

Get together Marcolini tells hockey groups

The Georgetown Minor Hockey Support Group should try to work closer together with the Georgetown district minor hockey association, outgoing president Bill Marcolini said at the Support Group's meeting Sunday.

Marcolini declined a nomination to remain as president, and Karen Harrison, the first vice-president this past year, will step in as the new head on May 31.

Other people acclaimed or elected to the new executive were Pat Doucette, as 1st vice-president, Tom O'Brien as second vice-president, and Gloria Cull as Treasurer.

POSTS REFUSED

The meeting saw many people nominated for posts refuse them. Twelve people were nominated for the second vice-president post and 10 declined to stand. The secretary's post has been left vacant for the time being after nine people declined the nomination.

In his last sitting as president Marcolini said he thinks it is very important that the GMHSG and the GDMHA work closer together in the future.

"Both organizations would be so much better off if they

worked together," he said. "I think the new executives should get together as soon as both are elected."

Marcolini suggested that two members of each executive be appointed to work at unifying the two groups. Don Davis, president of the GDMHA was present at the meeting and he too expressed that he would like to see the two groups working together.

"Somebody has got to bend before the two groups get together," Marcolini said. "Since we have 10 teams and they have approximately 50 it will probably be us."

SELECTING COACHES

Another major point of discussion at the meeting which was attended by approximately 35 people was who should have the ultimate power to select the coaches of teams.

An amendment to the constitution states that, "All coaches are to be governed and approved by the coaching staff which consists of the coaching co-ordinator, and two head coaches who are appointed by the GMHSG executive offices."

Many people felt that the amendment will give the three members of the coach-

ing staff absolute power in interviewing and selecting coaches. The three members of the coaching staff are co-ordinator Ed Reiger and head coaches Bob Webster and Fred Harrison.

Some members of the executive felt that the whole group should make the ultimate decisions on who coaches the team.

"The coaches are the most important people in the whole group," Bob "Zeke" McCandless said. "We should all have input as to hold those positions." He felt the extra time it would take for the whole group to make the decisions would be time well spent.

Dean Taylor who chaired the amendment changes part of the meeting, said that the amendment is worded so that the executive does have the right to veto selections made by the coaches.

"Nowhere in the amendment does it say that the coaches have the final say in the selection of the coaches," Taylor said.

"It is important that we have a Coaching Staff for the whole group", Webster said. "It is the trend everyone is going and it is also a step towards having one coaching philosophy throughout the age groups."

"We (the coaching staff) learned a lot this first year, Webster said, "the rewards will come in the future."

In the end the people present voted overwhelming to institute the amendment.

MOVED UP

Another important amendment in the constitution will allow coaches to move up with their teams for a maximum of two years. That means a coach can have the same boys for three years. Previously there was an unwritten law that coaches did not move up with their teams.

"It is hard for a coach to teach boys everything in just one year," Webster said. "If he has two or three years with a boy he will see his problems more easily and better pace his work with him."

One criticism of having the coaches move up with their teams was that a coach can build up prejudices against certain boys over a few years.

"In picking our coaches we hope in getting mature adults who will work for the boys and the teams and not let personalities interfere in their judgements", Webster said. That amendment also

passed easily.

FOUR OTHERS

There were four other amendments to by-laws already in the constitution.

There were also two additions to the constitution:

"Georgetown minor hockey support group encourages all support group coaches and manager to enroll in National Coaching Development Program and to achieve as a minimum a Level 1 standing by the start of the 1981 season."

"In addition the GMHSG in their selection of future coaches and managers will give preference to applicants holding National Coaching Certificates."

The two additions were brought forward by Ted and Ruby Wilkes and both passed easily.

MOTIVATION

"I think it is important that coaches take at least the level one," Mr. Wilkes said.

"There is more to coaching than teaching the fundamentals. How well can a coach motivate his players? The Development Program stresses the intangible aspects of coaching."

The other four amendments to the constitution were:

"All GMHSG teams will have a Head Coach, Assistant Coach and Manager."

"All GMHSG coaches, will strive to obtain certification under the National Coaches Certification program or equivalent."

"All coaches must express interest to coach for the

following season in writing to the President of the GMHSG by April 30, 1979."

"Coaches will be selected for the following season May 30, 1979."

Others, who in most cases were somewhat reluctant, accepting posts on the executive committee were Sid

Clark, Bruce Moody, Bryan Turner, Don Taggart, Barb Hanman, Al Adams, Sandy McMeekin, Bob Farley, Bruce Moody, Ted Wilkes, Wayne Pries, Shirley Simpson, Ruby Wilkes, Sheila Dixon and Ian Ward. Several others declined their nomination.

Sup clinic may be rare in fall

There is a strong possibility that there will be a "Super Clinic" for coaches in Georgetown this September. Joe Pentesco, vice-president of the Georgetown District Minor Hockey Association, revealed the plan at the Support Groups' annual meeting Sunday.

"The clinic should last through the weekend, begin-

ning on Friday night," Pentesco said.

"It will be meant as a refresher course for coaches, already holding their levels two or three and coaches with no classification can come out of it with their level two."

An exact date for the "Super Clinic" has not been set. However, Pentesco seemed certain that it will take place.

Milton Double A

Georgetown Rep teams will have company in the Double A Tri-county division this coming year.

Al Adams, who is a member of the Support Group as well as secretary for the Tri-county organization, said Milton has moved up in classification from single A to double A.

The Milton move will mean that Georgetown teams will have a tougher time qualify-

ing for the OMHA playdowns in coming years.

Previously Georgetown and Dundas were the only two Tri-county teams classified Double A. Most Georgetown teams had a fairly easy time defeating Dundas' teams to qualify for the playdowns. Next year with Milton, a town which usually has very strong clubs throughout their organization, should make it much tougher.



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