

**Parkissimo Hockey League
Special Meeting
Friday, September 25, 2009**

Meeting was called to order by Craig Geekie at 7:30 p.m.
Craig thanked everyone for coming out again.

Attendance

Les Pedersen (Strathclair), Cory Lohowy (Minnedosa), Shannon Plett (Neepawa), Tricia Hunter (Shoal Lake), Richard Cleland (WayWay); Ken Tait (TriTown), Stu Scantlebury (Foxwarren), Duane Kent (Hamiota), Brent McMillan (Carberry), Rob Holden (TriTown), John Elmes (Brandon), Don Wilson (Brandon), Graham Garden (Brandon), Dean Lindenbach (Birtle), Jeri-Lynn Turnbull (Russell)
Executive: Craig Geekie, Allison Gamey, Tobi Geekie

Everyone introduced themselves and indicated the association they represented.

Minutes from Fall Meeting

Allison read the minutes.

Corrections to the minutes

- 1.) Chuck Roenen in attendance should have read Chuck Roeder.
- 2.) Harold Cloud in the non member correspondence should have read Harvey Cloud.

Motion to adopt: Carberry; Seconded: Tri-Town Carried

New Business

Craig touched on the course of events leading up to the meeting and explained the executive's position. Attached is a copy of these events as emailed to each association prior to the meeting.

Craig explained that we had called the meeting due to the fact that two (2) associations had responded to the bulk email (sent by John Elmes - attached) in support of letting a Brandon Peewee team enter the league and to allow them to enter was going outside the constitution and therefore a meeting was deemed necessary.

John Elmes, Don Wilson and Graham Garden spoke on behalf of Brandon.

The floor was opened to questions for the Brandon representatives. Brandon representatives were then asked to leave the room.

There was much discussion regarding the situation.

Brandon Major Peewee A team be accepted into the Parkissimo Hockey League for the 2009 – 2010 season on the condition that they forfeit and repost their \$500.00 bond.

Motion: Carberry Seconded: Hamiota DEFEATED (8 – 2)

Brandon Reps were called back into the room and Craig informed them of the decision that had been made and welcomed them to apply again next year.

Other Business

Confirmation of teams:

Novice and Atom teams remain the same as at fall meeting.

Peewee: Neepawa not sure 1 or 2 teams.

Bantam: Carberry – 1 team, Neepawa – 2 teams.

Craig gave Wayway and Shoal Lake/Birtle bantam teams a deadline of Sept. 30 to confirm.

Craig Requested that ice times and contact info is to be in by Oct. 1.

Game sheets and Invoices were available.

The Parkissimo Squirt League Tournament will be held Feb. 5 – 7 in Strathclair.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.: Tri-Town

The following Constitution changes were suggested through out the meeting for discussion at the spring meeting:

1. No motion will be made at the spring meeting regarding acceptance into the league.
2. Including “No team shall be accepted after the fall meeting.” Some where in the constitution.
3. Voting in teams rather than associations i.e. accepting Wayway Bantam to the league in the motion not accepting Wayway.
4. Set a deadline to withdraw teams (suggested 7 days after meeting or Sept. 30)
5. Ensure that the section regarding having a delegation at the fall meeting is very clear.

Issue regarding the entrance of Brandon PeeWee to the Parkissimo League.

Series of events that occurred Monday, September 21

- Received a call from Graham Garden coach of the Brandon PeeWee team in question. A call only to ask about receiving a schedule and general inquiries. No inquiry regarding the fall meeting and if Brandon had been accepted. Craig informed Graham that they were not in as a result of their absence from the fall league meeting.
- Craig received a follow up call from the Brandon Minor Hockey executive with questions as to why they were not in the league. They were under the impression that it had been decided at the spring meeting that they were. Craig communicated to them:
 - That the motion made in the spring stated they required formal approval in the fall.
 - That the other two teams involved in that motion were present at the fall meeting and presented their case to join the Parkissimo League
 - Said he would talk to the executive and confirm what the constitution stated.
- Brandon claimed that they were not aware of the fall meeting date as they had left the spring meeting early. They had two reps present at the spring meeting and the date of the meeting was posted on the Parkissimo website June 23 along with Craig's contact information.
- Discussion was held among the Parkissimo League executive (Craig Geekie President, Tobi Geekie Treasurer, Allison Gamey (Secretary) and Jeri-Lyn Turnbull (Vice-President)). It was decided that we would uphold the decision made at the meeting to allow only the teams that presented to enter the PeeWee division(s) of the Parkissimo league. In addition we acted by the Parkissimo League constitution that simply states under the By-Laws section item #7 – Towns applying to get into the League shall apply in writing to the League prior to the fall meeting and a delegation from the community must be present at that meeting to state their intentions.
- Craig called Graham Garden to advise of the decision not allowing the entrance of the Brandon Major PeeWee team into the Parkissimo Hockey League for 2009-2010 season. Graham asked whether there was anything else he could do and Craig said no.
- John Elmes of BMHA sent out a mass email to representatives without our knowledge and Craig received a second request from Graham Garden to reconsider. (See below)

From: [john and brenda](#)

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Cc: [Graham Garden](#) ; [Don Wilson](#)

Sent: Monday, September 21, 2009 11:40 PM
Subject: Pee Wee

Hello to all;

It appears that an error was made on my part and as a result Hockey Brandon appeared uninterested in becoming part of your association as we did not have an representative attend the fall meeting of Sept16th. I will make no excuse for my own failure in this matter and please do not view our none attendance as a form of disrespect to your association.

However; Hockey Brandon presently has 17 Pee Wee age players that have no league to play in so with that I must sincerely request that you revisit this decision. We are interested in being part of your league and after the April 1st spring meeting and the positive reaction that we recieved from that we changed our Pee Wee divisions to do so. We have ice slots allocated and the team to attend your association has already been selected. We are very much prepared..... We hope that we can resolve this quickly and positively

Again I must appeal to all of you not to let my own personal error result in a catastrophic ending to what I was hoping would become a great beginning. Once again; my sincere apologies to all of you in this matter.

John Elmes
3rd V.P.
Hockey Brandon

From: Graham Garden [mailto:ggarden@mts.net]
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2009 11:22 PM
To: geeksty@mts.net
Subject: League Play

Dear Craig,

I am writing this letter to appeal to your executive of the Parkissimo Hockey League to please reconsider the decision to leave our Pee Wee 12'A' team out of your league for the upcoming 09'-10' season.

I understand that your decision was based on our representatives being absent from your fall meeting and apologize for this. However, people and organizations make mistakes, and this was certainly a gross oversight. I am sure we would have been there knowing the importance of such a meeting. Regardless of the reason for the absence I am most concerned for the 17 kids and parents who knew nothing of this and have paid the fees and did the tryouts with the anticipation of competing in your league. I realize organizations have rules and bi-laws and that these are in place to support and protect its participants and spectators. I respect these and believe that they should be enforced. I also feel that this incident was an error not an ommission, and that sometimes we have the power to change things. This letter is about the kids we all coach and the game of hockey. As the coach of this team I am asking you to reconsider your decision, because the only losers here are the kids. The rest of us are volunteers and make mistakes from time to time. I am asking for a second chance, and do so with respect to the integrity of your league and its constitution.

Sincerely,

Graham Garden
Coach

