

BCJHL EMERGENCY MEETING

Revelstoke stays one more season

Cowichan Valley Capitals will move, Revelstoke Rangers will stay put and Salmon Arm Totems are in limbo while the Interior and Coastal Divisions will return to an interlocking schedule.

These decisions and more were produced as a result of an emergency meeting called by the governors of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League Sunday in Princeton.

Of prime concern at the meeting were the fates of financially troubled Interior Division teams from Revelstoke and Salmon Arm, with the latter in the most severe difficulty. The League decided that Totems' owner Dave Loudon, apparently unaware of the seriousness of the situation, would be given until the regular annual general meeting of the league to decide which of his options to follow in dealing with the situation.

According to Mike Enemark, representing Vernon Lakers at the meeting Sunday, Loudon has the option of a one year leave of absence from the league or the option of selling the franchise.

FINANCIAL TROUBLE

However, according to Enemark, Loudon, who put in about \$20,000 of his own money into the team last fall, is in financial trouble with the league and may have his options limited as a result.

"If the governors feel he (Loudon) can't pay the League what he owes they may revoke the franchise and sell it to pay his debts," said Enemark.

Loudon apparently owes the league more than \$1200 in registration fees.

"I personally feel there



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will be a team in Salmon Arm next season," added Enemark optimistically, sighting the fact that others are interested in purchasing the franchise and keeping it in that city.

"Everybody at the meeting felt that we had to give the man a chance to get organized," Enemark said.

REVELSTOKE

Meanwhile, Revelstoke Rangers will remain in that city at least for part of the upcoming 1984-85 hockey season. Rangers, under the direction of former Vernon coach Murray Lawrence, indicated a desire to move to Rutland a short while ago but that move was rejected by Kelowna city council.

However, Enemark feels the Rangers will find themselves in Kelowna one way or another next season.

"My feelings are that the Wings will fold and that the team will move to Kelowna," suggested Enemark. "They're still fighting to put the team in Rutland though."

A Coastal Division team, Cowichan Capitals, also financially troubled, will move to Sydney, near Victoria and play out of the Panorama Sports Complex. League officials voted unanimously to accept that proposal.

SCHEDULE

Meanwhile, the question of scheduling was resolved during the meeting as well. Each club will play a 40 game schedule within their own Division and a further 12 games against teams in the other Division. However, should New Westminster Royals also ice a team this season, the interlocking portion of the schedule would include 14 games against Coastal Division clubs.

"There were just two teams against this proposal so it was pretty much unanimous," said Enemark.

OVERAGE PLAYERS

Another item on the agenda at the recent meeting was the question of overage players with the league setting a quota of eight per team. According to Enemark, only Langley Eagles, currently battling with the Alberta Junior Hockey League Champions for the right to go on to the Abbott Cup championship, had more than eight 20-year olds this season. Therefore, Enemark doesn't see this as any deterrent for teams in the upcoming season.

And, last but not least, the location for the 1985 all-star game was brought to light but a decision as to which of the three centres bidding for the right to host the game was not made.

The three vying for the right to host the all-star extravaganza are Vernon, Penticton, and Revelstoke.