welcome to discuss the intent of motion and discuss alternatives for representation that may be brought forward in the future.

Notice of Motion 14 – Female Midget AA Provincial Eligibility

Although this motion does not require By Law 13, the President indicated that the Executive committee discussed it at length and agreed that it be ruled out of order for the following reasons:

- The motion does not reflect the correct process in establishing provincial eligibility and our regulations indicate that properly rostered teams are eligible for provincials within the category they are registered
- The motion would disqualify properly registered teams in regions that may not wish or be able to participate in one of the current Female Midget leagues.

The Executive committee is certainly receptive to meeting with all regions to determine if there is a desire to develop a true provincial league and discuss its development moving forward. Minor Council is welcome to discuss the intent of the motion but no vote will be held.

On behalf of the Resolutions committee, the President asked if any council wished to discuss any other motions not identified in the Notice of Motions package; no requests were made.

CHAIR OF FINANCE REPORT – DALE FOSSAY

Report circulated.

A 2008-09 financial forecast, the 2009-10 Budget and Investment portfolio spreadsheet were circulated at the meeting. The budget includes schedules and notes on all revenues and expenses. The Chair of Finance thanked the Executive Director and Finance & Events Manager for their assistance in providing the detailed financial information.

2008-09 Financial Forecast

- We currently anticipate a \$48,451 surplus for the 2008-09 fiscal year
- Increased funds received from the 2009 World Junior Championships, a 50% increase on sponsorship revenues and significant savings in Coach Development expenses are major factors for the positive change in our projections
- Our overall projected gross revenues remain within 2.5% of our 2008-09 budget
- Please see the attached notes for further details

2009-10 Budget

- We are respectfully submitting a balanced budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year – please see notes for details on all revenues and expenses
- No fee increases will be necessary next season
- It is important to remember that we are once receiving an anticipated \$104,000 from the 2010 World Junior Championships which will subsidize our program and administration costs
- Although the Finance committee is committed to exhaust all avenues (i.e. sponsorship revenues, expense cuts etc.) before increasing membership fees it may be inevitable as no World Junior

Championship funds are expected in 2010-2011 and we will be looking at a significant deficit of \$100,000 - \$150,000

- The Finance committee will begin discussing future plans this summer to review our long term financial plans – information will be brought forward for discussion at future Board of Director meetings

The Chair of Finance asked everyone to review the 2009-10 budget as it will be brought back for approval at Sunday's plenary session.

The Chair of Finance also circulated a document regarding a proposal for creation of a new Development Legacy Fund that would be accessible to members through an application process for hockey development programs. This fund would be established by transferring \$100,000 from the current Development Fund (that can only be accessed by way of motion by the Board of Directors) into the new Development Legacy Fund. It is proposed that the new fund be managed by the Finance committee and projects meeting the specific criteria would be approved at their discretion. It is proposed that the current Development Fund would then be re-named to the Hockey Manitoba "Heritage Fund."

This proposal will be discussed throughout the weekend and brought back to the 2nd plenary session for ratification.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – PETER WOODS

Report circulated.

- The 2009 TELUS Cup (Selkirk) and Allan Cup (Steinbach) both went very well
- Very encouraging to see the branch, associations and regions come together to host events; congratulations to both host committees, communities and volunteers for their efforts
- Next season we are host to the Memorial Cup (Brandon) and RBC Cup (Dauphin), once again placing our branch in the spotlight for high calibre hockey

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – BILL WHITEHEAD

Report circulated.

- Happy to oversee development programs on behalf of Executive committee
- Bob Caldwell does tremendous job as CDC chair and Master Mentor – thanks to committee
- Many coaches were needed for POE positions over next 2 years – plenty of coaching opportunities in both male and female programs
- Garth Mitchell, PDC chair also does excellent job – thanks to the committee for their efforts
- Thanks to Ian Heather, RIC and ODC chair for his commitment to officials development
- It was an extremely busy season with the selection of TELUS Cup and Allan Cup officials
- The new development program structure was adopted this year and although there were some challenges it is certainly a benefit to regions – it adds an additional age category for player development and also provides coach and official opportunities
- Represented the branch in Calgary twice this season at Esso Cup and Western Shield
- Congratulations to all teams on their success
- The Awards/Scholarship committee received over 50 applications for scholarships this year with many highly qualified young athletes applying
- Disappointed in the number of Volunteer of the Month nominations received – we need to ensure that our volunteers are recognized and take advantage of the program

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Past President – Brian Sarna

No report circulated.

- The President thanked Brian Sarna on behalf of the Executive committee for his ongoing efforts

Chair of Senior – Ray Brethour

Report circulated.

- Correction in report - Boissevain defeated Deloraine
- Thanks to the office staff for their assistance throughout the year

Chair of Junior A – Trent Ward

Report circulated.

- Reminder that Dauphin is hosting 2010 RBC Cup – tremendous event for Manitoba
- Tickets are now on sale for limited time only – please call 1-888-459-2010

Chair of Junior B – Rick Olson

Report as circulated.

Chair of Rural Minor East Zone – Don Brown

Report as circulated.

Chair of Rural Minor West Zone – Stan Harvey

Report as circulated.

President, WMHA – Doug Lischka

Report circulated.

- WMHA and Hockey Manitoba hosted HC Concussion Seminar on Nov. 29, 2008
- Great event with many great speakers and valuable information on concussions
- There is access to seminar notes and video clips on the Hockey Canada website

Chair of Female – Brenda Dubeck

Report circulated.

- The MWJHL held its 2nd annual Lt. Governors tournament – very well attended and successful
- Congratulations to Sr. Female teams' accomplishments at 2009 Western Shield
- Thanks to Landmark for once again hosting Sr. Female Provincials
- Very encouraging that three teams from rural Manitoba participated in provincials this season
- Thanks to office staff for their assistance this season

HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

Director of Development – Bernie Reichardt

Report circulated.

- Continues to be an honor to represent Hockey MB development at various meetings
- Constantly promoting our branch and programs on national stage
- Bernie indicated he receives calls looking to duplicate our programs – positive sign
- Thanks to Bill Whitehead for his guidance and Dev. Comm. chairs Garth, Bob and Ian
- Appreciates ongoing support from volunteers in all levels of hockey

Coach Development Committee – Bob Caldwell

Report circulated.

- 35-40 mentorship specialty clinics run throughout the province this season as well as several Breakfast Club programs
- Mentorship committee has developed two new DVD's: Breakfast Club #3 and Competitive Games for Practises
- Developing shooting and scoring specialty clinic
- Committee developing on-ice component to be integrated with IP coach certification program
- We Are Coaches female coach certification seminar was successful at U of M
- Virden selected to receive free coaches clinic from on-line contest
- Two representatives of committee will be going to Finland in the reciprocal coach exchange program to study their hockey teaching/mentoring system
- Every coach in the province has access to clinics, resources, DVD's, mentorship, travel FREE
- Committee challenges regions to ensure associations and communities access all available mentorship resources

Player Development Committee – Ian Heather

Report circulated.

- Designated development weekend working fairly well – information into office earlier helps
- Program transition year was a challenge at times but should improve as we move forward
- Look to involve mentorship program and more of a team model into regional development squads
- Female Bantam Challenge and Directors Cup programs may have confused some members this year but should improve as we move into the complete new development structure
- POE selection process will be streamlined next season – thanks to all volunteers in each region
- Other skill development programs are a great resource – regions need to take advantage
- MB Games – currently being reviewed and will be discussed throughout the weekend
- Thanks to Bernie, Kyle, Esther and office staff for their help and Bill Whitehead for his guidance

Officials Development Committee – Ian Heather

Report circulated.

- Ongoing concern that officials' registration continues to decline
- Introduced mandatory mentorship program for level 4-6 officials
- Jason Haywood incorporated program for level 3's in Norman which produced good results
- Female Atom Festival brought in four young female officials from rural Manitoba – Stacey Franklin supervised and provided feedback
- Many supervisions done through programs such as Directors Cup and Female Bantam Challenge – a number of good young prospects were identified
- Outlined selection of officials to national programs – Surminski, Montsion and Gullett

- Ian summarized Officials Night with Manitoba Moose held for the first time – over 100 participants (45% from rural Manitoba) – very positive program and plans to expand for next season
- Ian plans to speak with various leagues and councils throughout weekend
- This season branch hosted a number of events (TELUS and Allan Cups) which utilized 24 Manitoban officials
- Our officials are also working the World Deaf Hockey Championships & National Aboriginal Hockey Championships this weekend
- Special thanks to regional referee coordinators and supervisors in province
- Summary of Assign by Web program for officials utilized this season – very good results

The President indicated that Hockey Manitoba is very fortunate to have Bob Caldwell, Garth Mitchell and Ian Heather as hockey development chairs as their dedication and commitment to the game is undeniable.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Director, Senior AAA – Maurice Chaput

No report submitted.

Director, Senior A – Doug Maughan

Report as circulated.

Director, Senior B – Glen Tosh

Report circulated.

- Southwest Hockey League will not operate next season after 55 yrs
- Three teams currently in league will now play in Tiger Hills League

Director, Senior C – David Kirkup

Report as circulated.

Director, High School – Tony Franklin

Report circulated.

- Thanks to Don Brown and Dale Fossay for their efforts on the High School Liaison Committee
- The relationship between MHSAA and Hockey Manitoba is delicate, however, both sides met and renewed agreement into the 2009-10 season

Director, Junior A – Kim Davis

Report as circulated.

Director, Junior B – Rod Gluck

No report submitted.

Director, Junior OA – Gary Borse

No report submitted.

Director, Junior C – Ray Laing

No report submitted.

Director, Senior Female – Kim Hanna

Report as circulated.

Director, Junior Female – Linda Benson

Report as circulated.

Director, Brandon Minor – Glen Parker

Report as circulated.

Director, Central Plains Minor – Darren Frank

No report submitted.

Director, Eastman Minor – Dave Reid

Report as circulated.

Director, Interlake Minor – Colin Bjarnason

Report as circulated.

Director, Norman Minor – Ken Gladden

Report as circulated.

Director, Parkland Minor – Dave Bayduza

Report as circulated.

Director, Pembina Valley Minor – Bert Dow

Report as circulated.

Director, Westman South Minor – Gord Agnew

Report as circulated.

Director, Winnipeg Minor – Russ Cassidy

Report circulated.

- WMHA, Hockey Manitoba and City of Selkirk hosted very successful TELUS Cup
- Initial ratings and feedback is positive and players left with great feeling
- Congratulations to each organization and all volunteers for coming together to host a great event

Director, Yellowhead Minor – Bruce Coulter

Report as circulated.

The President indicated that all Vice Directors will have the opportunity to add to their report at the 2nd plenary session.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following sub-committee reports are included in their respective chair reports:

- Bingo/Moose
- Marketing/Sponsorship
- High School
- Minimum Hosting Guidelines
- Registration Appeals
- Awards/Scholarships

MJHL/MMHL Report

- Kim Davis and Randy Wolgemuth have been meeting recently to discuss ways of improving communication between leagues – also met with respective league teams
- Developed list of questions for template to get opinions/attitudes of each team
- Discussed a number of issues such as affiliation and recruitment for the purpose of developing players in Manitoba
- Information will be compiled and a larger meeting will be planned with all teams invited that will included breakout sessions to discuss and possibly identify three main resolutions or recommendations
- Leagues are looking at holding similar meetings every year

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – CHAIR, BRIAN SARNA

Brian received the following nominations for 2009-10 in accordance with Hockey Manitoba By Law 4:

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| President | Brian Franklin |
| Vice President | Bill Whitehead |
| Chair of Finance | Dale Fossay |
| Chair of Senior Male | Ray Brethour |
| Chair of Junior A/OA | Trent Ward |
| Chair of Rural Minor East | Don Brown |
| Chair of Rural Minor West | Stan Harvey |
| Chair of Junior/Senior Female | Brenda Dubeck, Kirk Koppers (Election in Council required) |

- No nomination was received for the Chair of Junior B/C position, however, a name can be brought forward from council to second plenary for ratification
- The President of WMHA position is declared by election at the WMHA AGM
- Positions with only one nominee will be acclaimed at second plenary

OTHER BUSINESS

The President welcomed all delegates to the Hockey Manitoba hospitality room following the meeting.

Motion to adjourn: Ken Gladden, 9:10 pm

CARRIED

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