

Still no real decision

Hassle over sale of Jr. club continues

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A slight case of confusion still reigns amongst directors of the Vernon Minor hockey association concerning their proposed sale of the Vernon junior A hockey club.

Officials of the association have been busy for several weeks trying to work out details of disposing of the local club because of the financial burden that level of hockey has experienced the past few seasons.

It has been reported that all eight clubs in the B.C.-wide league lost money last year and here at Vernon, the attempt by several local businessmen to operate the junior club as a management company for the association, was a bust. Hence an operating loan to the junior club at the start of the 70-71 junior A season could not be recovered.

While no statement of last year's operating expenditures on the junior club level has been released, the failure of the management company to make a payment on the minor hockey loan by the date of July 31 as promised in the contract between the two groups, was obvious cause for the association to put the club up for sale.

With the new hockey season just around the corner,

Kamloops Rockets for example have already begun their training camp in the North Kamloops arena, the urgency to make some form of decision as to the local club's future was uppermost in the minds of this year's executive of the Vernon minor hockey association, when an offer was made to buy the club outright to a private group headed by Vern Dye was made known, the executive began to work out details of putting the club up for sale.

This is where some of the confusion started to crop up. Keeping in mind the burden of making the right decisions, a special committee was set up with the directorate.

This four-man group consisting of Dr. E. G. O'Brien, Al Madden, Len Miller and Walt Trentini looked into several facets of disposing of the club by fair means and it was their recommendation after a thorough investigation to allow the private group headed by Mr. Dye to make a bid to purchase the junior A team.

While every member of the minor hockey executive went on record to sell the team at an earlier meeting, some of the directors expressed concern that it would be unfair not to advertise the fact the club was up for sale.

Some directors even felt because the association was a community group that a decision to sell the operation should be left up to the general membership.

At the executive meeting held last Monday, Aug. 16, the directors officially agreed to sell the junior hockey team but also decided that a notice would be published in both local media, The Vernon News and radio station, of the sale and a public meeting was to be held.

The meeting was agreed by all concerned and was to be held on the following Friday and authority was given to advertise the fact through The Vernon News and the local radio station.

However, just before the paper went to print on Thur-

sday, an order was given to withhold the ad and to stop the announcements on the radio, because it seems another meeting of the executive had been called on Tuesday and another vote by 15 of the 17 member executive was taken with a 9-5 decision made to sell the junior team to the Dye group.

News of the Tuesday decision did not reach the Vernon News sports department until after the Thursday deadline had gone past so the story of that edition saying there would be a public meeting on Friday was read by the general public when the paper appeared on the street that afternoon.

Because of this, word was sent to all the executive members to carry on with the public meeting which did take place as announced.

While the meeting did see several of the general membership attending there was still no real decision made because several questions were voiced on the procedure taken in directors meetings.

One problem that did come to light was the fact the wording of the constitution of the association, which by the way, is registered under the Societies Act has never been officially amended since its inception in April 1953.

Over the years, several executives have made amendments but in every instance failed to have them properly placed into the wording of the constitution which now leaves that constitution badly out of date.

What happens next is still a question in many minds, but one thing to bear in mind, only one bid for the club was offered at the Friday night meeting, that of course was the one sent by Mr. Dye, so technically one can assume this bid should be honored and the junior club operation will now proceed under the ownership of the new group.

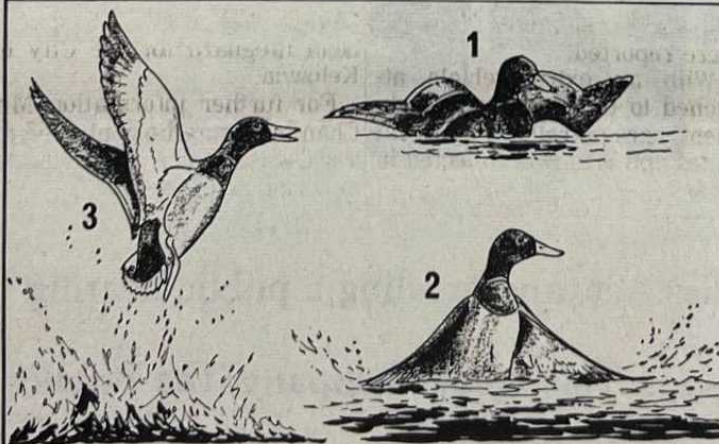
Football training on at SFU

At least 30 rookies will be reporting to day for the start of the 1971 Simon Fraser University football training camp. Returnees will report on Wednesday.

For the first two days, the rookies will be given an orientation program to the Simon Fraser University "way of football."

Beginning Wednesday, the rookies and vets will begin two-

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A DABBLER TAKES OFF

Dabblers are Mallard, Black Duck, Pintail, Gadwall, Widgeon, Teal, Shoveller and Wood Duck. With larger wing area to weight than divers, they rise directly off the water. Take-off sequence above — (1) Wings spread and thrust down onto and under the water; (2) this powerful