

North Kamloops Entry May Expand Jr. League

Dave MacKay New Prexy; Ex-President Fires Salvo

The Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League may expand to five teams for the 1965-66 season with the entry of a North Kamloops franchise.

Don Brown, who recently resigned as manager of the Kamloops Rockets junior club, informed the OJHL at its annual general meeting here Monday that North Kamloops is seriously considering joining the league.

Brown, now a director in the North Kamloops minor hockey association, said that if the proposed club gets sufficient backing and players an application for entry would be made.

The OJHL, presently composed of Kamloops, Vernon, Kelowna and Penticton-Summerland, gave

Brown until June 15 to submit a written application.

Dave MacKay of Vernon was elected president of the OJHL for the 1965-66 term, winning out over Blair Peters of Kelowna. He succeeds Len Miller who resigned, along with referee-in-chief Arnold Smith, following a playoff hassle in February.

Val Pearson of Penticton was voted in as first vice-president and Rocky Biagioni was named second vice-president. A secretary-treasurer and referee-in-chief will be



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appointed by the president at a later date.

The meeting, attended by representatives from all four OJHL teams, featured a hot and heavy dispute over a report presented by ex-president Miller.

Miller pulled no punches in the report which he said the league could take for what it was worth.

"I don't want to sound overly critical but I'd like to present some facts to the league as I see them," he said.

Miller said he and referee-in-chief Smith resigned because their decision to alter the system of refereeing in the semi-final playoff series between Vernon and Kelowna had produced a state of no confidence in the league.

"When I received telegrams of protest over my decision from Kelowna, Penticton and Kamloops I had no recourse but to resign."

The controversial decision involved a change in the system of refereeing in the seventh and final game of the Vernon-Kelowna series. In the first six games a neutral referee (Dale Cassell of Kamloops) and two hometown linesman had been used but he and Smith felt a change was necessary for the seventh game.

"They decided to relieve Cassell and replace him with two referees, Tony Winichuk of Kelowna and Alex Kashuba of Vernon.

"Somehow our decision leaked out to Bob Gordan (the Kelowna manager), presumably through Winichuk," Miller said. "Later I received the telegrams of protest from Kelowna, Kamloops and Penticton. The Vernon team apparently, wasn't consulted in the matter."

"In their protest they claimed the decision was going counter to league playoff policy regarding officiating set down at an earlier meeting. Yet Kelowna and Kamloops didn't hesitate to change the system in the final series when they used one referee from the visiting team's city with two local linesmen."

"It seems neutral referees mean different things to different people," he said.

Miller said there was too much collusion between team management, referees and the press in some cities and not enough liaison in others.

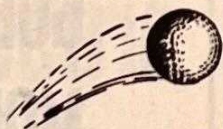
Blair Peters, who took over as league president when Miller resigned, claimed there were grounds for protest in the semi-final series because the referee-in-chief had appointed officials who league members had voted not to handle games.

Doug Bulwer, who was the league's secretary-treasurer, said there was no record of such a vote in the minutes, only a proposal.

"We gave Miller a vote of confidence to handle the playoffs as he saw fit," said Vernon coach Hap Schaefer. "If we can't prove he's wrong in what he did, then he must be right."

Most of those in attendance at the meeting agreed Miller's report had many good points and, following a motion from the floor, it was accepted.

TEE TIME



... BY MRS. DOREEN BLACK

It was good to see so many on the golf course over the Easter weekend and Don Metzler reports it was the best Easter weekend the Club has had with visitors from Edmonton, Calgary and Revelstoke all playing and enjoying the course. With the extra hour at night now the course will be full and it is suggested you tee off as early as possible if you wish to finish 9 holes. A reminder here for everyone! Please remember to allow faster players, whether they are twosomes, threesomes or foursomes, through. The courtesy will be returned to you as you become faster in your play.

Don Metzler was pleased with the turnout of juniors to his first lesson last Saturday. 14 boys and 6 girls turned out and it was rewarding to see a number of them practising, and enjoying themselves, on the course over the Easter holidays. The second free

golfing season. One week per round per Cup, in all competitions in the ladies section, should prove no difficulty to anyone competing.

The very energetic house committee and entertainment committee have arranged the Opening Party to take place this coming Friday, April 30. The party will be in the Clubhouse commencing at 9:30 p.m. It is hoped that all members will get behind these committees and support this party. Parties in the Golf Club are always a lot of fun, you can be sure of good company and lively entertainment all evening. Don Ross's Orchestra will be there to keep things moving and the very delightful Folk Singers Four will be added entertainment. This party is open to anyone who likes a good time, come along and join the fun.