

Spokane discussion to highlight meeting

Some decisions will be made this weekend which will decide the future of junior A hockey in B.C.

The B.C. Junior Hockey League's Annual Meeting opens Saturday in Vancouver and the main topic on the agenda will be the future of the proposed Spokane, Wash. franchise.

The BCJHL granted Spokane a franchise in the league for the 1974-75 season but the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association said Spokane could not join the league this season.

So, the BCJHL said Spokane will play a full schedule of exhibition games in the league, with the games counting for points in the standings.

The latest development

came Thursday when the BCAHA issued a statement saying the Spokane does not have, and will not be giving permission to play junior A hockey in B.C.

THEY WILL PLAY

BCJHL President Arnold Lowden told the Daily News this morning from Penticton that Spokane will be playing in the league this season.

He said, "I do not know how, but they will be playing.

"At this time I cannot say what action the league will take if Spokane is not allowed to play against our clubs. It is too early to say if we would break away from the BCAHA, but I will say a lot more after this weekend's meetings."

ANNOYED

Vernon Vikings Director Vern Dye said several people

attending the meetings this weekend are quite annoyed and fed up with the BCAHA.

Dye said, "Particularly when they grant the entire Pacific Coast Hockey League, junior A status, and they will not allow one club to enter our league."

Ray Peebles, president of the BCAHA, has been charged by BCJHL officials of having a conflicting interest. He is also president of the PCHL.

Dispute continues in U.S.

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