



Junior Council Agenda
2007 Hockey Canada AGM
Winnipeg, Manitoba
May 17-20, 2007

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6.1	Round Table	Council Members
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	(1) Hockey Canada Designation	
	(2) Darcy Steen's Position	
	(3) The strength and structure of the CJAHL	
	(4) Formation of the National Events Committee	

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7.1	Election of a new member to direct Junior Council	Council Members
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Junior Council Minutes

2006 Fall Council

Ottawa, Ontario

1. Welcome

Wayne Kartusch called the meeting in session, at 5:25pm ET Friday, October 20th.

2. Roll Call

Wayne Kartusch

Justin Merritt (for Mike Gravel) (Hockey North), John Grisdale (Hockey BC), Craig Cripps (Hockey Alberta), Laury Ryan (SHA), Trent Ward (Hockey Manitoba), John Duhaime (HNO), Karen Phibbs (OHF), Dwaine Barkley and Kevin Abrams (ODHA), Richard Morency (Hockey Quebec), Bob Deap (HNB), Alvin Antsey and Darren Cossar (HNS), Clifford Affleck (Hockey PEI), Bill Strickland (HNL), Gilles Courteau (CHL), Wayne Kartusch, Marcel Redekop, and Darcy Steen (Hockey Canada).

3. 2006 Hockey Canada AGM Minutes (Approval)

Motion: To accept the minutes with the following amendment to out of branch play.....

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That the Gananoque Islanders, an Ontario Hockey Association team, be permitted to play in the Ottawa District Hockey Association's Rideau St. Lawrence League for the 2006/2007 season.

Moved By: Cliff Affleck, Seconded By: Dwaine Barkley CARRIED

4. Officer Report (Information)

Marcel Redekop

Report provided. Marcel Redekop is again assigned to Junior Council. He stated that he was happy to be involved.

Wayne mentioned that branch / individual reports are not necessary for Fall Council. The rationale is that not enough time has progressed in the season to create discussion.

Strategic Direction

1. Council Objectives 2006/07 Update (Discussion)

Wayne Kartusch

Progress has been made on all objectives. It is an ongoing process and there are some breakthrough areas where Junior Council and Hockey Canada are getting along quite nicely.

To be discussed at the 2007 AGM...

The role of junior council with respect to a) Hockey Canada designation; (b) with regard to Darcy Steen's position; c) the strength of the CJ AHL; d) the formation of the national events committee.

Operations

1. Events / Sponsorship / Marketing

1.1. Competitive Hockey

1.1.1. Major Junior

1.1.1. Memorial Cup 2007 (Information)

Gilles Courteau

Event is being hosted by Vancouver, BC in 2007. They are already at 10,000 in ticket sales so there are very positive reports coming from the host committee in Vancouver. There are a couple of timing issues that will be worked through. Some of the functions such as the opening banquet and the CHL Awards are two items that they are working around.

1.1.2. Memorial Cup 2008 (Information)

Gilles Courteau

OHL commissioner David Branch submitted a report, where it declared they will have an external independent committee make an announcement no later than April 30th, 2007, regarding which team will be awarded the 2008 Memorial Cup, to be held in the OHL.

1.1.3. World Junior's 2009 (Information)

Gilles Courteau

Still too early in the process to provide an update on this area. Deferred to the 2007 AGM in Winnipeg, MB.

1.2.1. Junior A

1.2.1. RBC Royal Bank Cup 2006 report / recommendations (Info.) Report Submitted Report as provided in the e-binder. Wayne mentioned the importance of considering the rationale of hosting the event in a large market. Having 'bums in the seats' is a very important element in gauging the success of an event. The thought is to take a look at the attendance throughout the last few years. Smaller to medium size centers typically have a higher attendance result (they have an easier capability of filling the building). There was discussion that when things start going in the wrong direction in some elements of an event (such as a transition or change in the host committee), that the branch and the steering committee be permitted to take more of a role with 'steering the ship'. The 2006 event was well organized and well coordinated but it was still challenged with the host committee shake-up. On a bright side many new Canadians in the Brampton area (multicultural families and children) were exposed to the sport for the first time.

There was discussion that a promise was made that numerous tickets had been sold in advance to this event. However there was a breakdown in communication which in some regards led to moving the games from a Junior A centre to a major junior arena. The talk is wanting to look at implementing policy to make sure that the steering committee / branch can steer the ship straight at all times. There was discussion on wanting to check on the policy of the Hockey Hall of Fame being involved in the RBC Royal Bank Cup bid. This was a policy that was put into place at the Hockey Canada AGM a few years back. There was discussion that this was in fact taken into consideration and was implemented in the 2009 RBC Royal Bank Cup bid guidelines. Wayne Kartusch thanked Karen Phibbs and the members of the OHA for their involvement in this year's championship.

1.2.2. RBC Royal Bank Cup 2007 update (Information)

John Grisdale

A report was distributed. It was reported that the cash situation and accounts receivables are strong for this tournament thus far. Ticket sales are up near the \$70,000 range, so they are way ahead of where they thought they would be. An official launch (in the form of a press conference) was on October 6th where the ticket campaign was kicked off. Kevin Webster, Manager of Marketing Services and Events has been heavily involved with the Prince George host committee to date. The school program is a strong focus for the host committee. They are doing a major campaign through the schools, with a strong community minded initiative. They feel that they will certainly reach their ticket and sponsorship minimums.

There was an inquiry as to if there is there a blue print of consistency that can we all move forward with (host manual, etc). There was mention that there is an elaborate manual that can be distributed. Financial reports on past RBC Royal Bank Cups are available through Scott Farley and Kevin Webster with Hockey Canada.

1.2.3. RBC Royal Bank Cup 2008 update (Information)

Kevin Abrams

Sponsorship money is starting to come in with the start of the hockey season. Things are starting to move forward quite nicely. Positive reports coming from Cornwall.

With the Men's World Hockey Championships and the Annual General Meeting both taking place in Quebec City, QC in 2008, the dates of the 2008 RBC Royal Bank Cup may be affected. The Sunday of the long weekend is the gold medal game in Quebec City, and the date of the final game for the RBC Royal Bank Cup. There is talk of the AGM date being changed so that it is not budded up with the World Championships. The RBC Royal Bank Cup will be affected. There is talk of the RBC Royal Bank Cup dates to be changed. Is this an option? Moving the tournament back a week? The officers do not want to hold the AGM and the Men's Championship at the same time as this is a logistical challenge, and not the best solution. The IIHF has much more to it than simply a men's hockey tournament. It is a multi – functional event.

The ideal situation is to have the 2008 RBC Royal Bank Cup dates changed to a week earlier. The purpose is to have the RBC Royal Bank Cup wrap up a week before the AGM. If it can't be changed- it can't be changed. If it can be changed - great! The real challenge is getting all Junior A leagues on board.

ACTION ITEM: The next step in the process is for the host committee in Cornwall to be notified by Scott Farley who will copy Dwaine Barkley of the ODHA and Kevin Abrams of the CJHL. If it is okayed, Hockey Canada will put something in writing to the CJHL and copy Junior Council on it. The critical date to respond to the CJHL is by November 15th, 2006. The CJHL will come back to Hockey Canada with their response to this request shortly thereafter.

1.2.4. RBC Royal Bank Cup 2009 bid documents (Info.)

Marcel informed us all on the site selection committee for the event.

Marcel Redekop - will be the assigned officer

Scott Farley - will act as the Chair (filling in for Scott Smith)

A third member - will act as the staff resource person (likely to be either Kevin Webster or Darcy Steen)

A fourth member - to be voted on in Junior Council

Motion: To accept Paul Lake, Chairman of the CJHL Board of Directors, as the fourth member of the site selection committee for the 2009 RBC Royal Bank Cup.

Moved By: Laury Ryan, Seconded By: John Grisdale **CARRIED**

Some key dates to take into consideration pertaining to this bid submission process

December 1st, 2006 - Deadline for the bid to be submitted

January 15th, 2007 - Deadline to endorse the bid by the branch

February 1st, 2007 - Deadline for the branch to submit the bid to Hockey Canada

March (Date TBD), 2007 - Presentations to Hockey Canada

Dates of the 2009 RBC Royal Bank Cup: May 2nd – May 10th, 2009

Some additions / changes of note to the 2009 Bid Guidelines...

- Minimum \$25,000 distribution to each team in the tournament
- A change in travel reimbursement for branch representative and officials, it is now \$0.50 per kilometer
- Game tickets. An increase of 20 tickets. Hockey Canada is to receive 140 tickets for volunteers and corporate partners.
- Number of medallions have increased from 30 to 35.
- Implement the standard on new rink sizes. 2009 is the first year that applies for ice standards.

1.2.5. Final approval of video replay policy for 2007 RBC

Wayne Kartusch

Wording changed on Policy number 2. In the sentence... This *may* include an infraction that has been missed... The official wording has been changed to... This *shall only* include an infraction that has been missed....

Discussion on the proposed videotape review policy entailed the following.

The tournament directorate could essentially be considered the disciplinarian, which is not right. In the CHL the fall back goes to the disciplinary chairman. In Junior A they want the referee in chief out of the process. The challenge with the policy is that it can affect the tournament directorate. With a short term event we do not have 2-3 days to assess / evaluate an incident; we have 2-3 hours. In the CHL, in addition to a game report we also ask for a doctor's report. The key to this policy is protection of a player. There are issues involved with only assessing scenes where players are injured. Need to potentially look at incidents where injuries do not necessarily occur. In a short term event, that is often the only time you can look at a video review. There was a question about assessing a penalty which could affect the game. How many incidents in the last 5 years where this could have been used? It needs to be a real statement; you need to send a message. What if as a tournament directorate sees something that they feel they should act on? Then you have a situation where the tournament directorate is officiating the game. At the U17's the team filed a protest, the directorate assessed it for the cost of \$500. It is contentious as there is always a different point of view. In the CHL, a cheque written in the amount of \$2,000 is the protest fee. The appeal process is necessary if the discipline handed down by the tournament directorate is not a sufficient decision. Supplemental discipline is necessary if the player is injured and out for the rest of the tournament. The key is to assess discipline not assess a penalty, or else things could get out of hand.

Maurice Roy joined the room to discuss supplementary discipline. Hockey Canada typically only deals with supplementary discipline through a discipline committee. This committee typically contains a referee in chief, a tournament directorate, and the head of coaching.

The challenge is do we want to get caught up in officiating hockey games? Another challenge is the amount of angles to witness these incidents (often only one or two). It can help or hurt with calls that should not have occurred. For example, simple accidents that happen in a game. If reviewing a scene for a major penalty and if it is not a major penalty, then what do you do?

Philosophically a decision needs to be made if they want a policy in place to assess supplementary discipline. If so, then they will have to implement one. The referee report is the decision point as to if we go to the video or not.

Will it impact the players if they knew that video replay could affect supplementary discipline?

There was the desire by Marcel Redekop to implement the following piece of wording in regards to the videotape review policy....

The tournament directorate reserves the right to utilize video review for any incident that results in an indefinite suspension to any players, or where supplementary discipline above the minimum suspension guidelines may be assessed.

1.2.6. Final approval of proposed 2007 RBC schedule Wayne Kartusch

The schedule sent out in the E-Binder is the one to be approved. The Semi-final game times were announced and have been declared as 2:00pm and 7:00pm respectively.

Motion: To accept the schedule of games for the 2007 RBC Royal Bank Cup to be held in Prince George, BC, May 5th – 13th.

Moved By: John Grisdale, Seconded By: Laury Ryan CARRIED

1.2.7. World Junior A Challenge 2006 (Information) Report Submitted

Good reports in regards to this tournament. It is on tape delay through TSN on a Saturday afternoon just prior to Hockey Night in Canada, on November 18th (tentatively). Discussion on wanting to web cast the Team Canada games if possible. It is something they are strongly looking to move forward with. There was a question about audio feeding the games. The goal is to have it on the Hockey Canada website, and accessed for free.

Question about the sponsorship side of things, is there a way for it to be worked through for the Host Committee so that the Host Committee might be able to get a bigger piece of the pie? If there was a list provided that said what is protected and unprotected categories (such as corporate sponsors) that would be helpful. The response was Hockey Canada brings in their host committee groups for Event Marketing seminars, and shows them what sponsorship opportunities they have available. The Winnipeg group (World Women's) is doing a Champions program that works very well and might be looked at more closely moving forward.

There is some discussion that the team in Russia will be a very strong team, which is a concern. The uncertainty is natural considering it is a first year event. The officers will be in Yorkton for the final weekend of the event. This has the potential to be a great event and a growing property for Hockey Canada.

Is there any thought of having a selection camp? In the future, a set of criteria and policy by the CJHL will need to be implemented to decipher if this is something that could become a reality.

There is a real buzz around Junior A hockey as a result. A lot of positive reports in the media coming out of this. There is an interest in having the Americans coming up to Canada to compete in this tournament.

The kids competing in this event are ecstatic to be able to represent their country, by playing for Team Canada. For the majority of these kids, this will be their first and only exposure to international competition. The kids will likely not be entirely cognizant of what they will soon encounter.

Organizationally the event is running smoothly. Looking at the roster for some of the European teams is quite strong, Bob Nicholson and Johnny Misley will be making calls to the European teams to ascertain that everything is okay. The host committee is optimistic that ticket sales will come as a result of a walk-up crowd which is typical of the ticket buying public in Saskatchewan. The feeling is that they are in the right type of communities to be able to host these events. The more that the commissioners / presidents can communicate back to the teams to ascertain that the players are always on their best behavior, the better.

There was discussion on the guidelines for suspensions incurred either prior to / during / or following the event, and how these suspensions affect the player. A memo was issued, please find attached.

1.2.8. World Junior A Challenge 2007 (Information)

Report Submitted

The group in Trail, BC has been heavily involved in the process thus far. They will be heading out to Yorkton to view the event in hopes that they can learn from it and grow the event in the future.

1.3.1. Junior B

1.3.1. Don Johnson Cup 2006 (Info. on resolution last season)

This was an issue that was settled. Newfoundland failed to participate in the event. They agreed to pay \$1,000 in the form of a bond. As a result of the no-show, they will miss their turn in the rotation.

1.3.2. Don Johnson Cup 2007 (Information)

In 2007, the event has been awarded to Spring Hill, Nova Scotia.

1.3.3. Keystone Cup 2006 (Info. on sponsorship situation)

No update provided, based on the lack of representation to discuss this.

1.3.4. Keystone Cup 2007 (Information)

No update provided, based on the lack of representation to discuss this.

1.4.1. Junior C

1.4.1. Junior C play-off (Hockey Quebec / ODHA)

No information to report. Report to potentially follow at the 2007 AGM in Winnipeg, MB.

1.4.2. Junior C tourney in 2007 (Hockey Quebec / ODHA / OHF)

No information to report. Report to potentially follow at the 2007 AGM in Winnipeg, MB.

There was discussion on Junior C numbers in New Brunswick. In that province they card 23 players. Why did Junior C not get 23 cards in the Canadian Development Model? The thought is that they didn't want the Junior C league to turn into a developmental league.

Action Item: The branch at Hockey New Brunswick will submit a note to Wayne Kartusch, in regards to the aforementioned item, to seek approval at the Semi Annual meeting.

2. Hockey Operations

2.1. General

2.2. Competitive Hockey

2.2.1. USA Hockey/Hockey Canada Agreement (Information)

Does the CDM affect an American hockey player? It does in some regard. Clarification may be needed on the US citizenship. If he does not have the proper classification he cannot play in Canada. An American needs to have a Canadian passport at 17. Is there any discussion around American playing in Canada? There is very little, if any discussion on this matter. On-line submission of transfers is something they would like to implement (for filing, etc.). USA Hockey was not up to speed in regards to this, whereas Hockey Canada was.

2.2.2. Canadian Development Model (Information and Discussion)

Marcel Redekop

There was discussion on the Hockey Canada registration system. How branches utilize the registries and the Hockey Canada registration system is their discretion. It creates a model and process that everyone (through all level of hockey levels) can relate to and everyone uses. How it is handled at every branch is at the branch's discretion.

The handbook for the CDM is currently in development and has been issued to the CHL and the CJHL for their approval. There has been progress on this front

2.2.3. Body Checking (Discussion)
Deferred to the 2007 AGM in Winnipeg, MB.

Wayne Kartusch

2.2.4. Regulation Changes
Motion 23 – By-Law 505 A-G

Wayne Kartusch

Resolutions

In paragraph A of the proposed wording, it has been recommended to remove the wording and Referee-In-Chief.

Wish to have the wording amended and 'Referee-In-Chief' left in the proposed wording.

Motion 34 – By-Law 1208

Add to point v), Verification of school registration or exchange, when available;

Motion 46 – Regulation B. 49

To list the amounts as one hundred and ten dollars (\$110) for referee fees and sixty dollars (\$60.00) for linesmen.

Motion 48 – Regulation D.3

To adjust the amounts as follows:

- a) one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) in lieu of \$300
- b) as is proposed in the wording
- c) as is proposed in the wording
- d) as is proposed in the wording
- e) as is proposed in the wording

Motion 52 – Regulation K. 6 (d)

To change the dates from the first week in August to the third week in August and July 15 to August 1. As well, change the first week in November to the third week in September and instead of October 15 have it as September 1.

Motion 56 – Regulation R. 4

Remove the line *as defined in Regulation A* from the proposed wording.

Motion 57 – Housekeeping

Would like point #15 pulled from the package and voted on individually.

2.2.5. Marketing Report

Scott Farley

Scott came in and talked to Junior Council regarding Hockey Canada advertising and sponsorship agreements. Regarding rink board advertising / arena signage, all deals are locked up until 2010. A new partnership agreement has been potentially struck with the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency.

One equipment deal that is scheduled to expire soon is the agreement with Itech. The contract is up at the end of this year. This is a 25 year partnership that Hockey Canada has in place with Itech, and Hockey Canada would very much like to have renewed.

One other deal, the contract with Air Canada, is coming up as well. They are optimistic that they can get that deal done and renewed as they have been on board with Hockey Canada for a lengthy time as well.

3. Capacity and Learning

3.1. General

3.1.1. State of the Game

Wayne Kartusch

Scope of Junior Hockey in Canada. Please see revised version for the 2006/07 hockey season attached.

3.1.2. What does Junior Council do to affect the game of hockey?

Wayne Kartusch

To be set up as a workshop item at the 2007 AGM in Winnipeg, MB.

4. Communication

4.1. General

4.1.1 Branch Reports (Information)

Council Members

4.1.2 CHL Report (Information)

Gilles Courteau

Things are going well in the CHL. There are presently 59 teams in the entire CHL. The league is looking forward to the upcoming 2007 Memorial Cup to be held in May 2007 in Vancouver, BC.

4.1.3 CJAHL Report (Information)

Laury Ryan

Things are going well in the CJAHL. The league is looking forward to participate in the first ever World Junior A Challenge, and is excited about its second ever CJAHL Prospects Game in December 2006 in Vernon, BC.

Special Items

1. Round Table

Council Members

2. Best Practices

Council Members

3. Rules Implementation

There was discussion that many junior leagues are very disappointed in the roll-out of the implementation of the rules emphasis video. There is thought however that they will be happy to implement the new rules as it is a way to improve the game for the long-term. There is hope that long term, it will help the officiating. The play is starting to change and the style of game is improving. In regards to the players adapting to the new rules, the players caught on much more quickly than they thought. Game play time (continuous play) was not affected as badly as first thought. The grit and aggression is not as intense as it once was. But there is a lot more body to body impact and a lot less stick play. There is issue with councils not being heard in regards to this roll-out. There is thought that increased supervision, increased meetings, copying their own DVD's, are all accrued expenses that should not be necessary. The public relations campaign coming out from Hockey Canada was thought to be limited. There was concern that there was a disregard for the fan base to make people happy while watching a hockey game.

The officiating budget is something that was spent within the first couple of weeks of the season for one branch. There are extreme challenges with officiating budgets of many of the branches. The biggest complaint of the coaches is that benches are being shortened and some kids are quite simply dropping out of the game. There was thought of implementing it at the bantam AAA level and then letting it filter up from there.

Players are adapting more quickly than expected to the rules implementation. Players are trying to abide and adapt to the new rules. The thought is that the coach needs to buy into it first, and then it acceptance from the players will follow from the coaches lead. There are many different interpretations of the rules. The viewing public is often the first to critique these new rules. Comment is that it is great to see the game going in the way that it is going right now. It was seen as a strategic process as going into the new season.

The communication lines need to always be open. We are still very new in this process, only 40 days into it. There was a short roll out time which made an impact. The public seen it in the media in the NHL and the CHL, so they felt they felt that it is something that can work with the other levels of junior with a little bit of patience.

The officials are the ones who need the support in the arena. The fans are thought to be the ones that are uneducated. Announcements are made prior to the games that notify the viewing public. We need to look at training more officials with the attrition and movement, which is at times related to the new rules implementation. We need to look at ramping up the referee development system. With the 4 man referee system, it is a challenge as they call so much. The new standard was easier to implement in the first year for the CHL than it is in the second year as a result of the 4 man referee system. Officials are put into situations where they are thrown into refereeing when they are not ready, simply because they do not have the proper training yet (i.e. CHL expansion and 4 man referee system which caused the trickle down effect on Junior A and Triple A Midget officiating). With the new standards that have been implemented it has posed a problem. Quebec composed a comparison chart. From a standpoint, some Junior A leagues did a tremendous job of rolling out the rules emphasis implementation communication. There were comments on the lesser quality of the Hockey Canada DVD in comparison to the NHL version for example.

It was considered that it is important to have all the communication from all the provinces / branches. We have

yet to have the “horror show” that was feared to have occurred. The thinking was that the timing was right to implement it. The offline copy was available as of July 24th. The English and French copy were introduced at different times, but only 4-5 days after one another. Coaches are finding it that it requires quality teaching, and many are happy with the video. The key point was not who was in the video, but what in the video is being shown (concern about lack of female participation in the video). The roll-out is not just a Hockey Canada issue but also a branch issue. The supervisors meeting was held in the summer where the final decisions on the video was unveiled. Officiating is continuing to ask, but it is not receiving. Maurice has requested an officiating summit. Need initiatives like a strategic plan, and then roll out these initiatives. Project 75 with its funding has permitted this summit to take place.

We need to work together to get initiatives rolled out. Officiating has fallen behind in many regards. The request for funding and development has not fallen on deaf ears. If you think it is tight now, think about the next 4 or 5 years. The timing of this could not be more relevant. The difficulty in getting down to the grassroots is the money involved. If the information from this proposed summit is not brought down to the grassroots level, it is not helpful.

There was discussion in regards to video implementation, and why it can't be more consistent, and on-going. Teams that want to learn in a team atmosphere is dramatic compared to teams that simply want to see what happens when they step onto the ice. The Ontario league had only 2-3 penalties more per game after implementation. There is the timidity that is found at the start of the game however that improves in time as the game progresses. There is an attempt to ascertain that there are no bad calls being made in a game. There are some uncertainties about what the players can and cannot do. The supervisors of officiating play an important role so they can continually enforce the refereeing. Are penalties going down because kids have learned it or because the referees are calling less? Players only buy into the rules implementation if the coaches buy in. If the coaches don't buy in, neither do the players.

4. Conclusion

Wayne Kartusch concluded the meeting at 12:20pm ET Saturday, October 21st.

Wayne Kartusch

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MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

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That the USA Hockey team, the Wheatfield Blades of Wheatfield, New York, be permitted to play in the Ontario Hockey Association's Golden Horseshoe League for the 2006/2007 season.

That the Gananoque Islanders, an Ontario Hockey Association team, be permitted to play in the Ottawa District Hockey Association's Rideau St. Lawrence League for the 2006/2007 season.

Moved By: Cliff Affleck, Seconded By: Dwaine Barkley CARRIED

Motion: To accept Paul Lake, Chairman of the CJAHL Board of Directors, as the fourth member of the site selection committee for the 2009 RBC Royal Bank Cup.

Moved By: Laury Ryan, Seconded By: John Grisdale CARRIED

Motion: To accept the schedule of games for the 2007 RBC Royal Bank Cup to be held in Prince George, BC, May 5th – 13th.

Moved By: John Grisdale, Seconded By: Laury Ryan CARRIED

ACTION ITEM: The host committee for the 2008 RBC Royal Bank Cup in Cornwall, is to be notified by Scott Farley who will copy Dwaine Barkley of the ODHA and Kevin Abrams of the CJHL – re: potentially changing the dates of the event. If it is okayed, Hockey Canada will put something in writing to the CJAHL and copy Junior Council on it. The critical date to respond to the CJAHL is by November 15th, 2006. The CJAHL will come back to Hockey Canada with their response to this request shortly thereafter.

ACTION ITEM: The branch at Hockey New Brunswick will submit a note to Wayne Kartusch, in regards to the aforementioned item, to seek approval at the Semi Annual meeting.

2006 Junior Council Minutes
Hockey Canada AGM
St. John's, Newfoundland

PART 1: WELCOME

1.1 Welcome

Wayne Kartusch called the meeting in session.

1.2 Roll Call

Hockey North – *Dale Smith*; British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association – *John Grisdale and Brian Harrison*; Hockey Alberta – *Bob Clark and Cliff Wist*; Saskatchewan Hockey Association – *Laury Ryan*; Hockey Manitoba – *Trent Ward and Mike Demidiuk*; Hockey Northwestern Ontario – *John Duhaime*; Ontario Hockey Federation – *Karen Phibbs and Brent Ladds*; Ottawa District Hockey Association – *Dwaine Barkley and John Comerford*; Hockey Quebec – *Jean Hébert and Nicolas Minville*; Hockey New Brunswick – *Bob Deap*; Hockey Nova Scotia – *Alvin Anstey*; Hockey PEI – *Clifford Affleck and Wendell Shaw*; Hockey Newfoundland and Labrador – *Bill Strickland*; Canadian Hockey League – *Ron Robison (for Gilles Courteau)*; Canadian Junior A Hockey League – *Paul Lake*; Canadian Inter-University Sports – *Kevin Figsby*; Council Director – *Wayne Kartusch*; Officer – *Marcel Redekop*; and Staff Resources – *Darcy Steen and Lisa Noseworthy*.

1.3 Officer Report

Submitted by Marcel Redekop

1.4 Council Director Report

Submitted by Wayne Kartusch

1.5 Approval of Fall Council Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes from 2005 Fall Council

MOVED BY: Laury Ryan **SECONDED BY:** Trent Ward
CARRIED

1.6 Approval of the AGM Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda for the 2006 Annual General Meeting

MOVED BY: Trent Ward **SECONDED BY:** Cliff Wist
CARRIED

PART 2: HOCKEY OPERATIONS

2.1 Competitive Hockey

2.1.1 Scope of the Game

Submitted by Hockey Canada with revisions (See Appendix 1)

2.1.2 Junior B Issues

See point 4.1.2.10

2.1.3 **Requests for out-of-Branch play**

See point 4.1.2.7

2.1.4 **Coordinator, Junior Hockey Projects**

Darcy Steen spoke on his new position with Hockey Canada. Primary responsibilities include...

- Liaising with the various member teams and leagues of the Canadian Junior A Hockey League (CJAHL).
- Providing assistance in the coordination of Junior A related properties, such as the World Junior A Challenge, the CJAHL Prospects Game, and the RBC Royal Bank Cup.
- Taking over as the lead resource person on Junior Council.
- Other Hockey Canada (HC) related tasks in an effort to support communication aspects of the Canadian Development Model, and departmental tasks in the Marketing Services and Events area in the Calgary HC office.

PART 3: ADMINISTRATION

3.1 **General**

3.1.1 **Insurance Report**

Report provided during Plenary

3.2 **Governance**

3.2.1 **Proposed Playing Rule Changes**

Recommendation - 1) Change the rink specifications passed via vote.
2) Change to smaller ice surfaces.
3) Reducing the size of goalie equipment.

There is a concern that there is not enough time to implement the third recommendation. Manufacturers cannot make changes to their supply immediately upon request. Their priority lies with the National Hockey League first.

It was suggested that we request the manufacturers to restrict the make and size of the equipment in the future. The manufactures are looking at a two year implementation. Suggesting the manufacturers be informed that in two years, we will run with this, so it is ready in time for the 2008 / 09 hockey season.

3.2.2 **Notices of Motion**

3.2.2.1 **Proposed Changes to the Playing Rules** (Discussion)

Discussion on the implementation of the new playing rules.

Any consideration of a phased in approach? It was considered but not a part of the recommendation. In the end, to take it on, we should take it on nationally. It is working real well at the NHL level. The video is going to be widely accessible in the branches.

There is sincere thought of putting it off until next year, as there are official / referee challenges. There is a lack of confidence right now. If it is brought in this year it will still be 3 or 4 years down the road. Takes time to implement down the levels. Each CIS coaches support it. There is a strong possibility that next years championships will be horrible.

Is there not an easier way so that it is not horrible. Is cold turkey the only way to do this? There are still issues at the NHL level. There is still very little defined. Officials are a major concern. We all have a game to sell.

The WHL didn't go with proposed rule changes. In hindsight, it was because NHL decision to implement was simply too late. The lockout was settled with new rules implemented in July, 2005. The WHL didn't feel it would be prudent to implement at the time but will embrace it next year. The QMJHL and the OHL struggled because of the short turn around time.

The CIS players and refs will be the most difficult ones to teach the new rules to. The thought is to bite the bullet this year and implement, just to get the system in place to learn the new rules.

The request from the floor however, is for a process. Let's look at how to roll this out and make this as painless as possible. Look at the NHL model. Look at the challenges they face. Need to learn from what other groups are doing. Numbers of officials are too low. Need to take the opportunity to learn from our big brothers. Maybe we should look at implementing only a part of it this year, and more the next.

3.2.2.2 **Proposed Regulation Changes (AGM Decisions)**

- Motion:**
- 1 – Carried.
 - 2 – Carried.
 - 3 – Carried.
 - 4 – Carried.
 - 5 – Carried.
 - 6 – Carried.
 - 7 – Carried.
 - 8 – Carried.
 - 9 – Carried.
 - 10 – If you want to change the game fees outlined in Motion 10, this needs to come forward as a Notice of Motion for the Semi-Annual. Editor's Note: A motion has been submitted to change these fees.
 - 11 – Motion passed as amended in Plenary.
 - 12 – Motion passed as amended in Plenary.
 - 13 – Defeated. >John Grisdale (BC) requested to be on record as he strongly supported it.

3.2.2.3 **Proposed Regulation Changes (Semi Annual Decisions)**

Please ensure that these are reviewed in Branch to bring back an informed opinion to lead to decision at Fall Council.

3.2.3 **USA Hockey / Hockey Canada Agreement Update (Discussion)**

Not a lot has changed in the Agreement for the 2006 / 07 season. There are still issues to be worked out, but we should have a signed agreement in mid-June. There is some new language included in the agreement for U.S. based teams playing in Canadian leagues. And the affiliation and dual citizenship issue has been worked through. Leagues are invited to read through these sections as there may be some advantages for them within these two areas. This past season there were some issues with players securing a VISA to return to the U.S. after Christmas break. Currently, June 1st is the deadline to submit renewal transfers in order for the fees to be waived. After June 1st applicants are subject to fees. The new agreement, once signed, will be circulated to Branches.

3.2.4 **Appeals and Transfers**

Please review the documents contained in the Junior E-binder for more details. The forms have been standardized and have been included in the E-binder. Please use these forms for all transfers / appeals. We look forward to moving to an on-line system for the 2007 / 08 season.

3.2.5 **Canadian Development Model**

Motion 11, as dealt with by the Board of Directors, Monday, May 22, 2006

MOTION: To waive By-Law 1103 to deal with Regulation F, paragraph 51, items (d) and (e).

MOVED BY: Wayne Kartusch

SECONDED BY: Joe Drago

CARRIED

MOTION: To amend the Notice of Motion on Regulation F, paragraph 51, items (d) and (e) to read:

d. A second year eligible Midget player (sixteen (16) years old) registering and participating in Junior Hockey shall do so under the following guidelines:

i) Major Junior: Each team is allowed to register a maximum of four (4) players in 2006-07 and in 2007-08.

ii) Junior A: Each team is allowed to register a maximum of two (2) players in 2006-07 and in 2007-08.

iii) Junior B: Each team is allowed to register a maximum of two (2) players in 2006-07 and in 2007-08.

iv) Junior C and D: Each team is allowed to register one (1) local player in 2006-07 and in 2007-08. The definition of "local" shall be that contained in the Hockey Canada Policy Manual. A local player shall not affiliate to any higher category team.

e. Affiliation between Minor to Junior and Junior to Junior:

- i) A player sixteen (16) years of age or older may be named as an affiliate player with both a Major Junior team and either a Junior A or a Junior B team in the same season.
- ii) A player sixteen (16) years of age or older may affiliate a total of ten (10) games during the regular season and playoffs with each of his affiliated teams as rostered in i). However, if his registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before his affiliated team or teams, he may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.
- iii) Any player affiliation as a result of the National Junior / Under 17 / CWG Events / World Junior A Challenge will not count in the ten (10) game total per team.
- iv) Affiliation of goaltenders will be governed by rule E 36 (b).

[The CDM Committee will regularly monitor the situation and report at least semi annually. A thorough review of this regulation and its effects will take place at the Association's 2007 Semi Annual Meeting.]

MOVED BY: Joe Drago **SECONDED BY:** Fred Heslop
CARRIED

MOTION AS AMENDED: To approve the motion as amended.

MOVED BY: Wayne Kartusch **SECONDED BY:** Joe Drago
CARRIED

3.2.6 **Inter-Branch Transfers of Seventeen Year Olds**

Status quo for the 2006 / 07 season as Motion 13 did not make it onto the floor in Plenary.

3.2.7 **NHL Rule Interpretations**

See point 3.2.2.1

3.2.8 **Implementation of the Two Referee System** (Discussion)

The WHL will look at the OHL and evaluate how it worked out. The QMJHL doesn't feel it has the supply. It is a good notion from a developmental perspective however. Realistically this could be five years away from actually implementing for these such developmental reasons. It would quite simply deplete the numbers so significantly.

Potentially, a two referee, one linesmen system could work. The AHL is going to the two referee system. For the WHL to implement the two referee system would be devastating in terms of depleting the resources available.

An option for ease is to allow the back linesmen to call a minor penalty on what happens behind the play. This would require a rule change. The NCAA has a Head referee, assistant referee, and one linesmen. This might be a valid philosophy.

Referees themselves feel that this will be hard to implement, there needs to be an evolution. The AJHL experimented with the two referee system this past season, they will look to do it again this year. Games are called differently when two man system is implemented.

When the floor was questioned, how many leagues would have a problem with the two man system and its effect on its reserves of referees through the ranks, the overwhelming majority raised their hands.

It was discussed that the referee mentor idea has merit. It was questioned whether we could use / have a national campaign for officials. This would be an effort to highlight that they are needed, and to bring this issue to light. It is felt by many that officials are the number one need in the game, more so than anything else. It was discussed that this is something that will be passed on to the officials - the need and desire to launch a national campaign.

PART 4: COMMUNICATIONS, MARKETING & EVENTS

4.1.1 Marketing and Events

4.1.1 General

4.1.1.1 Championship Committee Report Defer to Fall Council.

4.1.2 Competitive Hockey

4.1.2 .1 RBC Royal Bank Cup 2006 Update (Discussion) Reports submitted by Karen Phibbs and Wayne Kartusch.

It was discussed that operationally the event was a success. The operation of the committees was good. One of the highlights was the school program, and school visits. Ethnic backgrounds yielded many children's first experience with hockey. Refereeing was excellent. Directorate appointed people to be in charge of each game. The lack of fans in the seats was the Achilles' heel, despite many people's best efforts. Attendance for nearly all games was very dismal.

There was discussion on ways to avoid the challenges we had with this event, and the empty seats. A question was posed as to if the site selection committee would only accept bids from teams or communities itself. This would allow the opportunity to get away from the individual entrepreneurial bids.

There was apprehension from moving away from the present bid process. Not critiquing the old bid process. If the criteria is rotation, then maybe it should be stated. The site selection committee has debated the rotation issue. The question is what if you don't get a strong bid?

A question posed is there anything in the bid guidelines which provides protection, in the event that changes are made along the way? The site selection committee is looking at the sound and the longevity of the structure. Long term, we are all going to be looking at the bid process for protection reasons.

There was discussion and recommendation that ultimately the Branch should always be responsible for this event. That is a recommendation that needs to be addressed.

Videotape review policy was reviewed and a discussion followed.

MOTION: To adopt the proposed videotape review policy in principle with final approval to be given at Fall Council. The policy will then be implemented at the 2007 RBC Royal Bank Cup.

MOVED BY: Laury Ryan
CARRIED

SECONDED BY: Trent Ward

4.1.2.2 **RBC Royal Bank Cup 2007 Update**
Report submitted by John Grisdale.

4.1.2.2.1 **Approval of the 2007 RBC Schedule**

MOTION: To tentatively approve the 2007 RBC Royal Bank Cup schedule, with final confirmation coming at Fall Council.

MOVED BY: Dale Smith
CARRIED

SECONDED BY: Trent Ward

4.1.2.3 **RBC Royal Bank Cup 2008 Site Selection Report** (Presentation)
Bid selection committee made up of Scott Smith, Scott Farley, and Marcel Redekop of Hockey Canada, and Paul Lake of the CJ AHL. This is the second year of new selection process.

The four possible sites.....

- Camrose, AB
- Kindersley, SK
- Cornwall, ON
- Winnipeg, MN

It was stated that the bid guidelines are of paramount importance. It is what the site selection committee go by. The key factors that went into their decision....

- 1) Financial business plan
- 2) Facilities
- 3) Logistics
- 4) Legacies
- 5) Intangibles

Upon careful consideration, the site selection committee unanimously recommended the bid from Cornwall, ON to Junior Council.

Recommendations provided....

- Amend bid guidelines to emphasize support of host league and host Branch.
- Emphasize importance of Legacy Plan with the bid (through the bid guidelines).

Questions / Feedback

Partnership with the Branch is of the utmost importance. There were varying degrees of Branch involvement in some of the bid presentations. When assembling the bid, there is a need to involve the host Branch and the host league in the referencing.

There is some frustration is the fact that we are two years ahead, cost of basic needs are at times out of touch. Ask that per diems and fluctuation be based on economic situation in that community. Let's put teams in the fore-front so that teams are not out of pocket. Meals and hotels are two major expenses.

There has been conversation with Prince George and Cornwall based on meals, travel, and hotel costs. Have to be certain there are no financial constraints. Need to ascertain that the meal allocation per day is not a hindrance.

Wording may have to be implemented in the bid guidelines. There was discussion of implementing a good-will contingency plan.

Action Item: Request that Scott Farley and Scott Smith approach the Prince George group, to make sure the team's travel situation will be under control.

A phone call will be made today to all 4 groups with the announcement. A press release announcing the winning bid will go out on Monday, May 22nd. A debriefing process for the three unsuccessful bids will follow.

MOTION: To accept the Site Selection Committee's recommendation that the city of Cornwall, ON and the Cornwall Colts of the ODHA (CJHL) as the host for the 2008 RBC Royal Bank Cup.

MOVED BY: Cliff Affleck ***SECONDED BY:*** Bob Deap
CARRIED

4.1.2.4

RBC Royal Bank Cup Scholarship Report (Discussion)

Many good candidates were quite simply disqualified. This makes it unfair for applicants who have followed the process correctly, for us to accept poor submissions.

Requirements include an official letter endorsing the applicant on league letter head and school letter head.

League Presidents and Commissioners will be requested to send out a letter that includes guidelines with appropriate materials for inclusion.

There was a request for a press release of all the scholarship winners.

Action Item: Hockey Canada to write a press release announcing all the scholarship winners from the ten leagues of the CJAHL.

Editor's note: This has been completed.

MOTION: That the RBC Financial Group National Scholarship Committee be maintained for the upcoming 2006 / 07 hockey season.

MOVED BY: Cliff Affleck **SECONDED BY:** John Duhaime
CARRIED

4.1.2.5 **RBC Royal Bank Cup Player of the Year**

The selection committee reaches their decision in a discussion via teleconference call. They use a point ranking system, which has worked very well as they often are able to arrive at a unanimous decision.

The one thing which Frank recommended was the committee only sees the forms, they don't see the players actually play. They would like the president / commissioner of each league to write a letter recommending the player of their respective league.

Feel that it is time to consider involving the media in the site selection process. It could potentially increase exposure of the Junior A programs.

The room expressed great pleasure in the work of the committee, are happy with the present process, and would like to see the current selection process maintained for the upcoming season.

MOTION: That the RBC Financial Group CJAHL Player of the Year selection committee be maintained for the upcoming 2006 / 07 hockey season.

MOVED BY: Dale Smith **SECONDED BY:** Trent Ward
CARRIED

4.1.2.6 **World Junior A Challenge Site Selection Report
2007 World Junior A Challenge**

The proposed dates for the event would be November 4th – 11th, 2007. A bid from Trail, BC was received. The site selection committee suggest they receive the event. The City of Trail will absorb all facility costs. The towns of Nelson and Castlegar, BC are considered as two satellite facilities.

MOTION: To accept the Site Selection Committee's recommendation that the city of Trail, BC and the Trail Smoke Eaters of the BCAHA (BCHL) as the host for the 2007 World Junior A Challenge.

MOVED BY: Dwaine Barkley **SECONDED BY:** Laury Ryan
CARRIED

4.1.2.7 **Submission for dates of Inter-Branch Play**

MOTION: To approve the requests for permission to play out of Branch as follows:

That Edmundston Madawaska 506 be permitted to participate in a Quebec Junior AA League under the jurisdiction of Hockey Quebec.

That Charlottetown Abbies and Summerside Western Capitals be allowed to play in the MJHL which is registered in Hockey Nova Scotia.

That the Flin Flon Bombers of Flin Flon, MB be permitted to participate in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League under the Saskatchewan Hockey Association.

That the Miramichi Timberwolves, the Woodstock Slammers, the Moncton Beavers, and the Campbellton Tigers be permitted to participate in the Maritime Junior A Hockey League under Hockey Nova Scotia.

That the Junior B hockey teams of Gatineau and Shawville of Hockey Quebec be granted permission to play in the Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League of the ODHA.

That the La Peche Junior C hockey teams of Hockey Quebec be granted permission to play in the Eastern Ontario Junior C Hockey League of the ODHA.

That the Dawson Creek and Fort St. John's Huskies be permitted to play in the Alberta North West Junior Hockey League for the 2006-07 season.

That the Onion Lake Winterhawks be allowed to play in the Alberta North East Junior B Hockey League for the 2006-07 season.

To approve the following US teams to play in the OHF Branch, and the OHA and NOHA leagues: the North Michigan Blackbears in the NOJHL of the NOHA, the Buffalo Jr. Sabres and Oswega Admirals in the OPJHL of the OHA, the Gananoque Islanders to play in the EOJBHL of the ODHA, and the Wheatfield Blades to play in the Golden Horseshoe League.

Editor's Note: The North Michigan Blackbears have not yet been approved by USA Hockey to participate in the NOJHL. It is suspected that the old management team folded and the team is under new management and wishes to continue playing in the NOJHL. There will be follow-up on this matter with both USA Hockey and the NOJHL.

MOVED BY: Wayne Kartusch **SECONDED BY:** Marcel Redekop
CARRIED

4.1.2.8 **Memorial Cup 2006**

The 2006 Memorial Cup is currently taking place in Moncton, NB. Teams participating include the Quebec Rempats (QMJHL), the Vancouver Giants (WHL), the Peterborough Petes (OHL), and the Moncton Wildcats (host team). Good reports coming from Moncton.

4.1.2.9 **Memorial Cup 2007**

The 2007 Memorial Cup will be taking place in Vancouver, BC. There will be

some new approaches done in the field of marketing for this event. Stu Ballentine from the 2006 IIHF World Junior Championship held in Vancouver, is involved again. There will be a break between a semi-final game and the final game. This will allow for some additional rest and additional hype / publicity. In 2008 the Memorial Cup will be hosted by the OHL. The format will likely be changed from the way OHL typically does its site selection, which is normally announced half way through the hockey season.

4.1.2.10 **Regional Junior B**

Don Johnson Cup 2006 / 07

Held in Kensington, PEI and hosted by the Kensington Vipers. The tournament was played with two teams from NS, two from PEI, none from NFLD. These teams included the Bay Ducks (NS), the Antigonish Bulldogs (NS), the Sherwood Falcons (PEI), and the host team. The Bay Ducks defeated the Antigonish Bulldogs in the final to win the championship. Major challenge which arose, teams do not want to travel to and from NFLD. There was a suggested fine of \$5,000 to NFLD. A counterproposal not yet received.

Action Item: A resolution to be communicated before Fall Council.

Keystone Cup 2006 / 07

Held in Campbell River, BC and hosted by the Campbell River Storm. The tournament consisted of the Red Deer Vipers (AB), the Saskatoon Royals (SK), the North Winnipeg Satellites (MN), the K&A Wolverines (NO), the Delta Ice Hawks (BC), and the host team. The Red Deer Vipers defeated the Campbell River Vipers in the final to win the championship. Tournament was well attended and major sponsorship was secured for this tournament. The hope is that this sponsor will be able to make a larger financial commitment for continuous sponsorship. Lack thereof will likely result in tournament restructuring as some provinces, namely Alberta, state the challenge in recovering travel costs without such compensation through sponsorship.

Action Item: A report on this will come before Fall Council.

4.2 **Communication**

4.2.1 **Branch Reports**

Submitted by various Branch representatives.

4.2.2 **Major Junior Report**

Things are going well for the CHL. The 2006 Memorial Cup is currently taking place in Moncton, NB. The 2007 Memorial Cup will be hosted by the Vancouver Giants, who coincidentally are the 2006 Western Hockey League champions.

4.2.3 **CJAHL Report**

Held the first ever CJAHL Prospects Game in Yorkton, SK in late 2005. The first World Junior A Challenge will be held in Yorkton / Humboldt in November, 2006. Things are progressing well for the CJAHL.

4.2.3.1 **Prospects Game**

Two bids have been received. One from Vernon, BC and one from Winkler, MN. The CJAHL will make an announcement on the Prospects Game on May 31st.

4.2.3.2 **St. Petersburg Tournament**

Tournament happened in April with Canada sending a team of the best Junior A talent that was available, as a reciprocal agreement for the Russians to come over to Canada to play in the World Junior A Challenge. Level of competition was very respectable as other countries used it as development for their Under-19 programs. Need to try to be more discriminating as timing is an issue. Holding the tournament a week or two later will help, as many good players are involved in league or regional playoffs at the time. This is still considered a work in progress.

PART 5: STRATEGIC DIRECTION

5.1 Council Objectives

5.1.1 2005 / 06 Update

- 1) Continue to work with the Canadian Development Model Committee to ensure the model works in such a way that it enhances all the visions of Junior hockey in Canada.
- 2) Move forward to ensure certification of coaches using the CBET model as it is a development opportunity. (Possible initiative to achieve – workshop with development on CBET at Fall Council - Complete)
- 3) Open up dialogue with CIS to negotiate for playing spots for Junior players at the University level. To promote opportunities for participation of Junior players in the Canadian Universities and Colleges, in accordance with the Canadian Development Model.

5.1.2 2006 / 07 Forecast

- 1) Enhance partnerships, for example the USA agreement or similar agreements ('Keep it Simple' principle). Simplicity in form, streamlining bureaucratic aspect.
- 2) Communication / administration help for the CJAHL, as well as recognition / voice at the Hockey Canada Junior Council table. (i.e. Reporting responsibility and voting rights for CJAHL within Junior Council)
- 3) Review and in turn develop the obvious synergies that exist between Hockey Canada and Junior hockey.

5.2 Annual Report /Council Objectives Workshop

5.2.1 How do the Junior Council Objectives relate back to the contents of the Annual Report while maintaining the principles of the Strategic Objectives that the Board has outlined?

Strides have been made in achieving 2005 / 06 Junior Council objectives.

PART 6: OTHER/CLOSING ITEMS

6.1 Round Table

- 6.1.1 **What does Junior Council do to affect the game of Hockey?**
Additional discussion item which was not posed. Defer to Fall Council.

Summary of Junior Council's key motions and recommendations

Motions

MOTION: To accept the site selection committee's recommendation of the city of Cornwall, ON and the Cornwall Colts of the ODHA (CJHL) as the host for the 2008 RBC Royal Bank Cup.

MOVED BY: *Wayne Kartusch* **SECONDED BY:** *Marcel Redekop*
CARRIED

MOTION: To accept the schedule in principle for 2007 RBC Royal Bank Cup in Prince George, BC, with final confirmation coming at the 2006 Fall Council.

MOVED BY: *Wayne Kartusch* **SECONDED BY:** *Marcel Redekop*
CARRIED

MOTION: To accept the site selection committee's recommendation that the city of Trail, BC and the Trail Smoke Eaters of the BCAHA (BCHL) as the host of the 2007 World Junior A Challenge.

MOVED BY: *Wayne Kartusch* **SECONDED BY:** *Marcel Redekop*
CARRIED

Recommendations

1. For the OHA "D" category, to pilot a season project of playing 4-on-4 and 3-on-3 for coincidental minor penalties during regulation time.
2. Recommended approval of requests for permission to play out of branch as follows:
 - o *That Edmundston Madawaska 506 be permitted to participate in a Quebec Junior AA League under the jurisdiction of Hockey Quebec.*
 - o *That Charlottetown Abbies and Summerside Western Capitals be allowed to play in the MJHL which is registered in Hockey Nova Scotia.*
 - o *That the Flin Flon Bombers of Flin Flon, MB be permitted to participate in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League under the Saskatchewan Hockey Association.*
 - o *That the Miramichi Timberwolves be permitted to participate in the Maritime Junior A Hockey League under Hockey Nova Scotia.*
 - o *That the Junior B hockey teams of Gatineau and Shawville of Hockey Quebec be granted permission to play in the Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League of the ODHA.*
 - o *That the La Peche Junior C hockey teams of Hockey Quebec be granted permission to play in the Eastern Ontario Junior C Hockey League of the ODHA.*
 - o *That the following US teams be allowed to play in the OHF Branch, and the OHA and NOHA leagues: the North Michigan Blackbears in the NOJHL of the NOHA, the Buffalo Jr. Sabres and Oswega Admirals in the OPJHL of the OHA, the Wheatfield Blades to play in the EOJBHL of the ODHA.*
 - o *That the Dawson Creek and Fort St. John's Huskies be permitted to play in the Alberta North West Junior Hockey League for the 2006-07 season.*
 - o *That the Onion Lake Winterhawks be allowed to play in the Alberta North East Junior B Hockey League for the 2006-07 season.*
3. Recommend to the Chair that the RBC Financial Group CJHL Player of the Year Committee, be maintained for the upcoming 2006 – 07 season.
4. To recommend the National Events Committee review the proposed videotape policy for the 2007 RBC Royal Bank Cup.

SCOPE OF JUNIOR HOCKEY IN CANADA

2005-2006 SEASON

BRANCH	JR. A		JR. B		JR. C		JR. D	
	Leagues	Teams	Leagues	Teams	Leagues	Teams	Leagues	Teams
HN						2		
BCAHA	1	17	3	33	-	-	-	-
HA	1	16	5	54	2	40	-	-
SHA	1	12	2	12	1	9	-	-
HM	1	11	2	11	1	8	1	10 (overage)
HNO	1	5	1	4	-	-	-	-
OHF	2	43	3	26	7	45	1	18
ODHA	1	10	1	17	1	7	-	-
HQ	1	14	10	87	10	79	10	72
HNB	(HNS)	4	-	1	1	14	-	-
PEIHA	(HNS)	2	1	5	1	8	-	-
HNS	1	6	1	10	1	10	-	-
HNL	-	-	2	11	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	10	140	31	271	25	222	12	100
CHL	3	58	-	-	-	-	-	-

JUNIOR REPORT

Hockey Canada AGM 2007

Winnipeg, MB

Junior Hockey, particularly at the Junior A level, appears to be flourish in most parts of Canada especially at the gamesmanship phase. Financially, it is still struggling although in certain pockets it is very viable. It appears as though this will always be inevitable as teams continue to exceed their revenue. Simply stated, it is the nature of the beast. As someone once said, if you want to make a small fortune in Junior hockey, start out with a large one!!

The Canadian Junior A Hockey League (CJAHL), through the leadership of Paul Lake and Laury Ryan, are more and more becoming the strong voice of Junior A hockey. It has been a lengthy process, but it is my firm belief that this national body , with the support of all its members, will take Junior A hockey to higher levels that were ever envisioned.

The first ever Junior A Challenge was held successfully this past season in Yorkton, SK, with competing teams from Belarus, Germany, Slovakia, Russia and the two Canadian teams, Canada East and Canada West. Canada West captured the Gold Medal defeating Canada East. It was obvious that adjustments would have to be made to bring the competition to a more even level. This has been done and will be in place for this years' competition in Trail, BC.

The second CJAHL Prospects game was successfully held in Vernon, BC. This is becoming a very attractive event for scouting personnel to evaluate our top young prospects, which bodes well for futuristic opportunities.

Junior B hockey continues to operate successfully at the Branch level. Beyond the Branch, season ending tournaments still function well within severe budget restraints. Nevertheless, this level of hockey provides a strong level of competition for its members.

As everybody is aware, Major Junior hockey under the umbrella organization of the Canadian Hockey League (CHL) continues to excel and grow on most fronts.

Congratulations to all League, Regional, and National champions for a job well done, and thanks to the myriad of volunteers who continue to make Junior hockey in Canada as successful it is.

I would like to thank Council for the support shown me as well as to all members who have served so well and given of their time on the various Council committees. Thanks also to Vice Chairman Marcel Redekop who was once again the Officer assigned to Junior Council. A very special thanks to Kevin Webster and Darcy Steen along with Scott Smith and Scott Farley from Hockey Canada Staff for all the work they have done for Junior Council. It has been appreciated.

Finally, I would like to pay a special thanks to all those whom I have had the opportunity of working with over the past twenty-nine years. As you are aware, I will be leaving Hockey Canada to now enjoy full retirement. It has been a privilege to be associated with so many great people who work so hard to keep this great game at the highest level possible. Thank you for the opportunity.

Respectfully submitted
Wayne M. Kartusch, Director, Junior Council
Hockey Canada

Officers Report To Junior Council

Hockey Canada AGM Winnipeg, Manitoba

Welcome to the 2007 AGM. This past season has been a interesting and rewarding one for myself.

The CDM, while having some outstanding issues, is in place for the foreseeable future.

In November, Yorkton, Saskatchewan hosted the inaugural World Jr A Challenge. The event was a huge success on the ice with Canada East playing Canada West in the final. Unfortunately the event struggled on the financial side. At the writing of this report there were still some issues to work through however Hockey Canada remains committed at this time to continuing this event and building it into a solid property to showcase Junior A Hockey on the World Stage.

In December I had the privilege of attending the World Juniors in Sweden where Canada won a third consecutive gold medal.

I will be attending the RBC and meeting with the CJHL executive to discuss the CDM. I look forward to this opportunity.

This is my last year in Junior Council. I want to thank all of you for making the last three years very enjoyable.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Wayne Kartusch for his many dedicated years of service to the Hockey Canada and more importantly to the GAME. Hockey and Hockey Canada are better because of Wayne's dedicated service. Best of luck in whatever the future holds.

Yours in Hockey

Marcel

CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT MODEL REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.

At last years AGM in St Johns NFLD, there were some changes made to the CDM around affiliations and the number of 16 year old players that teams could card in year 2 and 3 of the Model. While there have been some issues with the changes, particularly around affiliation and the interpretation of what 10 games actually is, there have been few problems. I stated repeatedly at the last AGM that it was important that there be no changes to the Model for a few years so that we could gather some accurate data and that people knew what to expect from year to year, and I still firmly believe that. That doesn't mean that there aren't some outstanding issues that need to be resolved. The Committee did not meet as anticipated for various reasons and the lack of dialogue did contribute to some late season issues and I accept full responsibility for that. Hopefully these issues can be addressed and resolved.

National Agreement

The drafting of a National Agreement that spells out what everyone's role and responsibility is to the CDM from Major-Junior through Midget has become a matter of some urgency. Events of the past season have shown us that the CDM must be a partnership and that compliance and consistent application and interpretation of the CDM must be everyone's commitment. Thus it is my intent to have the framework for an agreement in place, hopefully as early as the AGM in May that will address the two aspects of the CDM that need to be covered in an Agreement.

First is the compliance with the Model. From the CDM's standpoint, compliance is expected regardless of membership status. We are all in this together and the consequence for non-compliance should be the same.

Secondly is establishing a framework for regional agreements on the transfer of monies for release or development fees. As there are regional agreements in place, it will be difficult to impose a national one therefore a template or guideline is likely the best answer. Again, we hope to have a framework in place by the AGM

16 Year Old Players

This continues to be an issue, primarily for Junior A as the feeling in some Leagues is they are being treated unfairly. The numbers clearly indicate that there are significantly more 16 yr olds in Junior A, B, C and D than in Major Junior and that the number of 16 yr olds overall has changed very little after year 2 of the CDM. There are still significant opportunities for 16 yr olds in Jr. A and B hockey should players make that choice. Midget numbers continue to increase and with improvements happening in many Midget AAA Leagues, there will be the quality opportunities for 16 yr olds that are needed.

Communication

I believe it is fair to say that the lines of communication have improved considerably in the last couple of years. While not all of it has been positive, communication has increased and everyone probably realizes that it is in the GAMES' best interest to keep the lines of communication open.

IF WE ARE NOT PULLING TOGETHER, WE ARE PULLING APART.

Respectfully submitted

Marcel Redekop
Chair



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April 16, 2007

BCHL Annual Report: 2006/2007 Season

Seventeen (17) teams operated in Junior 'A' this season. The BCHL had the following teams in action:

Alberni Valley Bulldogs	Langley Chiefs
Cowichan Valley Capitals	Westside Warriors
Merritt Centennials	Nanaimo Clippers
Penticton Vees	Powell River Kings
Prince George Spruce Kings	Quesnel Millionaires
Surrey Eagles	Trail Smoke Eaters
Vernon Vipers	Victoria Grizzlies
Burnaby Express	Salmon Arm Silverbacks
Williams Lake Timberwolves	

What's New

- ✓ The BCHL has seen a slight reduction in attendance through the 2006/07 season. With the relocation of the Chilliwack Chiefs to Langley (now the Langley Chiefs) that alone saw a large reduction in overall attendance. On a brighter note, attendance rose in some locations with the Westside Warriors (formerly the Langley Hornets) and the Victoria Grizzlies leading the way. The 2007 playoffs have proven to show a marketed increase in fan attendance over last season so at the end of the day the BCHL will show attendance numbers similar to 2005/06 even without the Chilliwack franchise.
- ✓ The BCHL had 5 players drafted directly to the NHL last year lead by Burnaby Express's Keith Seabrook (52nd overall – 2nd round). Universities and College scouts from across North America are often seen at BCHL games.
- ✓ As of April 16th, 2007 the BCHL has secured 73 scholarships to NCAA Universities. That compares to 62 at the same point last season when the league set a personal record of 110 player advancements registered by the August 1st, 2006 deadline.
- ✓ The BCHL will have one less team in the league next season. The Williams Lake Timberwolves Hockey Club will cease operations (subject to BC Hockey and Hockey Canada approval) and relocate to Wenatchee, Washington commencing in the 2008/09 season. The ownership of the Timberwolves will retain the rights to the Williams Lake franchise in anticipation of a new arena in the future.
- ✓ The Salmon Arm Silverbacks Hockey Club has been sold. The principle owner will be Randy and Theresa Williams from Rocky Mountain Point, Alberta. Ty Davidson and his wife Crystal will retain an ownership percentage. Principle owner Garry Davidson will be retained as GM of the Silverbacks for an extended period while partner Andy Murray will no longer have an active interest in the BCHL.
- ✓ Former Salmon Arm Silverback and BCHL stand-out Ryan Duncan was named the winner of the Hobey Baker Memorial Award last Friday as the NCAA's top college hockey player. Duncan led the Silverbacks in scoring through the 2004-05 season with 91 points before heading to the University of North Dakota. Duncan led the Fighting Sioux to their third consecutive Frozen Four appearance and recorded 31 goals and 26 assists this season. His North Dakota squad fell to Boston College in the semi-finals. Duncan and former Burnaby Express forward David Jones were named in a group of 10 finalists for the Award in early March with the final announcement made during the Frozen Four Tournament at the Scottrade Centre in St. Louis April 6th.



- ✓ The league office has received many inquires of interest in either purchasing an existing franchise or calling about possible expansion. New arenas are being PLANNED in non BCHL communities that will meet league seating minimums. (Campbell River, Courtenay/Comox, Wenatchee, Dawson Creek, Ft. St. John). In addition Penticton and Quesnel report they are moving closer to new facilities.
- ✓ The BCHL website at www.bchl.bc.ca receives over **30M hits** and an average 40,000 unique visitors each month.
- ✓ Match and Gross Misconducts are on the decrease again this season. The introduction of the Hockey Canada Rule Emphasis has gone fairly smoothly after such a late introduction. A credit goes to BCHL Head of Officials, Frank Broeders and of course all of the BC Hockey officials for doing their best to ensure a smooth transition. The last ½ of the season has seen an overall increase in fan approval.
- ✓ Introduction of the FAN ZONE as a pay per use model has met with tremendous success. The playoffs have featured live interviews with coaches and players and many more features will be added next season. Introduction of a BCHL Media Section on the website has also been well received and promoted.
- ✓ Next year the BCHL plans to join the Canuck Network by completing a project with Team 1040 radio and also looks forward to a stronger relationship with the local newspapers and Sportsnet TV.
- ✓ The league also hired a full time Director of Business Development and the impact of having a dedicated person in this area has already been positively felt.

Concerns

- ✓ A major concern is still the Hockey Canada rule not allowing midget aged players (17) to inter-branch transfer while allowing 17 year old BC born players to inter-branch to the US. The BCHL governors are becoming increasingly impatient with the double standard in rules for the same age group. This will leave the BCHL little choice if the model does not standardize following the 3 year commitment.
- ✓ Training for the referees and improved communication with the BCHL office. However it is duly noted that the refereeing program under the leadership of RIC Frank Broeders is getting much better. Working in partnership with BC Hockey Executive Shannon Bell and BC Hockey RIC Peter Zerbinos will enable the program to continue to grow but a lot of work lies ahead.
- ✓ Jr. Issues Committee recommendations and how they would affect Jr. A
- ✓ Workable Major Junior/Jr A relationship
- ✓ Loss of existing BCHL markets to the WHL

Yours truly,



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2007 SPRING REPORT

From: Laury Ryan - Chair of Junior **Date:** April 20, 2007
To: Saskatchewan Hockey Association
CC: Hockey Canada
Re: Report

I am pleased to offer the Membership the following report.

The SHA was pleased to host two Junior events this past year. The inaugural World Junior A Challenge at Yorkton in November and the Keystone Cup – Western Canadian Junior B Championship at Fort QuAppelle in April.

We thank the Yorkton and Humboldt Host Committees for the courage to take on the task to develop the road map for the WJAC. Their leadership leaves a benchmark for the future and a legacy that will live on with each future event. The city of Yorkton and Humboldt with its army of volunteers ensured that our international teams and hockey fans from across Canada were treated to the world-class hospitality. This effort established a standard of excellence for the future. The community spirit and warmth shown to our visitors was a common theme from all those involved in the event. It truly demonstrated the best the Junior A hockey has to offer.

We thank the Keystone Cup Host Committee and both Junior B Leagues – North Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League and the Prairie Junior Hockey League for their effort and participation. The Tournament was well attended and displayed some great hockey for fans in the valley and the ample visitors to the area for the event. The Host Committee under the leadership of Barry Trapp should be commended on a job well done.

The North Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League Champion Saskatoon Royals defeated the South Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League Champion Pilot Butte Storm in a best of five series. The Royals went on to the Keystone Cup and won the Gold Medal defeating the host team, Fort QuAppelle Fort Knox. In the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League, the Humboldt Broncos are the Credential Cup Champions.

The SJHL has had a solid year in attendance for both the regular season and play-offs. The regular season saw an average attendance of 828 junior hockey fans attend SJHL games for a total 278,383. In the play-offs the SJHL had 65,672 in attendance ranking it the third highest playoff attendance in league history. In total, 344,055 junior hockey fans attended SJHL games this year.

The SJHL and CJAHL have continued to seek tax relief for the teams and players in terms of paying for player expenses. A private members bill C294 sponsored by Saskatchewan MP Brian Fitzpatrick is steps closer to becoming passed. At time of the report it had passed through the House of Commons and was moved to the Senate for review and approval. If passed, it will eliminate Billet payments as part of the taxable income for Junior A players.

The SHA continues to provide leadership in bridging partners and creating a “player centered model” in conjunction with the Canadian Hockey Model. A partnership between the SHA, The Western Hockey League, The Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League and the Saskatchewan Midget AAA Hockey League has created the Saskatchewan Development Model .This partnership has created real benefits for all stakeholders including: Parents Manual; Recruitment Protocol; Monthly Conference Calls; Dispute Resolution Procedures; and Referee Development. We are presently looking for ways to share human and technical resources, evaluate joint corporate sponsorship opportunities, include the CIS (University Sport) and ensure the philosophy reaches the grass roots of our development process. To date much progress has been made and we are pleased with progress of our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Laury Ryan



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Subject: HOCKEY CANADA REPORT

Another season is almost over as I due this report. In Manitoba we had a very successful year in Hockey. Hockey Manitoba was please to host the Women's Worlds and set new attendance records for the event. I would like to congratulate Hockey Canada on the work and leadership they gave to this event and the staff that helped out to make this an unforgettable event for the people of Manitoba. Other events included the Western Bantam Championships and the West Region Tellus Cup play down. Along with the normal programs that our branch offers it was a very busy winter.

In Junior it was a very successful season. It started off with a Showcase weekend were all teams in the league play 3 games in a double rink complex during the weekend. This year we added the AAA midget league to participate giving them a chance to be scouted along with the players of the MJ. League standings were very tight as teams looked at the playoffs. In the MJ our title went to the Selkirk Steelers. The Keystone Junior B League champs turned out to the Wpg Saints. Junior C was won by Steinbach Huskies. We have a overage league called the Man Major Junior Hockey League and it was won by the Charleswood Hawks.

As we move forward in the game it was a very exciting with the new rules emphasis. In Manitoba I do believe players caught on very quickly, more quickly then some officials. Hockey Manitoba along with the MJ and AAA midget started a supervision program of the officials that has been ongoing for the last couple of years. We intend to expand this program even more as I think it is time we really put dollars and time into officials as we have in player and coach development. Although in Junior we see our fair share of quality officials, we must think about were they come from and how we promote them to be partners in our leagues and branches.

In conclusion I would like to welcome everyone to Winnipeg and Manitoba. We have a great program for you to enjoy the city. If you have any questions at all on were things are or places to see and go, please don't hesitate to ask. This is the last meeting for Mike Demidiuk, the branch alternative as he retires and moves on to other things in his life.

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Junior Hockey Report

Junior “A”

The Superior International Junior “A” Hockey League had a very successful season with a total of 6 teams participating in the league. The addition of an expansion team from Marathon Ontario went very well and the team is looking forward to their next season.

The season finale went down to the wire and it took 7 games to crown the league champion. The Schreiber Diesels playing in only their second season, defeated last seasons League and Dudley Hewitt Champions, the Fort William Northstars. The Diesels will represent Hockey Northwestern Ontario at the Dudley Hewitt Cup in Iroquois Falls.

Junior “B”

In Junior “B” hockey the Thunder Bay Juvenile/Junior “B” League operated once again this past season. The league is currently trying to get more teams to come into the league and hopefully this can take place prior to next seasons start.

In the playoffs the K & A Wolverines had to come from behind to defeat the Northern Hawks and advance to the Western Regionals in Saskatchewan. At the Western Regionals the Wolverines came up short and will have to wait until next year to try again.

Respectfully Submitted by

John Duhaime
HNO Junior Hockey Convenor

**Ontario Hockey Federation
Junior Council Report
Hockey Canada 2007 Annual General Meeting**

Junior hockey in Ontario closes in on another successful season with championships in most categories well underway and championship teams in A preparing for the Dudley Hewitt Cup this week in Iroquois Falls, Ontario.

Team registration in both junior member partners of the Ontario Hockey Federation, the OHA and NOHA, remained constant. The OHA registered 125 teams in 4 categories, A through D, and the NOHA registering A teams in a single league. US teams continued to participate, two in the OPJHL, Oswego and Buffalo, and Soo Michigan in the NOJHL. The Oswego team will move to Toronto for the upcoming season. In B, Wheatley, New York continued in the Golden Horseshoe League, one of three OHA B category leagues.

The Mitchell Hawks defeated the Delhi Travellers to claim the D category championship. 46 teams competed for the C championship presently in the final round with Essex, Great Lakes Junior C League playing Penetang, Georgian Bay-Mid Ontario Junior C League, with the final series set to begin April 22nd. The B Championship for the Sutherland Cup is presently midway through its double-round robin. The three league champions, Strathroy (WOJHL), Cambridge (Mid-Western), and St. Catharine's (Golden Horseshoe) are competing for the two finalists' spots in the championship round.

Aurora defeated Wellington to become OPJHL Champions earning a spot in the Dudley Hewitt Cup. There they'll play the NOJHL Champions, the Soo Indians, the host team, Abitibi Eskimos, and the SIJHL Champions, Schreiber Diesels. The OHF Junior A Championship is held within the Dudley Hewitt between the championship teams of the NOJHL and the OPJHL.

League operational changes took place within the OPJHL. With 35 teams, the OPJHL created an Executive Committee to research, develop, and make recommendations on matters of interest. Current priorities are hiring a full-time commissioner, marketing development, officiating, and operating policies.

The Western Ontario Junior, Mid-Western, and Golden Horseshoe Leagues are in the process of becoming one league with three conferences. In doing so, they too will form a league Executive Committee to facilitate their mutual needs, eliminating overlap, while maintaining the ability for each to manage their season as at present.

Canadian Development Model

Changes to affiliation impacted the rural categories C and D to a greater extent than the higher categories. Further consideration of affiliations in rural communities needs to be considered. The lack of back up goaltenders at D became apparent during playoffs. Due to accident and serious illness coupled with high school hockey and the ages of goaltenders on rural midget teams, many times one or both 15 years old, no back ups or appeal processes were available. As well, the potential growth of non-sanctioned teams continues to be monitored and of concern especially for NOJHL teams.

Rule Emphasis

The new rule emphasis added a new dimension to the game as teams and officials alike adjusted to the new format. The emphasis was implemented with much less disruption to the game than had been expected.

A well defined and implemented information program by the officiating community helped speed the adjustment for teams and officials alike.

The B leagues piloted use of two referees and two linesmen for their season and will be discussing pros and cons with the OPJHL who are considering the possibility. Teams indicated fewer fights, less after whistle interaction, and better acceptance of penalties were apparent. Consistencies game to game and throughout the season, positioning, and cost are factors for discussion. Teams expressed interest in the recruitment of and development of officials to meet current and future needs and in general are indicating a greater interest in supporting development in the officiating program.

In all, the junior season in Ontario went well.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Phibbs
Chairman
OHF Junior Council



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2006 – 2007 ODHA JUNIOR REPORT

The ODHA has completed yet another successful season, but as the season closes, the many dedicated volunteers who are the backbone of Junior Hockey in our branch are already at work ensuring that yet again Junior Hockey flourishes in our Branch. To all the people, I say a heartfelt Thank You.

Junior “A” hockey in our branch continues to flourish with 10 teams participating in the Central Junior “A” Hockey League. Congratulations to the Pembroke Lumber Kings, the League Champions,, who won the right to advance to the Fred Page Cup in St. Jerome Quebec. The Central Junior “A” Hockey League will be expanded next year with a new franchise playing out of Kemptville.

The 2005 -2006 edition of the Eastern Ontario Junior “B” Hockey League once again consisted of 4 divisions, 19 ODHA teams, 2 Hockey Quebec teams, and one from the OHA. The League demonstrated tremendous balance, and congratulations goes to the “Alexandria Glens” as this year’s Champions.

Junior “C” Hockey in the branch continues to produce another viable option for player with the 8 teams in the Eastern Ontario Junior “C” Hockey League. Seven teams from the ODHA and the new La Peche team from Hockey Quebec. Congratulations to the East Ottawa Thunder as the EOJCHL Champions. East Ottawa Thunder defenseman Marc Dumas was named Playoff MVP.

To All member of Junior Council and on behalf of all participants, thank you and keep up the fantastic efforts.

Respectfully submitted

Dwaine Barkley
Vice President, Junior ODHA

Member of





Junior Council

Dear Friends,

Junior Hockey in Quebec is in constant progression. We are especially happy with the reorganisation, three years ago, of the Junior «AA» Division (Junior «B»).

Close to 70 teams are registered in this hockey group, which brings up back to the numbers registered in 1975-76.

We believe that the implementation of a new structure for the Pee Wee AA, Bantam AA, Midget Espoirs and Midget AAA under the umbrella with our different partners in all Quebec regions will only be beneficial to Junior Hockey in our Branch.

The Quebec Junior AAA League and the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League are precious partners in the development of the Hockey Québec's entire hockey network.

Thank you to every one for your cooperation,

André Lalonde
Operations Director



Conseil Junior

Cher Amis,

Le hockey junior au Québec est en constante progression. Nous sommes surtout très heureux de la réorganisation depuis trois ans de la division Junior « AA » (Junior « B »).

Près de 70 équipes sont enregistrées dans ce groupe de hockeyeurs, ce qui nous ramène au nombre déjà enregistré en 1975-1976.

Nous croyons qu'avec la mise en place d'une nouvelle structure depuis quelques années pour les divisions Pee-wee «AA», Bantam «AA», Midget Espoir et Midget «AAA», le tout en collégialité avec les différents partenaires de toutes les régions du Québec sera que bénéfique pour le hockey junior de notre branche.

La ligue de hockey junior « AAA » du Québec ainsi que la ligue de hockey junior majeur du Québec sont de précieux partenaires dans le développement de tout le réseau de Hockey Québec.

Merci à tous pour votre collaboration.

Le directeur de la régie

André Lalonde

Hockey New Brunswick Junior Commission ANNUAL REPORT

The HNB Junior season concluded with four teams registered in Junior A, one in Junior B and 12 in Junior C.

Junior A

The Moncton Beavers reached the Maritime Junior A Hockey League Semi-finals but eventually lost in seven games to the Summerside Capitals. The Beavers applied for and were granted the right to host the 2009 Fred Page Cup.

On a sadder note, the Woodstock Slammers' bus was involved in a serious accident while on route to a game in P.E.I. Fortunately, there were no fatalities although assistant coach Bob Vail was seriously injured and had to be air transported to Halifax. He has since been transferred to Fredericton where he continues to be treated.

Junior B

The Madawaska 506 was the only team registered in Junior B. The team participated in a Quebec AA Junior League for the second consecutive season and represented Hockey New Brunswick at the Don Johnson Cup, the Atlantic Junior B Championship.

A renewed interest in Junior B franchises has emanated from Moncton, Saint John and Richibuctou.

Junior C

The 12-team New Brunswick Junior Hockey League once again experienced a very successful operation. Dieppe-Memramcook won the provincial title by defeating Richibuctou in overtime.

Hosts Shediac-Cap-Pelé won the Maritime-Northern Canadian Junior C Championship by defeating Dieppe-Memramcook in double overtime.

Hockey PEI Jr. Council Report 2007 AGM

Presented at the 2007 Hockey Canada AGM

The two participating teams of the Maritime Junior A Hockey League (Charlottetown Abbies and Summerside Capitals) enjoyed great seasons again with the league. The Summerside Capitals reached the league semi-finals before bowing out in seven games to the eventual league champions Woodstock Slammers.

The Island Junior Hockey League (Jr. B) had another successful season with 5 teams competing in the league. The Kensington Vipers captured the Island Championship and represented the branch at the Don Johnson Cup. The team would lose out in the semi finals to the eventual champion.

The Don Johnson Cup remains to be a great event for junior players in Atlantic Canada. However, again we must review again the existing format of teams that participate and ensure that the event remains competitive. PEI is proud to host this event again next season.

The Minor Junior C league ran a successful 6 team competitive schedule. North River and Sherwood battled to a deciding game in the league final with Sherwood coming out on top and represented the Island at the Atlantic Championships.

All Junior leagues enjoyed great fan support throughout the year and especially in the playoffs.

The Canadian Development Model caused little concern this season from our junior teams and leagues. With the adaptations from the 2006 AGM, the model is now much easier to understand and implement for our junior teams.

One area of concern around the CDM is the application of the affiliation rule with major junior teams. There was one case in particular that the CDM that impacted our branch directly. The rule regarding affiliation was completely ignored in the Quebec major Junior League. Such ignorance of the rule causes troubles for other junior teams that retain the playing rights of these affiliated players. This is a big issue and who that must be addressed by this council and Hockey Canada for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Clifford Affleck
Hockey PEI
Junior Council Chair

HOCKEY CANADA

NOMINATION FORM

I **Karen Phibbs** is hereby being nominated for the office of **Junior Hockey Council Representative** within Hockey Canada for the 2007-09 hockey seasons. The nomination of the above person is endorsed by the following Branches (Home Branch plus two other Branches):

Ontario Hockey Federation
Saskatchewan Hockey Association
British Columbia AHA

II **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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Give a brief history of your hockey involvement (minimum 10 years)

2006/07 Ontario Hockey Federation

- **Junior Council Chairman**
- **Co-Chair Minor Junior Development Fee Committee**
- **Junior Rep: CDM Development Model Budget Subcommittee, Championship, Strategic Planning Committee**

Ontario Hockey Association

- **Chairman of the Board**
- **Committees: Finance, Manual, Referee Executive Committee, Jr. B Joint League Committee, Team Captain Appeals**
- **Category Chairman**

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- **Marketing Committee Chairman**

- 2004/06**
- Ontario Hockey Federation**
- Junior Council Chairman
 - Junior Rep: Finance, Championship, Registration Committees
 - Chairman National & International Events Committee (05/06)
- Ontario Hockey Association**
- Vice-Chairman
 - Committees: Finance, Referee Executive Committee, Manual, Appeals Committee Team Captain
 - Category Chairman
- 2002/04**
- Ontario Hockey Federation**
- Board Member OHA Member Partner
 - Junior Rep Finance Committee
- Ontario Hockey Association**
- Junior Chairman
 - Committees: Finance, Referee Executive Committee, Manual, Appeals Committee Team Captain
 - Category Chairman
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- 2001/03**
- Ontario Hockey Federation**
- Board Member OHA Member partner
 - Junior Rep Finance Committee
 - Minor/Junior Committee Chairman (01/02)
- Ontario Hockey Association**
- Board Member
 - Appeals Committee Team Captain
 - Category Chairman
- 1997/01**
- Ontario Hockey Federation**
- Minor/Junior Committee
- Ontario Hockey Association**
- Board Member
 - Committees: Finance, Appeals, Manual
 - Category Chairman

Previous:

- 1996/98 Ontario Hockey Federation**
- **Minor Junior Committee Chairman**
 - **18 Month study and report of Minor and Junior system in the OHF, minor/junior relationships, and recommendations**
 - **Western Junior B League Secretary Treasurer (1986-96)**
 - **Co-owner London Nationals Jr. B Team (1986-96)**
- 1984-86 Greater London Hockey Association**
- **Board Member (Treasurer)**
 - **Asst. Coach AAA Bantams (Intermediate Coaching Certification)**
- 1977-84 St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association**
- **General Manager and Asst. Coach through those years on competitive teams: Juvenile, Midget, Bantam, Atom**
 - **Board Member – Secretary Treasurer (77-80), Vice President (80-84)**

III State Briefly your comments on each of the following:

- A) Personal objectives for the 2007-09 hockey seasons.**

To represent and further the interests of junior hockey within Hockey Canada, in partnership with its members and Councils, by contributing to the improvements and success of its programs.

- B) Long range personal objectives.**

To participate within the Hockey Canada system in the development and implementation of hockey programming and policies that create continued enthusiasm for and knowledge of the game thus providing opportunity for enjoyment and excellence for its participants, players, officials, volunteers and administrators.

C) Immediate objectives for Hockey Canada.

To meet its targeted objectives under the Strategic Plan.

To further Junior Council participation and objectives within Hockey Canada.

To integrate more fully B, C and D as part of Junior Council's regular meeting agenda.

To continue to build and reinforce its positive relationship and communications with Junior Council.

To achieve junior goals as well as those of the hockey community as a whole.

D) Long range objectives for Hockey Canada.

To pursue implementation of the Strategic Plan as staged through Council initiatives that coincide with the Plan,

To strengthen and grow policy, programs, and events within Hockey Canada programming.

To broaden grassroots programming recognizing that success in programs of excellence, national, and international competition rests on our abilities to achieve success through development.

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