

**Saskatchewan Valley Minor Hockey League
ANNUAL SPRING MEETING
Monday, April 6, 2009
Hepburn School**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

<u>Franchised Centers</u>	Yes	No	<u>Non-Franchised Centers</u>	Yes	No
Aberdeen	X		Leask		X
Beardy's	X		Shellbrook		X
Cudworth	X		St. Louis		X
Dalmeny	X				
Hague	X		SHA President-Greg Camp	X	
Hepburn	X				
Langham	X				
Rosthern	X				
SVP	X				
Wakaw	X				
Waldheim	X				
Warman	X				

<i>The SVMHL Annual Spring Meeting was held at the Hepburn School on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.</i>	ACTION
<p>1. SIGNING IN OF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All persons in attendance signed in. 	
<p>2. CALL TO ORDER: President Ben Goertzen</p>	
<p>3. READING OF FALL MINUTES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretary / Treasurer, Rikki Bowley, read the minutes of the Fall Meeting. The President asked that the 2008 Fall Minutes be adopted as read. 	
<p>4. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred to end of meeting. 	
<p>5. CORRESPONDANCE:</p> <p>5.1 Beardy's Minor Hockey non-compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Ben Goertzen referred to Bylaws #2 and #5 and addressed Beardy's Minor Hockey due to the fact they had outstanding fines issued on January 16 and 20, 2009. Beardy's was eliminated from play-offs due to this and Joy Starr made payment of outstanding fines at the meeting. • Bylaw #2 states within: "The League office can draw on any of the bond for non compliance of the rules as laid down by the CHA, SHA or SVMHL. The Executive of the SVMHL to be considered a separate governing body from the CHA and SHA. For the center to be in good standing with the SVMHL, the performance Bond level must be maintained or that center shall lose all rights and privileges of being associated with the SVMHL. The \$150.00 bond must be in place within 48 hours with a postmark as proof of the same." • Bylaw #5 states within: "Precedents that have been set in the past shall serve as a basis for the decisions made by the President and Executive. The decisions and how they were arrived at will be considered final and binding. No further protests will be entertained after a decision has been made. Those that persist will risk further disciplinary action that will result in the Executive having no choice but to suspend all parties involved and have their performance bond drawn on for non compliance of which they will have the opportunity to put back in place as outlined in Bvlaw #2 of the SVMHL. The matter will then be brought to the attention of the other Franchise 	

<p>teams entered to make the seeding fair and unbiased. Motioned by Warman, seconded by Beardy's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaw #7 Officials – Lack of refs was discussed as a problem for most Centers. The SHA Rep discussed the importance of having mentors for the young refs and to be present at the arenas frequently to encourage and educate the young officials on their performance. Warman mentioned the concern of young officials not being allowed to ref play-off games due to the neutral ref rule and encouraged that if this rule stays in place, that neighbouring Centers try to use each others officials during play-offs. Langham made motion to list officials on the website to make ref contacts more easily available. 	
<p>8 SHA REPRESENTATIVE ADDRESS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg Camps mentioned that SHA is looking for a Zone 8 Representative. This position would be a 2 year term and those interested to contact SHA for more information. • Greg complimented the group on having the SVMHL Constitution and Rules in place. 	
<p>9 COORDINAOR REPORTS:</p> <p>9.1 Novice - Charlene Gustafson – Concerns regarding the 3 goal limit per player needs to be enforced more by coaches. Problems occurred with receiving faxes from Warman. Some teams requested league season extensions, but played exhibition games instead- League play is priority. Score sheets need to be filled out clearly to avoid score discrepancies. Charlene volunteered to be the Novice Coordinator for the upcoming 2009/2010 season.</p> <p>9.2 Atom – Michael Neufeld – No problems were reported. Coordinator duties were shared between Michael Neufeld and Marcy North.</p> <p>9.3 Pee Wee – Chet Walker – No serious problems were reported. Scheduling was difficult due to the number of teams involved, too many requesting the same game nights, and trying to fit in all games in the number of weeks provided for league play.</p> <p>9.4 Bantam – Dave Zacharias – Scheduling was also difficult due to teams wanting same game nights. Dave requested consideration be given to starting play-offs last week of February to allow longer league play and avoid play-offs starting during Spring Break. Majority felt that would be too late to start, but maybe one week later and extending the number of days of each round to 10 days would help. To be discussed as stated in proposed Bylaw #16 amendment.</p> <p>9.5 Midget – Chris Pechawis – Chris was not present but President Goertzen expressed that aside from too many fighting suspensions, the season went well and settled down considerably after suspension increases. Play-offs went well with very little problems. No year-end major fights as in the previous year were reported.</p>	
<p>10. NEW BUSINESS:</p> <p>10.1 New Medal Designs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New medal design options were presented by Rikki Bowley. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Old design - \$5-\$7 depending on quantity ordered (6-8 week delivery) 2. Old design insert on newer style medal - \$4.50 each (1 week and can order as per individual numbers needed) 3. New design - \$5.95 from domestic supplier (4-6 week delivery) 4. New design - \$5.35 from overseas supplier (8-12 week minimum delivery) • Langham made a motion to decide on option #2 for the convenience to the Executive. Wakaw seconded the motion. All in favor. <p>10.2 Secretary / Treasurer Position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretary / Treasurer position will need to be filled for the 2009/2010 season. 	<p><i>Carried</i></p>

11. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:

President Ben Goertzen informed all present that Dundurn has requested to attend the Fall meeting with intentions to request to enter a Bantam team next season. Martensville also expressed they may potentially be interested in joining SVMHL but no confirmation on this to date. Racism, bullying and general inconsideration for other's was expressed. Ben Goertzen witnessed many unnecessary and unacceptable events throughout the season and encouraged all to promote respect and discourage such behaviour within their communities. Vice-President Dave Zacharias asked all Centers to encourage the new young families to get involved more in Minor Hockey.

12. INTRODUCTION OF 2009/2010 EXECUTIVE – WARMAN & DALMENY:

- 2009/2010 President and Vice-President yet to be determined. The Secretary / Treasurer position was encouraged to be filled from one of these Centers if possible for convenience.

13. DATE OF UPCOMING MEETING:

- The Annual Fall Meeting will be Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Location to be determined.

14. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned by President Goertzen.