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Minor hockey holds variety night

By FRED SIMPSON
 The annual meeting Monday night of the Richmond Hill Hockey Association had a little dash of everything in it.

It had the good news that the past season's operating revenues produced a \$4,848.56 surplus compared with the previous year's 14,000 deficit.

A dash of controversy was provided by the presence of Richmond Hill Midget B coach Wyman Cole and manager Mike Cassar.

It also saw the re-appointment of Bob Reeves as association president.

Where to begin?

The controversy was the result of a playoff between the Richmond Hill Midget B's and Bay Ridges which saw a Richmond Hill player thrown out of one game on a gross misconduct penalty.

A resultant mix-up, misunderstanding, misinformation or

whatever, saw Richmond Hill forced to forfeit the next game when they dressed the same player in contravention of the rules.

The meeting produced no explicit explanation of Coach Cole and Manager Cassar's claim they had been told by an official in the Richmond Hill association that it was all right to use the player in the following game.

Cole, in a written speech, complained about a lack of support from the Richmond Hill association in that particular situation as well as throughout the season.

He claimed that no one seemed to care about the Midget B's and maintained that he and Cassar had accomplished wonders with the team in getting it into the All Ontario finals.

He said the team had been taught to "play to win", to be disciplined, to be tough.

"What did they want," he said

at one point, "the Salvation Army to play against Bay Ridges? I'd rather have them tough than soft."

He concluded his lengthy address by stating he "would not coach in the league under the present structure. It's your loss, not mine."

Association member Jim Cade attempted to cool the situation by saying he "wasn't here to argue with anyone" adding that every association "has areas in which to improve but life goes on."

President Reeves cut off the

wrangling minutes later and the meeting continued.

Income saw registrations realizing \$34,219.36; gate receipts 11,307.80; Sponsors \$13,750; team assessment, \$12,290.

The big pluses were the \$11,500 raised by the Richmond Hill

Hockey Association Ladies' Auxiliary Skate-a-thon and \$2,271.08 realized in the 1978 Rosetown Peewee Hockey Tournament.

Ice rental continued to be the major expenditure at \$59,724 less \$4,372.56 subsidy from the Town of Richmond Hill.

Budget Treasurer was William Lazenby; Finance Committee Chairman was Herb Walton who was finishing his last year with

the local association. He's moving to Hamilton.

President Bob Reeves summed it all up by saying "it was a great year. There were some problems, there always are, but all in all it was a terrific success."

He also announced the resignation of convener Ron Russell "with much regret due to business obligations".

Finally: Everyone drank a lot of coffee.

'Ridges ball needs people

If Jack Ward has his way this will be the year of resurgence for minor ball in Oak Ridges and he's going to set his sights high.

"All we need is the interest from the parents and their children," he states, "and the money and we're on our way."

Easier said than done?

Not according to Jack who is starting his second term as president of the Oak Ridges Minor Ball League which barely existed at all last year except in name.

"Right now we have some 70 youngsters signed up but I'm looking for 250 to 300 and some 20 teams," he states.

That's where the money comes in.

"We just haven't got any money at the moment," he said. "We started out with \$90 left over from our last season of organized ball in 1974. So you might say we have to start from scratch."

And there isn't much time.

REGISTER

Next Saturday will be the final registration dates for Oak Ridges youngsters and it'll take place at Bond Lake Arena from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is \$10 per child or \$25 per family.

There are also application sheets at the local public schools," said Ward.

FUND-RAISING

Ward hopes to hold a number of fund-raising events throughout the season including dances, donkey ball exhibitions, 50-50 draws and any other event likely to bring in much-needed money. "The 20 teams will comprise divisions ranging from T-Ball,

tykes, squirt, peewee to bantam teams and boys and girls are all welcome.

"We also need any old usable equipment such as ball gloves, bats, and you name it," he said.

The association is also badly in need of volunteer coaches, trainers and managers.

CO-OPERATE

"We need the co-operation of everyone to make this thing go," he said. "We feel minor softball in our community is vitally needed and will help us to work together and support our children and teach them the idea of sportsmanship, fellowship and simple respect."

Ward added that "there seems to be a feeling that we've amalgamated with the Richmond Hill and Richvale associations but that's simply not the case."

"It's true we have agreed to play interlocking games but we're on our own hook when it comes to looking after our finances and our own house leagues."

The association presently has enough players for one team in each division but at least four in each division is what's required.

"It's been slow to date," says Ward, "because the youngsters have been too busy playing hockey. Now it's softball time and I'd like to see a big line-up come next Saturday."

"Let's get out and make minor ball go in Oak Ridges."

In a word: Register this Saturday at Bond Lake Arena from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

It's important.



Togetherness

Richmond Hill High's brother-sister act of Sandy and Greg MacMillan go on the offence here on their way to winning the Mixed Doubles last Friday at the York County Secondary School Georgian Bay Badminton championships. See B-3. (Photo by Hogg).

Lid down on Hill curling

By RON TAYLOR

The Richmond Hill Curling Club's final bonspiel, followed by an X-rated fashion show, helped to close things up for another season Saturday.

The committee of Hugh and Barbara White, Lyle and Glenda Urquhart, Bob and Jane Gardner, Walt and Norma Lavender, deserve a bouquet for their efforts.

Picking up first prize on the early draw was Ray Sampson and his rink of Ruth Taylor, Andy Bailey and Linda Pless.

Second place went to Jim Anderson, Don Garber and Sharon Beattie.

Keith Anderson and his rink of Barb Miller, Harry Brickles and Joan Hamilton took Ron Taylor

and his rink of Ruth Ellison, Doug MacLean and Trish Garber to an extra end to pick up third prize.

The high one-game winner was Frank Ellison and his rink of Marj Bailey, Wayne Lucknow and Pam Abrams. Jim Lane was solely responsible for his team's poor showing.

On the late draw, heavyweight Tom Hardcastle skipped his rink of June Beaumont, Gary Hillaby and Lynn Kay to first place, even though June claims all the credit.

Second place went to Bob Whittaker and his three ringers of Phyl Richards, Bill Rice and Kay Draper.

One half a point behind was the rink of Kay Hardcastle, Russ Kastner and Jim Hillaby skipped by Bill Oliver.

The high one-game winner was Floyd Perkins and his rink of Flo Baker, Garry Marsh and Judy Paul.

Lee was not too successful in guiding his strong rink to a prize winning position.

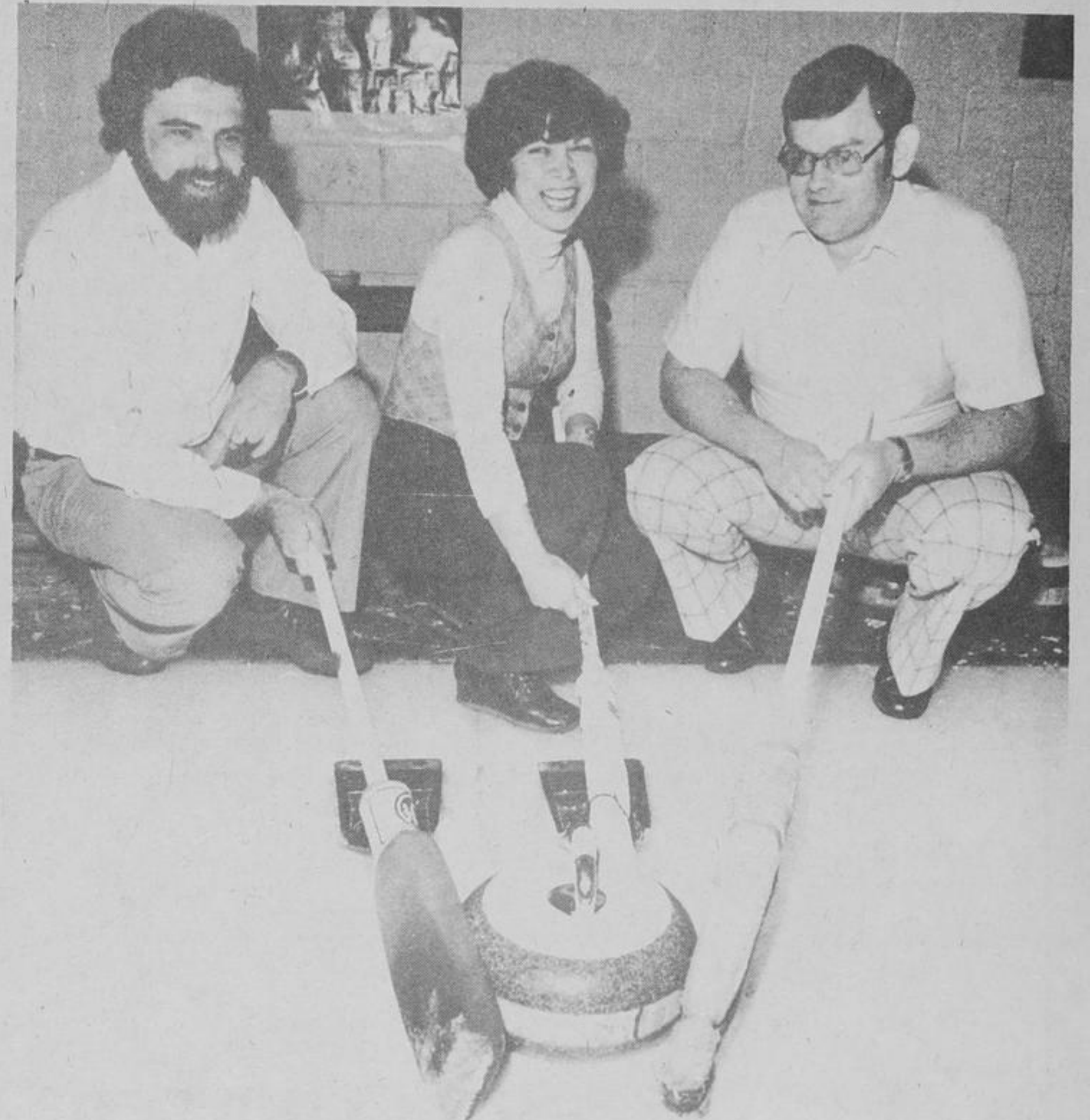
Entertainment for the evening

was supplied by several of the male members giving their own interpretation of Lois Hemstead's original "Ladies" fashion show.

Highlights included Gord Little and his cigar, Frank "Melba Crimp" Ellison, and Orton

Beaumont and his teddy bear. Thanks to organizer John Graydon and commentator Walt Lavender.

Winners of the annual lucky draw were Clark Bullock, a television, and Pam Abrams, membership.



Rock-a-by Baby

They're season's-end victory smiles from Richmond Hill Curling Club members Andy Bailey, Linda Pless and Ray Sampson, skip, as the final bonspiel of 1978-79 was held Saturday. Missing is Ruth Taylor. (Photo by Hogg).



fred simpson

Enough!

I attended the annual meeting of the Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association the other night and was reminded all over again about something I've always known. About me.

Simply that I'm not cut out to be a member of any hockey committee (or softball, tennis or tiddly winks for that matter).

I'd go nuts five minutes into the meeting and probably die of acute poisoning brought on from biting chunks out of empty styrofoam coffee cups.

It happens to be my weakness that I have no patience with endless questions, endless bickering, endless anything, no matter how valid. Say your piece and shut up.

CONTROVERSY

Which brings me around to the controversy regarding the recent playoff series between the Richmond Hill Midget B hockey club and Bay Ridges. The Ridges eventually won it.

It has been going for two or three weeks and, truthfully, it bores me to tears. I'd rather talk about something a little more vital like life, death, taxes and the fact I've just lost one of my favorite pipes.

However, once over briefly. It seems that during one of the games a Richmond Hill player got thrown out for committing a gross misconduct. Apparently, under OMHA rules, this means an automatic one-game suspension.

CONFUSION

Enter confusion. Richmond Hill manager Mike Cassar and coach Wyman Cole, contend they were wrongly advised by a Hill hockey association member (plus a game referee) that they could dress this player in the next game. They also admit they were ignorant of the ruling.

They did dress the player, Bay Ridges protested, and Richmond Hill had to forfeit the game. The above is probably an over simplification but I hope it covers the general area.

The point I'm making is this. It did happen, rightly or wrongly, and let's have done with it.

PERSPECTIVE

For heaven's sake, people, it was a Midget B game and not a do-or-die situation between the Montreal Canadiens and New York Islanders. Keep your perspective. And I'm talking about coaches or just people in general.

Whether you're right or wrong (and, frankly I don't care) you're out there to provide hockey for youngsters. And that also means teaching them to be mature by your own example.

In a word, get on with the business at hand. If anyone thinks winning a championship at the Midget B level (or any minor hockey level) is worth all this bickering he's got a few lessons to learn in life himself.

So what if, in your opinion, you have suffered an injustice? I've suffered thousands of them and I imagine most people have.

I think Richmond Hill Hockey Association member Jim Cade put his finger on it when he said it was time "to put this aside and get on with life".

It's not a matter of who is right or who is wrong. No coach, no association is perfect. If they were it wouldn't be any fun making things better.

SURPLUS

Finally, forget the whole thing. The Richmond Hill Hockey Association reported at its meeting Monday night that this year's operation ended with a \$4,848.56 surplus compared with last year's \$14,000 deficit.

That's what everyone should be talking about. It's great. Congratulations to President Bob Reeves, and Company. I just wish you were running in the federal election. You'd get my vote.

Finally, pass the styrofoam cup, I feel a hunger coming on.

NOTES

Some notes:

Notice here regarding the Richmond Hill Novice girls softball team. They're looking for young ball players from ages 10, 11 and 12. If you're interested call Darlene Harrison at 884-5139.

Finally, the Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association is desperately in need of coaches for its Bantam and Midget boys team. If you can lend a hand call 884-3083 or 884-6462.



JANE TOPOROWSKI
 Moving up

With the Pan American Games scheduled for 1979, the local girl will have her first taste of senior competition when the Trials are held in June at Montreal.

The top 25 athletes in every event were listed and Toporowski missed the shot put rankings by one number, registering 26th in Canada.

Her 1979 indoor distance of 12.53 metres should be good enough to move her into 11th place in the iron ball throwing list.

With only two metres separating the fifth and seventh place discus throwers, paired with National Team member Jane Haist's back problems, 1979 could be a year of surprises for Toporowski.

Top Eight in Canada. Womens Discus: 1. Carmen Ionesco, born 51, 62.34 metres 2. Lucette Moreau, born 56 57.84 metres 3. Jane Haist, born 49, 56.50 metres. 4. Doreen Garner, born 54, 50.54 metres. 5. Rosemarie Hauch, born 57, 46.58 metres 6. Betty Anderson, born 60, 44.72 metres. 7. Jane Toporowski, born 60, 44.30 metres. 8. Estella Rung, born 47, 42.54 metres.