

Import Ruling Ousted By OJHL

League Waives Vees' Debt; Clears Way For Re-Entry

The Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League has thrown out a restrictive import player rule in its constitution.

Monday night at its annual meeting held here in Vernon the league unanimously voted to delete the rule which was instituted a year ago in an attempt to curb unlimited importation of players into the OJHL.

The rule in question classified an import as any player who had not played or registered the previous year in the minor hockey association affiliated with an

Okanagan junior team. Each club was limited to four imports.

Restrictions

Henceforth import restrictions will only apply to players entering from outside the province. This is in accordance with Canadian Amateur Hockey Association regulations which at the present time set a limit on inter-provincial junior transfers of two players per team.

The decision to toss out the restrictive ruling was precipitated by the appearance at Monday's meeting of George Stoll of Summerland, on hand with a view to entering a combined Summerland-Penticton junior team in the OJHL.

Bill Brown, of Vernon, argued that if the combined team entered the league it would have to abide by the same import restrictions as the other teams.

"Either we make them conform to the import rule or we throw it out completely," he said. "We can't follow a middle-of-the-road policy."

Following a lengthy argument a motion was put forward calling for deletion of the rule and the league passed it unanimously. Another amendment prohibiting player tampering among OJHL teams failed to win approval.

Waived Debt

To pave a way for the possible re-entry of a fourth team from the South Okanagan the league agreed to waive a \$168 debt owing the league by Penticton Junior Vees when they dropped out a year ago.

Stoll was the only representative from the South Okanagan at the meeting. He told the league there was a good possibility a Summerland-Penticton club could be formed, but first he wanted to "listen in on the meeting and ask a few questions" before going ahead with it.

He said he would let the league know within two weeks whether or not a Summerland-Penticton team would be entering the OJHL this season.

Stoll is well-known in Okanagan hockey circles, having organized the Twin City Macs who won the B.C. Coy Cup intermediate title back in 1961. He was also official interpreter for both the 1955 world champion Penticton Vees and Father Bauer's Canadian Olympic team which competed at In-



LEN MILLER

... re-elected president

nsbruck, Austria this year.

An election of officers also took place at Monday's meeting with Len Miller of Vernon taking over the president's chair for a second year after receiving a strong vote of confidence from the league members. Blair Peters of Kelowna succeeded Earl Hermanson of Kamloops as first vice-president. A secretary-treasurer will be named at a later date.

Sportsmen's Bowling League Holds Banquet

The Sportsmen's Bowling League holds its annual post-season banquet Friday night in the Legion Hall.

The banquet begins at 7 p.m. followed by trophy presentations at 9 p.m. and then a dance to wind things up.

Much of the sunflower seed crop grown in Canada is for bird feed or confectionery use.



GO with the PRO

By **DON METZLER**

Kelowna edged us by four points in the first round of the Johnston - Lefroy inter-club competition . . . the day was perfect for golf, as a matter of fact it was the warmest day of our erratic 1964 spring. The greens were a little on the slick side which provided an excuse for the great amount of three-putting that went on. All in all, it was a gasser of a day and the return match of this popular classic goes next Sunday at the Kelowna Golf Club . . . same tee-off times, same opponents.

This Saturday the ladies are holding their annual Sweepstakes Day . . . the entries are coming in from other zone clubs and it's shaping up into a big day for the girls. There will be no junior play on Saturday and therefore no junior lessons. I have been asked to inform the men that the course will be closed until approximately 2 p.m. However, you could squeeze in nine holes in the morning before 9 a.m.

There is quite a bit of controversy raging over the new flagstick rule which officially comes into effect on May 1 of this year . . . some like it, others do not . . . the rule is: A golfer whose ball strikes the pin on shots from within 20 yards of the hole, or from anywhere on the green, is penalized two shots in stroke play, loses the hole in match play. The main complaint is that golfers are unable to determine the 20 yards. Others say it wastes time to have the flagstick attended. I am personally in favor of the rule. If one will go back

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