

## **2010 Sr B Commissioners Report**

### **Growth and Recruitment**

The 2009/10 off-season was a very busy one for the senior teams. All of the teams appeared to have worked very diligently at forming their rosters and strategically researching the graduating juniors. The result was that the 2010 season saw the Senior B division comprised of 6 stable teams, with 3 teams in the north and 3 teams in the south. All teams had reasonable numbers and the vast majority of the games were played with full rosters for the season. On a few occasions, the roster numbers slipped to 14 runners and 2 goaltenders. But, generally, we did not see any teams showing up to a game with severely short benches. When necessary, several teams utilized a few Jr B call up players and occasional C carded players from another team.

Each team maintained their maximum 25-man roster and fluctuated throughout the season with the number of max. 5 C carded players.

The division enjoyed a positive figure in the migration of players. 20 players moved into the province and 11 players moved out of the province. It's nice to see players moving here and wishing to play. We did have a number of players that were returning home from playing Sr A and most of the outgoing players are leaving to play Sr A.

### **Season Overview**

Each team played an 18 game season, interlocking with their local Jr A teams. This was consistent with the 2009 season. The first round of playoffs resulted in unorchestrated north vs north and south vs south matchups – the absence of traveling for this series greatly appreciated by all of the involved teams. The final two teams left standing were the defending 2009 champions Okotoks Raiders and the St. Albert Miners, in their second season of existence. Following a very heated 5 game series, the eventual 2010 provincial champion is the St. Albert Miners.

The St. Albert Miners attended the 2010 Presidents' Cup in Burnaby from Aug 15<sup>th</sup> to Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>. (See the 2010 Presidents' Cup report)

### **Season Accomplishments**

Having a new commissioner on a learning curve this season, the 2010 season was not filled with too many division-altering strategies. There were some contentious issues that may result in some changes to the 2011 season. I think

the biggest accomplishment was a reasonable recovery in the north from an expansion in 2009 and seeing the healthy numbers return to the rosters.

### **Season Setbacks**

The new commissioner was kept on high alert through most of the season. The south teams are working reasonably well together. The north teams need to develop their working relationships a bit more and keep the war on the floor. It will happen but it will also take time.

Strong feelings were expressed during the scheduling of the provincial round final series. The executive director and myself have discussed the league scheduling the games in the future to avoid further difficulty of this nature.

### **Future Goals**

The teams want to continue to build strong rosters and improve the commitment issues that they deal with. The inclusion of a Senior C league should assist this tremendously.

---

The Sr B league continues to get stronger and healthier in Alberta. The parity of the teams is a huge step forward and we can only expect a healthier system because of it. Each team will still strive to be putting forth the very best roster it can in their quest to bring back the Presidents' Cup to Alberta.

The 2012 Presidents' Cup will be held in Alberta. To date, we have one team that has expressed interest in hosting.

I want to thank everyone for helping me through my challenges this season. I wouldn't have made it without you. Onward to 2011!

Shauna Sterparn  
Sr B Commissioner