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miles to Winnipeg should be a cinch.

Final plans as to date, method of sponsorship and payment or collection of same are not complete. With Larry Renton aiding the organization, however, one can expect the plan to run well.

All it needs to be a total success is pledges. Especially from those who will benefit the most from the funds raised.

A pledge of five cents per mile, for example, is only \$15. If each of the 600 players in the league go the nickle shot, that amounts to just about \$9,000.

The league's players, however, do not have to be the only individuals to offer sponsorship. Nor do the pledges have to be as substantial as \$15. Any amount would be accepted, surely and with ample thanks.

Perhaps, league players could even hit the streets and solicit sponsorship for the two-day ride. Not too much to ask, when one ponder the benefits nearly \$10,000 would provide the new complex and the league.

There is plenty of time between now and the ride. Renton would be wise to supply all team reps with sponsor sheets. With at least three weeks to go, a goodly portion of the city could be canvassed for pledges.

Gentlemen of the Slo Pitch League, the project at York Lake is for your own good!

Support it!

seeks help franchise

per cent of the support coming from rural Saskatchewan."

Hunter was upset by comments from the NHL to Ralston Purine — that Saskatchewan is not viable to hold an NHL franchise.

"We can not accept that. This province is on the move."

And building the arena to house the franchise is one way industry would grow. According to Hunter 400 people would be employed, generating a \$20 million payroll.

The Spirit of Saskatchewan is prepared to back Hunter in any way possible, Each said.

"We want to get everyone involved" to earn enough money for advertising to let the board know of the Saskatchewan concern and to back a potential legal suite.

Both Each and Hunter are confident the franchise can be obtained by fall. But in order to do that, the people of Saskatchewan have "to stand up and be counted."

"Let's get together and support this cause," Each said, suggesting everyone contact their M.P. to pressure the government.

Contributions to the cause can be made by writing the Spirit of Saskatchewan Hockey Committee, 1920 - 11th St. W., Saskatoon, Sask. S7M 1J2.



focus on sports

FOURTH PLACE FINISH FOR ZONE 4 TEAM

Special Olympics a success

Yorkton-Melville athletes placed fourth overall with 250 points in the 1983 Special Olympics held in Yorkton this weekend.

Chairman of the games Len Bode is pleased "that it was successful." For the athletes, the games gave an opportunity to compete but also to meet people.

"They enjoyed themselves immensely," he said.

Athletes from eight zones arrived Friday for the three day meet. A total of three events, bowling, swimming and track, were held, and points were added together to give the final standings.

Placing first was Regina Zone 2 with 446 points; Prince Albert placed second with 363 points while North Battleford Zone came third with 325 points. Fourth was Yorkton-Melville

Zone 4 and a close fifth went to Swift Current Zone 3 with 252 points. In sixth was Saskatoon Zone, with 240 points, Estevan Zone came seventh with 217 and Davidson Zone placed eighth with 128 points.

Honorary Head Coach George Reed said the games started in 1980 when the Saskatchewan Association for the Mentally Retarded presented a plan to hold the games which would maintain a province wide physical activity program for the mentally retarded.

Reed chaired the first sports dinner held in preparation of the first Regina games. From that time he was made the only honorary head coach and founded the George Reed Fund for the handicapped.

"It's something I really enjoy doing," Reed said, because out of the games, comes "love and dedication"

which "to me is the greatest thing that has come out of the games."

Bode was approached by Willy Sotaki the zone chairman over a year ago to chair the games.

"It's just like running a track meet," Bode said, but more people are needed. A group of eight "dedicated and compatible" people organize the early stages. These people find eight more volunteers beginning the domino effect.

Bode said he was disappointed the "spectator thing was not there." He said it's hard to draw people to the games but this year super-stars were asked to represent each zone in hopes of drawing spectators and also to give the athletes someone to identify with.

The games ended with the awards ceremonies attended by Lt. Gov. Mcintosh. In his message to the athletes he spoke of the spirit it takes

to win. "In failure you can sometimes build success," he said.

The Knights of Columbus Rookie of the Year trophy was presented to Lawrence Emisch of Davidson on Saturday's banquet.

Receiving the George Reed male and female athlete of the year trophy was Jackie Scott of Prince Albert and Shane Haddad of Regina. These two athletes were also selected top male and female swimmers. Scott accepted the Deborah Churchill trophy for best female swimmer and Haddad accepted the Geisinger trophy for best male swimmer.

The Harold Miller trophy for the top male and female level three athletes went to Judie Aadiand of Swift Current and Peter Romashenko of Regina.

Regina received the Times Herald Trophy for the zone with the most points overall.

In the running events, Robbie Bombair of Regina received the Jessie Owens trophy for the fastest 100 metre run. The Leo Weigers trophy for the fastest 200 metre run went to Rick Mahussier of Prince Albert. He also received the North Battleford Olde Tymers Hockey Club Trophy for the fastest 400 metre run.

Prince Albert recorded the fastest 200 metre relay time. They received the Schick Trophy.

The Ward Gibson trophy for the best male performance in shot put was presented to Terry Livingstone of Regina and Dixie Lott of Swift Current took the Ramona Braun trophy for the best female performance in shot put.

Recipients of the best male and female bowlers were Ron Weinbender of Swift Current. He accepted the Andy Schuck trophy. Ina Katcheech of North Battleford accepted the Harry Shukin trophy for best female bowling performance.

"These games are getting better and better and this is the best yet," said Andy Schuck, president of the Saskatchewan Special Olympics Society.

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YORKTON HOSTED THE 14TH annual special olympics Friday to Sunday. A total of eight zones representing Estevan, Regina, Swift Current, Davidson, Saskatoon, North Battleford and Prince Albert arrived for the competitions. Bowling began the olympics with two zones

playing at a given time. Swimming followed but the greatest emphasis was on track events at Century Field Saturday. Athletes competed in high jump, running events, shot put and long jump. The day was highlighted by the noon Superstar Competition at which

time the eight zone stars raced against each other to bring points to their team. For the athletes, it was a day of trying competition tied together with plenty of fun.

—Enterprise Photo

Terriers' SAJHL season set

The Yorkton Terriers will start the long trail to defend their SAJHL championship when they open the season against the Humboldt Broncos Sept. 28.

The Terriers' home opener was set during Saskatchewan Amateur Junior Hockey League meetings in Melville last weekend, and Terrier coach Gerry James is pleased with the balanced schedule the team will have in 1983-84.

"We're six and five (home and away

games) in October, six and six in November and six and seven in December," said James, commenting on the 64-game schedule.

However, fans will not see any weekend home games in February because the Terriers were unable to get any weekend ice time at the Agriplex.

"I'm very happy with the schedule, although we had to book around so many people," James said.

The Terriers will play six exhibition games during the week before the home opener, with a two-game home and away series against Melville Millionaires, Weyburn Red Wings and Moose Jaw Canucks.

Training camp will open with registration Sept. 15, with the prospective players hitting the ice for the next three days.

Fans will also have a chance to keep closer tabs on league activities this year.

For the first time, the SAJHL will be putting out a league program that will be changed periodically throughout the season. It will contain information on all the teams, as well as statistics and articles on individual players. The program was given tentative approval at the league meeting last weekend.

Blue Jays fold

The Blue Jays are a legend. As of last week the team folded. stood at two wins, three losses and two ties.

Funding hinders athletes

If the President of the Saskatchewan Special Olympics Society Andy Schuck had his way, more athletes would be given a chance to participate in Special Olympics Games.

But cost is a problem.

Saskatchewan athletes won't be going to the international games this year, said Schuck.

"It's too costly," he said. The money it takes to send athletes to the international is better spent developing the Saskatchewan program.

Grants, however, will make it possible to send Saskatchewan athletes to the National Games in New Brunswick next year. Funds are available through the Saskatchewan Sports Foundation, Schuck said.

Saskatchewan is divided into eight zones giving a total of 2,000 athletes a chance to compete. However, only 240 participated in the Yorkton provincial games Friday to Sunday. Schuck would like to have more athletes compete.

The Olympics "prove skills," Schuck said.

"It's ultimate goal is integration." The Games make it possible for athletes to participate in all the events they choose.

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