

# Minor sports organizations caught in no-win situations

It has been noted and written many times before but it bears airing once again. It often appears that being an unpaid volunteer worker in amateur sports - regardless of the venue - is a thankless job that often involves the individual in a no win situation. Especially at the community level, where far too many times the volunteer workers find themselves stuck between a rock and a hard place, trying to please everyone.

I am referring, of course to the Letter to the Editor, which appeared in the Jan. 24 edition of the Herald from Mrs. G. Adams of Ballinafad, criticizing some aspects of minor hockey in Georgetown.

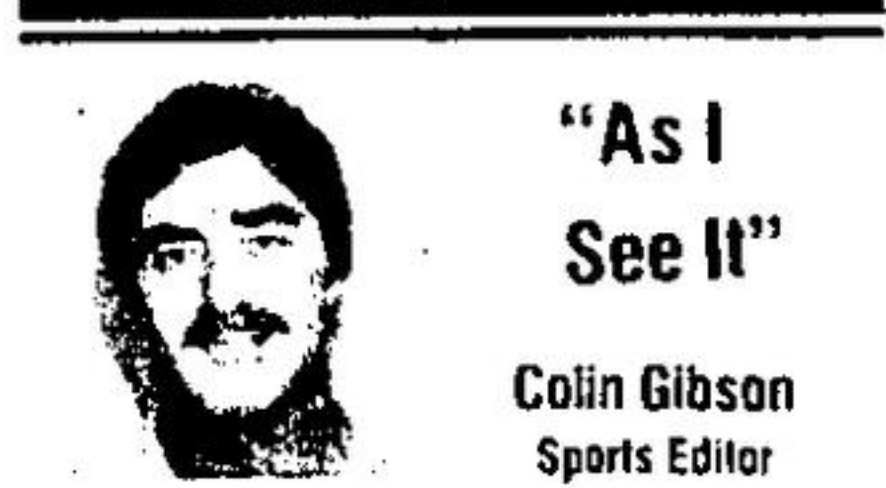
Hal Pells, a vice president with the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association replied to Mrs. Adams by letter, a copy of which appears in this week's Herald.

Mrs. Adams has all the right in the world to voice her complaints and by the same token, Mr. Pells, on behalf of the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association, has the right of reply.

GMHA president Carson Mininch assured this reporter that Mrs. Adams' complaints were discussed at an executive meeting and would be looked into thoroughly. Ah, but there is the rub.

The minor hockey association will be perceived as merely looking after its own interests, while Mrs. Adams, who obviously cares enough about hockey in Georgetown to go public with her concerns, will be perceived by some as muddying waters that best are left still and calm.

I have covered sports in different communities for a number of years and am still amazed when minor sports organizations and their so-called supporters come to log-



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gerheads with one another - and I'm not just referring to hockey.

The clashes have occurred in minor soccer, minor baseball, minor softball, minor lacrosse, on and on ad nauseum.

Both sides claim to be looking out for the best interests of the respective sports but what they can't - or refuse to - see is that they are tearing apart the actual fabric of the sport.

In my capacity as a sports writer and sports editor, I have covered a fair number of annual meetings involving different sports. I am always amazed when only a handful of "concerned supporters" show up at these affairs which are scheduled to air a number of issues including where the sport is headed.

Financial matters are addressed, executive members are held accountable for past problems, rules and bylaws are discussed and even personality clashes occur - but in a forum designed for the good of the sport, not its detriment.

All too often, executive members of a minor sports organization are blamed for situations beyond their control. Misconceptions, or if such is the case, accountability or at least explanations of situations that have arisen could and should be cleared up at annual meetings.

No one is totally wrong but by the same token, no one is totally right when problems arise in a minor sports organization. However, open and frank discussions are

needed between all parties to resolve major or minor problems.

The sport itself and the youngsters involved should be the prime concern. Annual meetings provide both the format and the forum for resolving differences and working together.

The 1990 Georgetown Minor Hockey Association annual meeting is scheduled for the second week in May. Hopefully, it will be well attended.

The Georgetown Youth Soccer Club has an important meeting scheduled for Feb. 26 at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. The general meeting will be used to discuss budget measures and the organization is hoping to attract some Select coaches.

Three tournaments will be paid for by the club for Select teams.

Soccer registration is scheduled for March 3 and March 31 at Cedarvale Park gymnasium between 2-5 p.m.

The Acton Minor Lacrosse Association will be holding its registration day Saturday, Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Acton Community Centre, for boys and girls aged 4-16 years.

For more information on the registration day or the organization itself, contact George Artem, 853-3804 or Wayne Young, 853-0797.

It appears fallout continues to rain down from the bitter squabble that erupted this past summer between the Ontario Hockey Association, the Ontario Minor Hockey Association and the Metropolitan Toronto Hockey League.

You will recall the MTHL wanted more power and wanted to deal directly with the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, thus bypassing the OHA.

The issue was finally resolved when a new hockey organization, the Ontario Hockey Federation, was formed with the three groups under one umbrella under the chairmanship of CAHA president Murray Costello.

Then a junior hockey division was revived within the MTHL and several teams jumped from the Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League to link up with the MTHL.

The Sutherland Cup, emblematic of Junior "B" hockey supremacy in Ontario, was won last year by the now defunct St. Michael's Buzzers.

However, the OHA runs the provincial playdowns for the Sutherland Cup and since the junior division in Toronto is registered through the MTHL rather than the OHA, the 12 teams in the league won't be allowed to enter Sutherland Cup play.



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# Beaver Lumber hits the heights

By WENDI GOODHEW  
Herald Special

After playing Burlington all year and never coming close to beating them coaches Markham, LaRose and Krause filled up the Beaver Lumbers' Black Machines with high octane gas and travelled to Burlington for yet another try at this top team.

This first game in a three-game playoff series proved to be the game of the year and after two periods of play the game was scoreless.

Quickster Joey Barber was nothing less than awesome. Burlington had many shots on net but Joey couldn't be beaten. Maddog Mike Maddill, Mighty Mike Krause and Demolition Dave Markham tied up Burlington along the boards, and made some nice passes.

Mini Model Dan Cabral just missed a few times against Burlington's tough goalie. Burlington scored late in the third only to rile Georgetown's players up.

Moose Joey Goodhew was cruising this game when he charged the blueline sending the puck up to our Heavy Chevy Robert McLeod who was really thinking when he flipped the puck out front and from nowhere Eager Beaver Ryan Smith appeared to bang the black rubber behind Burlington's goalie.

This put the game into a 10-minute overtime. Our guys were tired as Burlington had a full bench against our two lines.

Defence Birdman Judd Richardson and Grizzly Jeff Barr threw Burlington into a tailspin more than once. Tiger Jeff Telford and Moose Joey Goodhew threw up some nice barriers in our end to limit Burlington's scoring chances.

Ace Robert LaRose slipped into overdrive to pick up McLeod's rebound and banged it in Burlington's net to take the lead.

With 33 seconds left to play Burlington scored to tie the game, giving each team one point in the playoffs.

This was a great accomplishment for Beaver Lumber. Our second goalie Chris Hall played every shot from the bench and made sure he took care of his partner Joey between periods supplying him with a drink and words of encouragement. Georgetown met Burlington again Monday night on home ice.

P.S. Happy birthday, Alex!  
Drivers Markham, LaRose, McLeod and Krause made a pit stop with their Black Machines in Brampton Thursday night, and won 4-1. The three third period goals were scored while we were

shorthanded with men in the penalty box.

With two minutes left on the clock and one of our players off serving a penalty Brampton pulled their goalie and put six attackers against our four. We scored two goals in 18 seconds. Heavy Chevy Robert McLeod turned on the scoreboard three times for a hat trick while Eager Beaver Ryan Smith also left his mark on the scoresheet putting one by Brampton's goalie.

Mini Model Dan Cabral picked up an assist with a nice pass out front. Ace Robert LaRose's backchecking and quick thinking raked him up another assist this game to add to his collection.

Mighty Mike Krause, Demolition Dave Markham and Maddog Mike Maddill played tough along the boards shaking off some hard hits.

Defence Grizzly Jeff Barr and Birdman Judd Richardson were running in overdrive, stopping anything that moved in front of our net. Moose Joey Goodhew showed us you need a bulldozer to run him down when he stood his ground at the blueline. Joey also had an assist.

Tiger Jeff Telford played hard on defence to just miss on a few sizzling shots, and to get an assist for his hard work.

Quickster Joey Barber was in net and he was no easy pushover, he made some great saves even when he lost his stick.

Our other goalie Stretch Chris Hall kept the coaches fired up on our bench while cheering on his teammates. Georgetown will be tough to beat in playoffs, as a team they are hot!

## United Rental leads league

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
United Rental	15	13	0	2	86	39	28
McGibbon	15	9	4	2	63	45	20
Curwood	15	9	4	2	79	36	20
Station House	15	7	5	3	52	44	17
Hillier ReMax	15	7	5	3	71	54	17
Dodge ReMax	15	4	9	2	34	65	10
Arnies	15	2	11	2	39	69	6
Hawks	15	0	14	1	31	107	1

**GOALTENDERS AVERAGES**

Hulme/Hotham - McGibbon	36/15 - 2.40
Miller/Netten - United	39/15 - 2.60
Hillock/Maitly - Station	44/15 - 2.85
Tost/Densmore - Curwood	45/15 3.00

	GP	A	Pts.
Brian Beaumont, McGibbon	15	23	43
Doug Fry, United	10	23	33
Gary McFadyen, United	12	18	30
Tim Turner, Station	16	10	26
Mark Hamilton, Curwood	11	13	24
Dave Quinn, United	12	12	24
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