

BCAHA rejects junior franchise

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The president of the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association announced Friday that the association executive will not allow a B.C. Junior Hockey League franchise to operate in Spokane, Wash. this year.

Ray Peebles told the association's annual meeting in Vernon Friday that after considerable thought, and in the interest of hockey in B.C., the junior club will not be allowed, but, a senior team will be permitted to operate in Spokane during the 1974-75 season.

Spokane Flyers will replace Spokane Jets in the Western International Hockey League this year.

Financial backers of the junior A team, the Rockets, purchased the Jets earlier this year and announced the team would not play in the 1974-75 WIHL schedule. The Flyers were formed by another group.

Dr. Arnold Lowden, president of the BCJHL said he is very upset at the decision of the BCAHA executive. However, he refused further comment until he had a chance to meet with his league directors. That meeting was scheduled to take place today.

SENIORS HAPPY

Al Flick, of Cranbrook, president of the WIHL, said he was delighted that the new senior franchise has been accepted.

However, before the Flyers can operate this year, the franchise must receive approval from the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association

and the United States Amateur Hockey Association.

Peebles this morning cited tampering with Junior players in Manitoba as one of the major reasons why the Spokane junior club was turned down.

Peebles said, "If we had not taken some type of action, the CAHA would have. Apparently 11 Manitoba players have been tampered with."

LATE MEETING

Bing Juckes, one of the owners of the proposed junior A entry, and Dr. Lowden, met with the BCAHA executive late Friday night in an attempt to get the decision reversed.

No statement was made after that meeting, but a final answer is expected before the convention wraps-up Sunday morning.

The BCJHL is planning some type of action, if the decision is not reversed, but as yet, no plans have been made public.

A rumor circulating the convention stating that the

BCJHL may go outlaw, has not been confirmed by any league officials.

BCAHA suffers deficit

The president of the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association said Friday the association lost money in 1973-74 for the first time in years.

Ray Peebles told the association's annual convention Friday in Vernon that the deficit is \$10,800 caused by hiring an assistant secretary-treasurer, moving him and his family to Victoria from Trail, B.C., moving into new offices and the lack of a grant from the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

Peebles told the convention that the grant, which has totalled as much as \$7,000 on past years, will be reinstated for this fiscal year.

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