

# Report has AMHA in red

'So does anybody want to make a donation?'

by Dianna Waltmann

The news was doom and gloom at the Acton Minor Hockey Association's annual general meeting Sunday at the Community Centre. Twenty people attended the meeting.

The Association, despite a successful year, is \$1,297 in debt, thanks to both inflation and some thieves who broke into the arena last summer and stole \$1,500 worth of goaltender equipment.

Ice fees took a large chunk out of cash receipts, reported treasurer Joan Yalowica, costing them a whopping \$14,945. Equipment cost another \$4,633 while referees cost \$3,237.50.

Meanwhile the AMHA collected \$4,875 from allstar registration and more than \$1,600 from sponsors, among other sources. They have \$675.13 in the bank that belongs to the 500 Club, she said and added, "We've broke."

"So does anybody want to make a donation?"

President Bruce Cargill said although the goaltender equipment was insured, they only collected \$365 from the agency, while it cost \$1,500 to replace it.

This summer he added, the executive will attempt to rent room at a local warehouse for storing equipment.

As for the debt he said, "I guess we should have put registration up this year, but we don't like raising our rates. Still our costs are going up too."

To offset the debt, he added, the AMHA has no alternative but to raise rates this fall.

"We haven't figured out the increase yet," Cargill said, "but it will be close the ice increase."

Ice costs may be going up an extra \$5 an hour. With more games scheduled and fewer cancellations, he said the Association can't absorb the increase.

Other than that Cargill added, "I don't have any good news."

He said registration will be moved to August in order to have allstar teams ready for an earlier start in the season. Coaches will know who they are and teams they will direct by the end of June. Early registration should help them choose teams, Cargill said.

He added the Association hasn't spoken with the Legion Minor Hockey Association, who runs the registration, but said if they don't want to move up the date, the AMHA will go it alone.

The other major change has Acton competing against stronger teams next season, although they remain in the Mantle division of the Hub league.

Cargill said league organizers "in their wisdom" felt Acton to be one of the stronger centres, so they were moved to a higher-caliber league.

They will be playing Brantford second, Guelph second, Hespeler, Preston and Waterloo second.

Fergus, Elora and New Hamburg have moved to the Doherty Division, along with Galt second, Kitchener Green and Kitchener White.

The top division in the league, Newton Division, has Galt, Kitchener second, Stratford, Woodstock and Woolwich.

In the Mantle, teams play a home and home interlock schedule with the Newton division as well as each team within their own division three times for a total of 25 games.

Cargill reported that both Fergus and Elora were unhappy about the change in divisions but added he didn't think he would hear any complaints from Acton teams about not playing New Hamburg.

## Ticket prices rise

# Inflation hits 500 Club

The Acton Minor Hockey Association (AMHA) is going ahead with their proposed changes to the fund-raising 500 Club draw, they announced at the general meeting Sunday.

Instead of five draws a week for 30 weeks for \$30, with a trip to Hawaii as the grand prize, the Association is going with their second proposal to give away a \$10,000 car and continue with two weekly elimination draws for \$50 for 25 weeks.

As expected, ticket prices will increase to \$50.

AMHA president Bruce Cargill said although the 500 Club is a popular lottery (every ticket has been sold this year), the system is outdated.

# Constitutional changes adopted

The Acton Minor Hockey Association adopted 19 new items to their constitution during the annual general meeting Sunday at the Community Centre.

All proposed items were unanimously voted in by the 20 people as well as the executive, who attended.

The first amendment changed the term Waterloo-Wellington, the now defunct league, to AMHA in all appropriate places.

A ninth item was added to page one saying "no team official shall enter into financial arrangements of any kind without the consent of the AMHA president."

Criteria for election of the executive has been changed slightly. To be elected president, a person must have served on the AMHA executive (directors included) for at least one year in the previous three years. The Association also moved any interested person may contest any position on the proposed slate of officers.

Previously anyone opposing had to suggest an entire new slate.

However, anyone contesting must notify the secretary in writing at least 14 days before the annual meeting, so she may advertise their intentions in the newspaper.

The executive's proposed slate of officers is published three weeks prior to the annual meeting.

As far as staying in the Hub league, Cargill said he feels it is a far better organization than tri-county, although there is more travel involved.

Last season was the first Acton was involved in the Hub league. Six out of eight teams advanced to the championship game.

Both Cargill and vice-president Herb Dodds said there would be no relief coming in the amount of playoff games played, although Hub league playoff structure could change.

Dodds said right now the league is looking at the top four teams in division entering the best three-out-of-five semi-finals with the two winners meeting on championship day.

Under this system however, he said, several teams could be knocked out of action as early as February 1, if they also lose OMHA playoffs. He said many other centres are also unsatisfied with play of structure so it may change. But he stressed, they would definitely not have round robin Continued on B2



Teresa Dunn of Acton High School flies through the air in the midjet girl long jump event at the Halton County secondary school track and field meet yesterday (Tuesday) in Etobicoke. Results of the meet will be published in next week's issue. Thursday, AHS competed in the preliminary sprint events in Burlington. There the AHS junior boys relay team dominated.

## Track records broken at Halton preliminary

Both Gord March and George Gidman set new school records as well as qualified for the Halton secondary school track and field championships held yesterday in Etobicoke after the preliminary sprints Thursday in Burlington.

March raced in both the midjet boys 200 and 400 metre runs, setting a new school record of 55 seconds in the latter and placing second amongst qualifiers.

Gidman also placed second amongst qualifiers in the junior boys 400 metre race, running at a record-breaking 52.3 seconds.

Also qualifying for the Halton's were Clifford Nibbs in the midjet boys 100 and 200 metre races, Les Dobisz and Tom McDonough in the junior boys 100. Dobisz also qualified in the junior boys 200 metre.

Other competitors who didn't qualify in sprinting events were Norman Bourassa, Mike Mooney, Sally Briggs and Carrie Martin.

Paul Nolan competed in the javelin, but failed to qualify for the Halton's.

Nevertheless AHS sent a blockbuster team to yesterday's county championships, including the junior boys' relay team of Gidman, Dobisz, Mike Mooney and Nibbs.

That team warmed up for the Halton's by competing in the Michael Power track meet Friday in Toronto.

Coach Lyn McLaren said they were outstanding, running sixth in a "tough" meet with a time of 45.74, breaking a school record and running their personal best.

Gidman was top performer in the individual events Saturday, placing seventh out of 49 competitors from the Toronto area in the 800. He ran a personal best of 2:05.4.

## Tennis club open house Sunday

Get out the racquets Sunday for the Acton Tennis Club's annual opening day festivities.

Activities include a round robin tournament and refreshments, all for only \$2, and is open to everyone—even non-members. Fun starts at noon.

They will however, be taking memberships at that time. Fees are \$40 for families (including children under 18), couples \$35, single \$20 (over 17) and juniors \$6 (under 18).

Besides various social activities such as Friday evening round robins, ladies section and the odd tournament, the Club features competitive tennis as well.

Anyone interested in mixed team inter-county tennis should contact Mike Morris at 853-2345. Practices will be held Sundays from 9-11 a.m. Home and away games will be played Thursday evenings.

The junior inter-county team will be headed by John Kavanagh and the ladies inter-county by Chris Sleen. Ladies play every Wednesday morning.

The popular round robin socials are returning, starting Friday at 7 p.m. Balls are supplied but there is a \$1.50 fee.

Ladies social tennis gets together Friday mornings from 9.30 to 11.30 starting June 5.

Dobisz placed 11th in the 100 metre dash and ninth in the 200 metre overall while Mike Mooney placed 15th in the 200. Nibbs also ran, but in junior instead of his midjet category.

Results of the Halton's were unavailable at press time.

Those qualifying at the Halton's will advance to the Peel-Halton's scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, also in Etobicoke. McLaren said he hopes the junior boy relay team, as well as some individual performers might advance to the regionals, later this month.

Last year the relay team, who at that point were in the midjet category and Sandra Brundie advanced to the regionals.

## Jennings' no-hitter sparks win

Move over Charlie Lea. You have company.

Halton Hills Metros chucker Butch Jennings pitched the first no-hitter of the Acton Industrial Fastball season, let alone his career, sparking the Metros 2-0 victory over Desmond's Tack Shop.

Not only that, Jennings beat the Montreal Expo pitcher Lea to it, performing his feat

way back on Saturday. Lea imitated Jennings' coup a whole day later.

Jennings struck out five batters and walked two for the win. Robin Incoe, and Dave Mills scored the Metros runs.

Saturday's victory was a pick-me-up for the Metros who lost their first game of the season last Wednesday night, falling 5-1 to Firestone Oldtimers.



Playoff champions of the Blue Springs Flower Shop bowling league are left to right Gladys Lockerbie, Beth McEachern, Deb Field, Marjorie Stuckless and Betty Hardie. Missing is Joan Papillon. The awards night and banquet was held Saturday evening at the Band Hall.



League champs are back row left to right Brenda Adams, Sue Walton. Front row: Edna Kennedy Cheryl Incoe, Maureen Saxon. Missing is Fay Turkosz.

Gary Masales, Don Archibald, Jose Birmingham and Fred Archibald crossed the plate for the Oldtimers.

Dick Spear touched home after slugging a two-bagger for the Metros.

The Dawe Real Estate Roadrunners continue their rampage, with Halton Hills Electric falling victim to a 2-0 trouncing Thursday.

Roadrunners jumped on pitcher Guy Payne, scoring seven runs in the first inning alone, adding another 10 in the second.

Hits came off the bats of Bill Routledge, Bruce MacPherson, Keith McKinnon, Don Richards, Chris Tennant, Gary Moore, Keith Fendley, Dave Black and Terry Holmes.

They dumped Fread Construction 5-2 Sunday. Tennant, Black and Fendley were the big hitters in the game battling doubles for Roadrunners.

Rick McArthur slugged a triple and a double for Fread. Barry Buchanan, Ruddy Holmes and Dan Arbie also slammed doubles.

In other games Sunday, Firestone Oldtimers nipped Unisal 6-5 thanks to a pair of circuit blowers from Gary Masales.

Masales drove in Jules Russiani on his first homer in the opening frame and sent Russiani across the plate in the fourth with his second four-bagger.

Denis Kirton, Ken Pilgrim, Al Bousefield, Rick Coe and Ian Campbell touched home for Unisal.

Sunday's third game was called after the sixth inning due to rather heavy mist, but the rain held off long enough for Halton Hills Electric to score a 13-9 win over the Bears (North Halton Sports). The fourth game was contested Monday night at Prospect Park with Halton Hills Furniture copping a 5-0 victory over Desmond's Tack Shop.

Chris Schuts battered a triple for Furniture. John Ahearn, Schuts, Bob Little and Bob Turkosz crossed the plate.

Furniture chucker Al Campbell held Desmond's to only four hits.

Action continues tonight with Furniture and the Bears meeting at Prospect Park. Game starts at 8.30 p.m.

Tomorrow Unisal battles the Roadrunners, at 8.30 p.m., and holiday Monday, starting at 2 p.m. Desmond's and Halton Hills Electric, Halton Hills Furniture and Roadrunners, Bears and Firestone Oldtimers, and Metros and Unisal square off.



M.M. Robinson nicked AHS midjets (striped shirts) in exhibition rugby action Thursday in Acton. This is the first year rugby is being played at AHS.