

MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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- First got into hockey seven years ago.
- Started out by giving hockey scores to the newspaper and trying to get coverage for the little five and six year olds.
- The Richmond Minor Hockey Association started ten years ago.
- Jona Freison was one of the first directors...the first treasurer who started the club.
- It started out with about 400 members.
- Had quite a few problems starting out.
- Coaches were hard to come by.
- Speaks on the problems that the hockey club first had.
- Used the Richmond Arena when the club first started.
- The club had minor problems getting ice time.
- The boys had to pay a registration fee.
- The club provides the equipment and uniforms for the kids.
- There are 16 boys to a team.
- When the club first started out, there were roughly 400 boys that we split into different teams.
- Speaks on the competition levels of the club.
- Mentions the Midget A team that was coached by Grant Davis which won championships.
- This team went on to Swift Current and won the Canadian National Championship.
- Mothers got together to help out the club by raising money and handle the things men didn't have time to handle, such as running after equipment.
- These mothers booster club ran for four years.
- Mentions the problems of getting help for this club.
- Ice was the biggest expense, then equipment.
- There is an insurance coverage on every boy.
- Speaks on Greg Neil when he played Minor Hockey.

- Explains about the representative teams and house leagues.
- In each age group, there are two representative teams...ten teams last year, 1975.
- Then there are 42 house teams.
- Speaks on the problems of not being able to get enough ice time.