

Letters

Registration fee refund?

Dear Ms. Park:

As I stated during a recent phone call with Mr. Doug Roberts and Mrs. Mary Cashmore, I am writing the executive to request that the Registration fee for my son's minor hockey season be refunded. I feel that the executive has again failed to provide a suitable hockey program and ice time for the Mites.

I realize that four weeks of ice time was lost due to an equipment failure, and two

weeks at Christmas because of holidays, but since the start of the New Year, the problem is not improving or being corrected. Since January 21, 1984, the Mites group has constantly been relieved of their ice time on Sunday, resulting in their receiving only one hour per week. On checking with Minor Hockey people and the Recreation Director, the problem appears to continue until the end of February.

I realize that the

Mites' group is large and is split into two groups, but one hour's ice time is totally unacceptable to me as a parent and to my son as a participant in your hockey program.

Prior to registering my son, I asked three members of the present executive at the registration booth, if the problem of weekend ice time being lost would occur again this year. They assured me that no ice time for the Mites would be lost. These are

the youths you are trying to build a future program on. They are the future Atoms, Pee-wees, etc. This is the largest single group in Minor Hockey in Terrace Bay this year.

If the purpose of Minor Hockey is to develop hockey fundamentals, sportsmanship and team play, the

executive has failed the young members of the Mites' team and their coaches.

Both Mr. Doug Roberts, President, and Mrs. Mary Cashmore, Vice-President, agree with me that the program lacks, and I have good reason to be concerned. The two of them felt I am justified in

requesting the return of my registration fee, and I trust the executive will agree and return it.

In closing, I would like to remind the executive that for two years in a row, the Minor Hockey Executive has failed to provide a suitable program for the young participants whose interests they claim to repre-

sent.

The controversies involving the executive, its methods and beliefs, are not those of the parents and players. Perhaps it's time for the present executive to reassess its position before the Minor Hockey Program in Terrace Bay comes to a bitter end.

Sincerely,
Russ Phillips

"To play or not to play"

Dear Editor:

To play or not to play?

The Canadian Amateur Hockey Association is the governing body for all Amateur Hockey played in Canada. They have a Constitution for this purpose - **Article 3 - Objectives (A)** - Its objectives are to foster and encourage the sport of amateur hockey throughout Canada. **(B)** - To foster and encourage leadership programmes in all areas related to the development of hockey in Canada. They also have several other objectives,

but it is interesting that the above, are listed numbers one and two.

The North Shore Minor Hockey Association also has a constitution - **"Article 4 - Objects: (A)** - Promote and improve hockey for ALL boys of juvenile age and under, who wish to compete! **(E)** Ensure that good sportsmanship prevails among its members, youth, and adults alike."

Hockey in the North Shore was going through problems in regards to the numbers of players in Bantam, Mid-

gets, and Juveniles; as a result the three and two minute rules came into effect. This resulted in a dramatic increase in numbers in the Pee Wee and Bantam levels and would have gone right up through all divisions. This year Schreiber has less than twelve (12) players in Midgets and Terrace Bay has 13.

The next level up is Jr. B. This year in order to form a hockey club (there is only one club in the area), the Schreiber North Stars had to have players from Schreiber, Terrace Bay, Marathon

and Nipigon. Only a short time ago there were several Jr. Clubs in this area.

So I ask you - is the North Shore Minor Hockey Association serving its own constitution or not?

Hockey is a great sport and one that can help the development of its participants. Hockey is not there for one player or six players, but for a team effort.

So I suggest, if you have any interest in your child's participation in hockey, you had better get involved.

Yours in hockey,
John I. Souliere

Thank You

"It's a world of laughter, a world of tears,
It's a world of hopes and a world of fears,
There's so much that we share
That it's time we're aware
It's a Small World after all."

Like the "Small World", a "Small Town" shares your laughter and your tears. How moved we've been by all your thoughts and kindnesses in the loss of our loved one Margaret. We've been overwhelmed by the donations of food, flowers, cards and charitable contributions. A special thank you to the bearers, and the ladies of the U.C.W. for the lunch and dinner. We will always remember. Thank you.

The Spillane Family

There has to be a better system!

Dear Ms. Park:

Do we as residents of the North Shore area have a hospital we can be proud of? Do we have the full medical services that we come to expect as normal? There's no doubt in my mind the answer is no. There's no doubt in my mind the answer is no to both questions.

There have been a number of occasions that has helped me to reach this decision. Why should we have to go to Thunder Bay for non-emergency medical treatments? Many do. We have a full new medical facility here, that other communities would be proud of. All these questions are foremost in my mind. When I think of the way this hospital is being run it makes me sick. When you consider the size of the area that this hospital serves (Terrace Bay, Schreiber, Rosport and Pays Plat) and the number of staff doctors - it's pathetic! I strongly feel that one man, and one man alone, is running

our hospital.

I have sent out seven letters of complaint and to this date, have received five replies. One reply stressed a great concern and was going to look into it further. The other four replies passed the buck! One letter said "Complaints regarding physician schedules be referred to members of our Hospital Board". As of this date, I have not had a reply from them. This letter also states "Terrace Bay is on a current list designated as underserved for two additional physicians."

Will they be able to operate out of our hospital? When we had the old hospital and half of the current population, we had four doctors in the hospital. Personally I don't call that progress. Going from four doctors down to one, is not my idea of a gain in medical services. We need more doctors working out of this hospital!

Ambulance service is another question. Does it always give quick response? No! Not so. How long should it take for the ambulance to come from the hospital to the place where it was summoned? Six to ten minutes. Try 35-40 minutes. They run on a beeper system, whereas if a person on call doesn't report his beeper number, that causes great problems. Which it has. In a case like this, they have to go down their call list until they find someone available. By this time, it can be too late. There has to be a better system.

I don't like the idea of being admitted to a hos-

physician. To say the least, I'm fed up and want to see something done about the situation and damn soon. I am

sure I'm not alone.

Sincerely yours,
Roma Matson
Terrace Bay

The Corporate Cup Challenge

The Seventh Annual Sibley Ski Tour will be held this year on March 3rd. This will be the second year that Kam Motors has sponsored the Corporate Cup Challenge.

All schools, clubs or businesses are encouraged to participate in this year's event. The Corporate Cup is awarded to the club, school or business completing the most number of kilometres during the tour.

The aim of the Sibley Ski Tour is to provide a fun and challenging event for skiers of all abilities. People can ski either 20 km., 40 km., or 50 km. distance in the beautiful wilderness of Sibley Provincial Park.

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The Sibley Ski Tour Committee hopes that you will encourage participation in the 1984 Sibley Tour and take up the Kam Motors Corporate Cup Challenge. Entry deadline for the Challenge is February 15, 1984.

For more information, please contact Sheelagh Lehmborg at 623-2711, ext. 2441.

The 1984 Sibley Ski Tour is supported by Thunder Bay Parks and Recreation Department.

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tional Hockey Tournament throughout the hockey season. So why must these adults win at North Shore (House League) hockey games? Ask the players!

I would hope that concerned minor hockey parents and players alike voice their opinions and viewpoints. These adults must be reminded that they represent minor hockey players and in turn should govern the needs and interests of players, not themselves.

Respectfully submitted,
A Hockey Coach

Note: The decision was made during the National Minor Hockey Player Week (Minor Hockey is for the Player).

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