

Hardball 'no-go' for next year

It was a bittersweet result for the hardball sub-committee of Bob Davis, Frank DeBartolo and Jim Monaghan at Thursday's Rockwood-Eramosa Minor Baseball Association annual general meeting at Rockmosa.

The motion to offer the alternative of hardball in REMBA for the 1995 season was voted down.

However, the executive made a concession to allow one team in one age category to set up a hardball team and play in the Central Ontario Baseball Association next year as a pilot project.

"It was a disappointing result

and turnout," said Monaghan after the meeting that attracted just 19 people. "Unfortunately for our sub-committee there were more fastball hardliners at the meeting than people wanting hardball.

"I felt that we answered all the logical objections to introducing hardball in REMBA. However, we were voted down by people deciding with their hearts and not necessarily their heads."

Mike Vogel, an eight-year executive committee member, said on Monday that he was against introducing hardball carte blanche and more in favour of the pilot

project idea.

"There's going to be a demand for hardball," Vogel conceded, "but I don't know how overwhelming it will be ... I'm afraid we'll lose kids outside our centre if we don't offer it."

Monaghan felt the losers coming out of the meeting were the kids.

"They now have no alternatives for the upcoming summer," he charged. "The fastball people based their decision on *their* game being eventually squeezed out by hardball. If that's the case, then the kids have spoken.

In other news from the meeting, there were no objections to the year-end financial report, which noted a surplus of approximately \$2,000 in the kitty.

As well, the 1995 executive was announced. Because of the turnout, there was one new person voted to the board.

Sherry Thompson was voted in as secretary; Colin Langridge reluctantly assumed the presidency again, along with Mike Plunkett for first vice-president and Kurt Durski for second vice-president. And long-serving John Chapman will stay on for an unprecedented 14th term as treasurer.

Christmas concert at library Sunday

The Rockwood Library will ring with the sounds and songs of Christmas on Sunday as students of Rockwood music teacher Debbie Tilson stage their Christmas concert.

To kick off the holiday season, Tilson will present two afternoon concerts, from 2 to 3

pm and 3 to 4 pm.

Approximately 30 local students will showcase their vocal, guitar, piano and flute talents to music with a Christmas theme.

Admission is free but donations to a music library will be gratefully accepted.

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OFF TO OTTAWA! Rockwood's Krista Petty, right, receives Good Luck bouquet from Acton Figure Skating Club president Barb Metelka at the Acton Arena Friday. (Doug Harrison photo)

Local skater is off to Ottawa competition

Rockwood figure skater Krista Petty has qualified for the Eastern Division Canadian Figure Skating Championships.

The 16-year-old Acton Figure Skating Club member will leave for Ottawa with the Central Ontario team next Wednesday.

The top four competitors will advance to the national championships in Halifax in January.

Petty received top placing at the sub-sectionals competition earlier this month in Richmond Hill. Late she fought back at the sectionals to finish second, which enabled her to qualify for divisionals.

Krista is a student at J.F. Ross in Guelph. She is the daughter of Ken and Carol Petty. Sister Colleen and brother Kent both were top skaters with the Acton club.

LETTERS

'Speak up now' reader advises

To the Editor,

On Dec. 5, our newly elected council of Eramosa, minus the Reeve, will be taking the Oath of Office. On that same night they are quite likely to start deliberations on how to fill the vacant seat for Reeve.

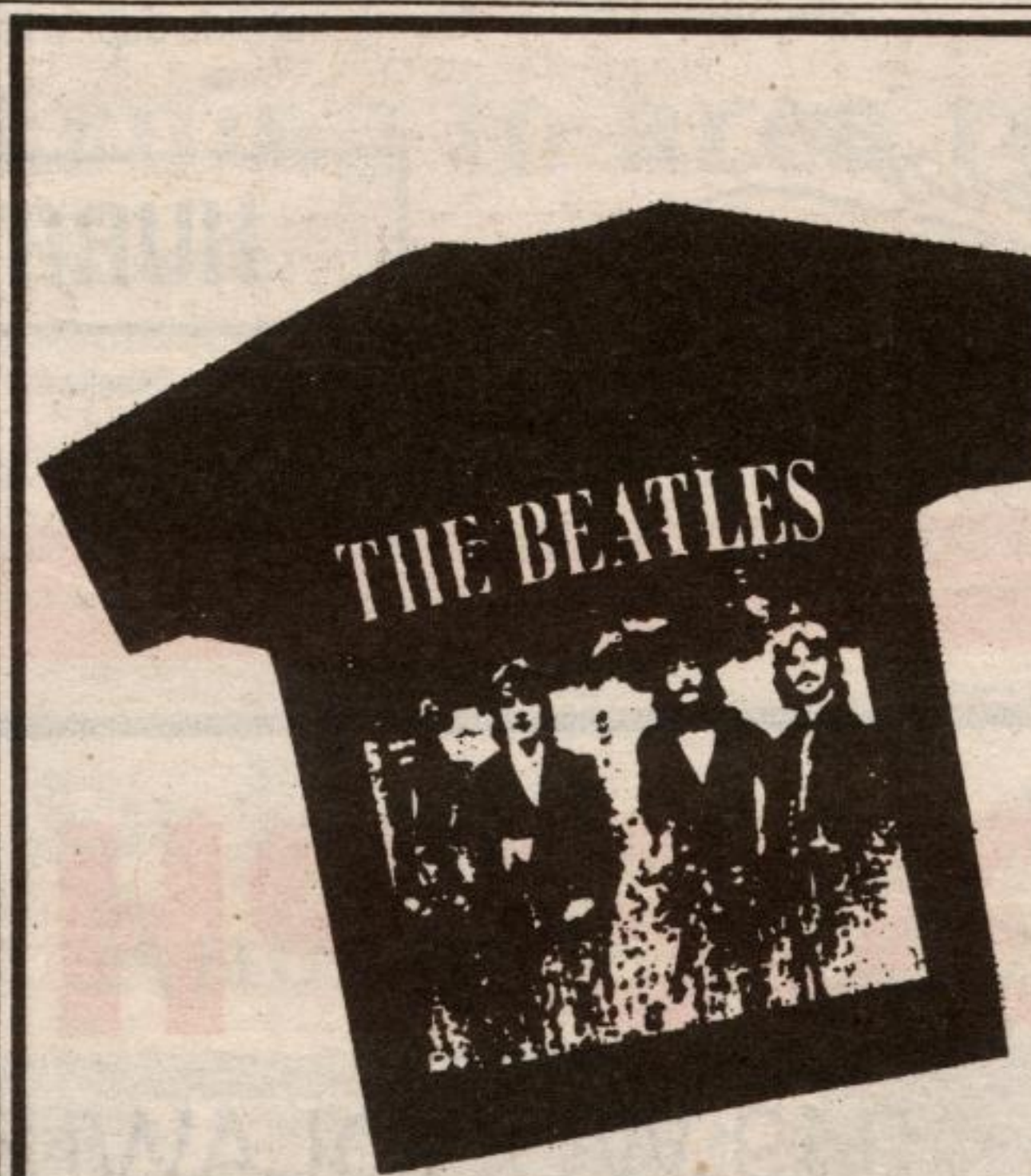
Some people suggest that the seat be filled by one of the already elected officials, to avoid the cost of an election (approx. \$8,000).

Others suggest that the Reeve's seat is too important to fill by appointment. They feel the councillors and deputy-reeve were not elected to fill any other position and are calling for a by-election.

So, what do you prefer? Make sure you let the four elected officials know your preference and why. Call them — not one of the people has been known to bite.

Speak up now or forever hold your peace.

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