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Among the guests were long-time president of the association Jim Markle, Lions club president, Wayne Ashley, representing the Bantams sponsoring club, Jim Drake, whose family has been to the forefront in helping in various ways to advance the minor hockey cause in our area. Roland Lerose, who presented a cheque to sponsor a Midget team in Rossland next season, Bobby Sherwood, who presented an award to Clyde Moore for his work in an officiating role over the past year or two, plus this reporter, who always likes being around when our kids have something to celebrate.

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