

# Four new faces on Gem executive

Bob Girdwood was acclaimed as the president of the Georgetown Gemini hockey club for the 1979-80 season at the annual meeting held at Cedarvale Sunday.

Girdwood, who has served as the team's secretary for the past two seasons, succeeds Bob Thompson. Thompson held the post for two seasons.

The first order of business for Girdwood will be the selection of a general manager. Bob Tost, who has held the post for the past two seasons, has indicated he may step down.

### HOPEFUL

However, Girdwood said

that he is still very hopeful that Tost will continue at the crucial position.

"I think Bob can be convinced to stay on," Girdwood said. "He will need a lot of help because being the general manager is a tough job now that there are 12 teams in the league."

Tost was present at the meeting and was elected to a director's position.

Norm Lockhurst, who served as assistant general manager last year, was also at the meeting and he too was elected to a director's position.

"I hope the two of them stay on in the general manager and assistant positions," the new president said. "There is no one who knows the league like they do."

Unlike last year, the Gems will not start the season with a full executive. The team's constitution states the team executive can have 12 people on the executive. Ten people accepted positions on the club's executive for the coming season.

Along with Girdwood, Tost and Lockhurst the executive will be composed of Shirley Simpson, Bob "Zeke" McCandless, Pat Doucette, Anne McMenemy, Bob

Thompson, Rick West and John McClements.

### NEWCOMERS

The newcomers are Doucette, McMenemy, West and McClements.

West also will take on the secretary's job. Simpson, a long time member of the executive, will stay on as treasurer. Doucette will be the second vice-president and McCandless the first vice-president.

Six other people were nominated for executive positions but they refused to stand. Bill Allison, Dean Taylor, Neil Cotton, George Hall, Jim Mackie and Bill Marcolini were all at the meeting and

nominated, but they refused to stand.

Cotton, Taylor and Mackie were all members of the team's executive last year.

There has been some doubt about the Gems operating a team for the coming season.

When Girdwood was asked if there will be a team, the new president quickly replied that there is no doubt in his mind that there will indeed be an entry from Georgetown in the Central Junior "B" hockey league.

Once Girdwood officially names a general manager, the first item on the team's agenda will be to name a coach.

The team has expressed interest in having Harold Schooley, who took over behind the bench midway through last season, return to the position.

Another important job for the executive will be securing the McLaughlin Group as its sponsor for the coming season. They sponsored the team for the first time last season.

In Simpson's financial report it showed that the team still has an overall deficit of \$8,125.02. There is some good news there. At the beginning of last year the deficit was approximately \$600 more.

## Broadbent, McCandless are Gem MVPs

Captain Bob McCandless and centre Andy Broadbent split the Most Valuable Player award presented at the Georgetown Gemini's awards dinner at the Legion Hall Friday.

Many members of the executive and other people associated with the club did not attend. Many of those may have been at the Georgetown Raider game held at Alcott Arena the same night.

The dinner also served as Bob Thompson's swan song. After two years, Thompson is stepping down as the team's president.

Thompson said in reviewing this past year that the team "must try and make the best of the situation".

"We have to resurrect" the outgoing president said. "There were some very positive things that happened last year".

The most positive aspect of last year's season was picking up a solid sponsor in the McLaughlin Group. "I think things really started going downhill once we had to

make the coaching change," he said.

Thompson also said that the fans can be convinced to watch Junior "B" hockey again if the players can provide an "entertaining, exciting" brand of hockey.

### YOUNG TEAM

"We went with a very hockey club this past year," he said. "If they all come back next year we should have a very good team".

The two major award winners, Broadbent and McCandless should both be back next year.

Broadbent was by far the most explosive Gem this year. Although he sat out many games with suspensions and injuries Broadbent, usually centering a line also including Steve Crossman and Marty Power, led the club in both assists and goals.

McCandless also sat out a few games under suspension. Although the defenseman was plagued with injuries throughout the campaign he missed a few games due to injury. He also played with more desire and intensity than any other player in the lineup.

This was the second year in a row the MVP award was split between two players. Last year Doug Barnes and Chris Milne split the award.

The other "player" award went to Greg Thompson and

Marty Power. This award goes to the player(s) showing the most improvement through the course of the year.

Both Thompson and Power played with the Gems as first year juvenile players. They should be among the top Gems next year.

The Executive Award,

going to the executive member who the president decides has made the greatest contribution to the club through the course of the year, was presented to Zeke McCandless.

The players also showed their appreciation to general manager Bob Tost and coach Schooley by presenting the two with beer mugs.



Marty Power and Greg Thompson split the Most Improved Player Award at the annual Gemini dinner.

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Andy Broadbent, the team's leading scorer, and captain Bob McCandless split the Most Valuable Player Award.



The Executive Trophy was presented to Zeke McCandless. Making the presentation was Bob Thompson, who served in his last role as the Gemini's president that night. (Herald photos)



General manager Bob Tost and coach Harold Schooley have a toast with the mugs presented as token of appreciation by the players. Making the presentation was captain Bob McCandless.