



The Acton Sabres have the green light as far as operating next season according to team president Bob Lovell.

Lovell and the rest of the Sabres executive decided at a meeting last week that they would pay the franchise renewal price of \$60 that must be in the hands of the Ontario Hockey Association by April 15.

Lovell said a booster club has been formed under the direction of Lee Vickery and that they are hoping to start fund raising as soon as possible.

One problem the club has had in the past is people willing to work to help the team function. Mr. Lovell said that to date there are approximately 25 to 30 people who have offered assistance and with their help things should become easier for the executive members.

Last year the Sabres operated with a skeleton crew at the helm and it left little time to concentrate on the team itself.

Dave McGilloway recently passed his variation tango dance at a Kitchener-Waterloo test day.

The dance is one of which David needs to pass before he can participate in the competitive dance of figure skating.

A congratulations and thank you are in order for the people who give their time to organizing, coaching and helping out with Legion Minor Hockey.

The group completed another successful year at the annual 'Day of Champions'. Over 15 players received individual awards during the day and six teams copped championships.

The group works many hard hours preparing game sheets, fixing equipment and finding the needed volunteers.

To them thank you and see you next hockey season.

There was a good turnout for the Acton Industrial Baseball League at the Community Centre on Sunday with approximately 50 people registering for the coming season. There is still one registration date (Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m.) at the Community Centre. Teams will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

The Acton Merchants fastball team begin workouts tomorrow night (Thursday) at the McKenzie-Smith Middle School gymnasium. According to coach Ray Graham the team is looking at an entirely Acton line-up and anyone who feels they can make the club should be at the work-out.

League play for the Merchants begins on the May 6 weekend.

The Streetsville Derbys are still at it. The Derbys captured another Central Ontario Junior 'B' hockey crown last week defeating the Oakville Blades in five games.

The win moves the Derbys into OHA semi-finals where they are facing the Metro champion Oshawa Legionnaires. First game of the series was slated for last night (Tuesday) in Oshawa with game two at the Vic Johnson arena in Streetsville on Thursday night and game three in Streetsville on Friday.

500 Club

Winners of the Acton Minor Hockey 500 Club draw for the week of March 24 included Shirley Broostad 85, Mollie Ailsop 44, George Hargraves 201, Dave Richards 497, and Dot Deford 384.

This week's winners include Flo Rocher 43, Dianne Fatt 67, Lois McRae 441, Rheta Goodwin 234, and George Lockerbie 316.

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Acton Figure Skating Club elected its new executive at their annual meeting at the Community Centre last week. Members include front row l. to r. Bob Gardner, Isabel Christenson, Sheila Wilson, Cathy Oakley, Carol Campbell, back row. Fran McKnight,

Pat Gardner, Mona Petrillo, Simon Christenson, Tony Brain, Anne Perry and Nan Cargill. Missing were Edna Edge, Sharon Ford, Anne Grenoe, Marie Lawson, Babs Mitchell and Shirley Skeggs.

Interested persons volunteer help to figure skating club

The Acton Figure Skating Club will operate again next season.

Approximately 30 interested people showed up at the Community Centre to voice opinions and volunteer their help in organizing the club's program for next year.

A few weeks ago in the Free Press an article appeared about the possibility of the club going under and asking all interested parents to attend the March 27 meeting.

One new executive member Tony Brain

summed it up simply "I look it for granted and when I got the flyer about possible disbanding I felt guilty." Other parents at the meeting projected the same feelings.

The main topic of discussion seemed to be the lack of communication between the club's executive and parents. The group talked for over an hour on the problem but came away almost empty.

Long time member of the Acton Figure Skating Club Gary DeBruyn answered some of the

questions about the communication problems by stating problems the club had over ten years ago. "The things we are arguing about tonight are the same things discussed over ten years ago," said DeBruyn, "and no matter what is decided, there will still be a problem for someone."

There was no vote at the annual meeting although there was to be an election of officers. Anyone wishing to run for office had to be nominated prior to the meeting by order of the skating club's constitution. No one would run against the nominating committees selections.

Sheila Wilson is the new Acton Figure Skating Club president

with Cathy Oakley as vice-president. Bob Gardner will remain as the group's treasurer as will Carol Campbell as secretary.

Isabel Christenson is past president. Club directors include Nan Cargill, Edna Edge, Sharon Ford, Anne Grenoe, Pat Gardner, Simon Christenson, Tony Brain, Marie Lawson, Fran McKnight, Babs Mitchell, Mona Petrillo, Anne Perry and Shirley Skeggs.

The group's 'pop concert' will be held at the Community Centre on Saturday April 7 at 2 p.m. The concert replaces the ever popular carnival.

Moms top Elora in W-W consolation

Acton Minor Hockey Moms are currently leading their Waterloo-Wellington consolation final with Elora one game to none after a 4-2 win in Elora.

Elora opened the game scoring in the first period but it took the Acton team only one minute to even the count as Jason O'Neil found the net with assistance John Van Dam and Gord Taillefer.

Elora regained the lead early in the second period but again Acton fought back within a minute to even the score. This time it was Van Dam who tallied the goal while Tommy Atherton and Paul Kilpatrick picked up assists.

Acton struck again before the period ended as Jason O'Neil scored his

second of the game to give the locals the lead for the first time. John Van Dam assisted on the play.

Tommy Atherton added the insurance marker in the final frame as he found the range with help from Van Dam. The second game of the series is slated for the Community Centre tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m.

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Rebel gymnasts top Acton

Acton High School gymnastics team continue to prepare for the upcoming Halton East gym championships.

Last week the local team hosted an invitational meet with schools from Georgetown and Nelson of Burlington also competing. The locals did well in the novice class, finishing with an accumulated total of 37.5 points, 15 better than runner-up Georgetown although Georgetown took the overall title.

Trish Renton was Acton's top performer in the novice category, taking first place honors on the uneven bars and beam and holding second in the floor exercise. Linda Whiffin also placed well for the Redmen, copping first in the vault and second on the bars. Sylvia Bourassa was the other Acton gymnast to take a first. She topped

Winners

To help conclude the festivities of 'Day of Champions' at the Community Centre on the weekend the Legion sponsored a draw with the first prize of a portable television going to Jim Gordon of Agnes Street and second prize of a radio going to Joan Porty of Cobblehill Road.

the field in the floor exercises and then added a third on the bars. Lori Drysdale placed second on the beam for Acton.

Acton's junior team did not place quite as well as the novice squad, allowing Georgetown to take first in every event. Barb Wilson led the Redmen with two second place showings, in the uneven bars and on the

beam. Chris Vasallo added a second in the vault and Cindy Brulliard finished third on the beam.

The Redmen intermediate team had only two gymnasts competing, with Zonya Baker placing first in the vault and Julia Sit finishing third on the beam.

Overall, Acton placed second with 65.5 points

while Georgetown totalled 102.5 for first. Lord Nelson wound out the competition with 47 points.

Today (Wednesday) the junior and intermediate teams from Acton High will be at Perdue, Oakville, competing in the Halton East championships. The novice team will be idle until the end of April when they travel to Georgetown for their Halton East meet.



Acton High gymnast Julia Sit goes through her bar routine at an invitational gym meet in Acton last week. Today (Wednesday) the local Junior and intermediate teams are at the Halton East Meet at Perdue High School in Oakville.

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