



Abbotsford Minor Hockey Association

Annual General Meeting - Director & Staff Reports

May 9, 2018 - 7pm AG Rec Gallery



To: AMHA Membership

From: AMHA Board of Directors

Re: Annual General Meeting - Director Reports

Attention All AMHA Members:

Please find included in this package a copy of all the Director Reports for the AMHA's May 9, 2018 Annual General Meeting. As a reminder please come out to the AGM at 7:00pm at the AG Rec Gallery

Included in this package are:

Director Reports:

- Director, Special Projects (1st VP) Report
- Director, Volunteers (2nd VP) Report
- Director, Historian Report
- Director, Initiation Report
- Director, Atom Report
- Director, Bantam Report
- Director, Midget/Juvenile Report

Regrets:

- Director, Pee Wee

Staff Reports:

- Administrator/Ice Scheduler Report
- Hockey Director Report

Reports to be Presented at the AGM:

- President, Report
- Treasurer, Financial Report & Budget
- Executive Director, Report/AGM Presentation



Director Special Projects (1st Vice President)

With the director of Special Projects being a newly formed position I wasn't sure exactly what my responsibilities were going to be this past season. It started out helping out with Rep tryouts in August and ended with the organization of the volunteer appreciation and awards night in April and a little bit of everything in between where ever I was needed.

My first responsibility as the season starts is helping get the rep tryout procedure organized. It was great working with Mike Gerritts, he has the rep tryout process really dialed in with the combine testing, giving us a quicker understanding of where players are at allowing us to move them into games quicker giving us the ability to evaluate players against players of their own skill and ability for a longer period of time.

We had lots of new policies and procedures put in place this year, Kolin Kritma our new Executive Director helped us all a lot this year working through a lot of tough situations.

As the season went along I worked with all the division directors in situations that they needed help with, thanks to all of them for all their hard work.

Then finally wrapping the year up with the volunteer appreciation dinner and awards at the Rancho which was attended by almost 160 people, with lots of great prizes being donated and awards being given out, we've come a long way from the pizza appreciation night.

I would also like to thank all the coaches, managers, tournament coordinators and all the volunteers who helped make this year happen.

I would especially like to thank Janine Rizzo for an amazing job as president and putting all the right people in the right places including getting an Executive Director in place which has been an amazing help to all the volunteers.

Mike Oddy
AMHA 1st VP



Director of Volunteers (2nd VP)

This past year has been a year of transition for AMHA where we repositioned the board to better represent the new Governance Model that we adopted. In this new role, I look to place volunteers in key positions for important projects for AMHA that are essential to the Association's success during the year. Thank you to Kolin and Janine for your extra efforts in getting this done!

I'd like to acknowledge a couple of individuals outside of the board that took on some key projects for us-Greg Blair did a great job handling our first Athletix Fundraiser and Mel Mowbray was fantastic organizing the team picture day.

Also, in this role I am available to volunteers in different areas have a person they can come to for assistance in getting help that they need- for example tournament committee chairs, fundraising chairs (for tournaments or AMHA initiatives).

There are so many volunteers that make our association thrive- nearly a third of our members are involved just as team officials and each of you are important and I truly appreciate what you do for AMHA. This past month we had our annual volunteer appreciation dinner and although there were so many of you there I'd like to see even more next year- the evening is for you so we can thank you for your efforts!

Thank you all for your support over the past year, I look forward to a great 2018-19 season.

Rick Barkwell



Director, Historian

In my role as the association Historian and a Life Member, I focused on tracking our Alumni of players.

Firstly I completed a list of players that were drafted by the WHL and I also added those that were not drafted but were signed and played.

I started a list of those players that played Junior A or Tier 2 hockey. Leagues beginning with the BCHL. I will add to that list players that have played out of province in other Junior A Leagues.

If anyone knows of players who have played in leagues outside BC please contact the writer.

The other project I worked on had to do with the early history of our association and compiling a completed list of Presidents. We have not posted that on the website but will do so soon. Mention should be made of Brad Thompson, Life Member and all his help in compiling this list. Thanks very much Brad for your efforts !

I would like to thank Rhonda and Kolin for their assistance throughout the season and to congratulate Janine for the great job she is doing as our President.

Laughie Bell
AMHA Historian



Director - Initiation

The season started off well with little player movement after the teams were balanced from last years coaches player evaluations. We implemented a weekday ice for all the divisions increasing our average ice from 2.25 ice times per week to 3.25. We hosted an H4 tournament at Abbotsford ice rink that was a 5v5 introducing offence and defensive positions to the H4 teams that all participated in the tournament.

There was call for concern in the h2-4 divisions in game play when kids started getting injured due to no penalties being called or corrections being given to players by coaches on slashing, checking, ex... the division coaches were instructed to ensure the safety of their players at or on a game. And were given specific instruction and procedures to follow in the event that a coach was non compliant in looking out for the safety of all kids on the ice.

In the month of February AMHA initiated its introduction to atom. The program consisted of 2 google classrooms one in September with a 90% enrolment and one in the new year with a 40% enrolment followed by 2 on ice sessions that consisted of offsides, icings face-off locations and advantages and disadvantages of face-offs. The second day of on ice was with a referee and instructions were conducted by our own Mike Garetts, Atom A1 coach John Blessman the Pee wee A1 coach Travis Oddy and his assistant Mike.

I would like to thank our H1-4 coordinator Michele Dominato for all the hard work she put in this year scheduling and rescheduling ice time, balancing teams and dealing with the largest division in AMHA on a daily basis.

Sincerely
Jason Weinberger



Director, Atom

The Atom Division this year operated with 3 Rep Teams and 5 Recreational Teams. Pawan Dhillon, Atom Coordinator, oversaw the Recreational Teams and worked diligently along Hockey Operations Director, Mike Gerratis to ensure that all of the Recreational teams had coaches and assistant coaches assigned. The Recreational Division had a very successful year with C1 and C2 receiving banners for Regular Season Champion in their respective tiers with C5 being awarded Team Achievement Banner.

Atom Rep consisted of three competitive teams with Atom A3 being the only team in Abbotsford to make Final Fours during playoffs. Unfortunately the team was unable to clinch the championship but they played their hearts out and were proud of their achievement.

As the season has come to an end, Pawan and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for their support and for their involvement in volunteering in various positions to ensure their children had a successful year. Without our Coaches, Managers, Safety and Team volunteers for Tournaments and other jobs, the year would not provide the opportunities that it does.

Thank you.

Mandy Gill
Director, Atom



Director, Bantam

This was generally a positive year in the Bantam division. There was however, a steep learning curve, as both Director and Coordinator positions were new to me and Sheri. There were also several new coaches and managers in Bantam, thankfully with a balance of very experienced and supportive veterans. A great deal of appreciation is felt for those coaches who went above and beyond to not only be positive influencers on their own teams, but also to pitch in wherever needed in the division.

As was the case throughout the association, implementation of new policies, procedures and guidelines caused some growing pains. However, with much support from our Executive Director, Kolin Kriitmaa, several challenging situations were managed with due process and fairness, resulting in positive change. I thank Kolin for his guidance and support and superior knowledge of policy and process.

Sheri Doerksen was an outstanding Bantam Coordinator, especially considering this was her first year in the role. She was unfailingly positive and always had the best interest of the players and teams at heart when making decisions. We acknowledge challenges with balancing and will do all in our ability to work to make them less so in future years. Sheri received thanks for her commitment and support from nearly all she came into contact with. I personally could not have considered this year without her.

Our teams in bantam all had times of triumph and times they had to battle through adversity. Some might say that the adversity helped the players, coaches and teams grow and develop. I thank the coaches, players and parents who took up the challenges.

Rep Teams

Bantam A1 ended league play in flight 1, middle of the pack

Bantam A2 ended league play in flight 3, third place

Bantam A3 ended league play in flight 6, second place

All three rep teams were unlucky in the first round of playoffs, during the single knock out phase and proceeded to Presidents Series.

Bantam A1 won the Banner for their Presidents Series

Rec Teams



We had 5 Bantam Rec teams this season.

C4 won the Banner league play, finishing first in the Green Division

C2 placed second league play in the Green Division and was the recipient of the PCAHA Achievement Award Banner for their efforts all season both on and off the ice

C5 had an incredibly challenging start to the season, but with perseverance and great leadership, they came back to win a playoff banner in the Blue Division.

C1 who also experienced some turmoil near the end of the season, rallied strongly under the guidance of interim coach Bruce Walker, who agreed to come back to the association and help us out, to place second in playoffs, Division Blue.

Sheri and I would not have been able to work through this season to provide the kids the opportunities to play on teams where they grew both in hockey and as young people without all of the volunteers. To those who helped in out any way, coaches, managers, HSCPs, tournament people, time and scorekeepers, and supporters and spectators, thank you. It takes commitment from everyone to make these teams successful.

We hope everyone enjoys the off season and look forward to connecting around the rink in the Fall

Regards,
Jodi Visco
Director, Bantam



Director, Midget/Juvenile

Juvenile Division

Juvi had a great season with record of 11-2-1 but struggled in playoffs. Overall non-issue season with no complaints from players/parents or coaches. 19 players rostered and it worked well as there were only few games that players needed to be sat. Coach Jon Brandt and manager Brad Middleton did excellent job in coaching/managing the team and AMHA board members along with myself and coordinator Jill Sawyer want to thank them for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Midget Rep

Midget A1 was the sole rep team representing AMHA this past year. There were not enough players trying out to warrant a second team.

A1 struggled throughout the year and was a learning year for most players. Their record for season was 6-11-3 and didn't fair well in playoffs.

No major complaints/disputes were dealt with and AMHA board members, along with myself would like to thank Randy and all the coaching staff and Sue Cheyne(manager) for their hard work throughout the year.

Midget Rec

Year started with board not knowing whether we would have enough coaches for teams but in the final hours there were a few individuals who stepped up to save the season. There were 6 rec teams and year went well with not too many complaints/issues on teams. The balancing process went fairly well and then minor movements were made after few balancing games. Weakest team was C1 after balancing and were given extra help with rep players coming down but this didn't seem to help them.

Overall season records for each team:

C1 – 3-12-3

C2 – 12-4-2

C3 – 9-8-1

C4 – 4-12-2

C5 – 13-4-1

C6 – 4-12-2

Although C1 and C4 had the worst records, there weren't too many games that each team lost with a margin of 3 goals or more.



During the playoffs, C2 C4 and C6 had the best records. We are still waiting for few player evaluations to be sent in from the coaches. AMHA board members, Jill Sawyer, Division Coordinator and myself would like to thank all the coaches and managers for making this a great season and can't thank them enough for all their hard work and time they put in to their teams. The season would have not happened if not for them.

I would also like to thank Jill personally for her hard work over the last 2 years. I know it hasn't always been easy but she was a true professional throughout it all. As this is my last year of Midget/Juvi Director, I would like to thank all of AMHA board members especially Janine Rizzo and Kolin Kriitmaa for their guidance and support throughout the year and for all their hard work and dedication to making AMHA the best association!



Registrar/Administrator, Report

I would like to thank everyone who gave of their time, talents and knowledge over the past season. In a fast-paced world where time is very precious, your commitment to AMHA is impressive. Your dedication to promoting the game and enhancing the lives of young children is commendable. Whether you gave one hour or one thousand hours, THANK YOU!! I hope you all enjoyed your experience and are eager to return next season.

My role and duties were as follows:

- **Registrar:**
 - Registration of all players including Returning, New, Transfers, International Students and Yale
 - Roster all players and team officials to teams
 - Follow up with all team staff to ensure proper certification
 - Liaison with PCAHA and BC Hockey as required
 - Provide tax receipts

For the 2017-18 season, AMHA rostered:

- Hockey 1—Two teams
- Hockey 2—Three teams
- Hockey 3—Four teams
- Hockey 4—Five teams
- Atom
 - Rep—Three teams
 - Recreational—Five teams
- Peewee
 - Rep--Three teams
 - Recreational--Six teams
- Bantam
 - Rep--Three teams
 - Recreational--Five teams
- Midget
 - Rep—One team
 - Recreational—Six teams
- Juvenile—One Recreational team
- Yale
 - Bantam



- U16
- U18

50 teams, approximately 250 team officials.

- **Administrator:**

- Duties include pickup and delivery of mail, answering phone calls and emails in a timely manner
- Attending AMHA Board of Directors meetings
- Answers member's questions, deal with concerns and problem solve
- Supporting role in association fundraiser
- Worked closely with all executive members as required
- Supporting role to Treasurer
- Reported to Executive Director
- Office hours of Wednesday 5-9pm and Saturday 9-1pm (when AC was accessible.)

- **Ice Scheduler:**

- All booking of ice used by AMHA
 - Tryouts
 - C Evaluations
 - Regular season games and practices
 - Tournaments
 - Development
 - Work with Yale and Major Midget on conflicts
 - Special Events such as Scholarship games and 3yr games
- Worked with Coordinators and Rep Managers to resolve conflicts
- All meeting room bookings

Notes:

- 1.) MRC—closed for 3 weeks in February/March due to leak
- 2.) Winter Ice storm caused several games to be altered during the Midget C tournament

- **Tournaments:**

Trophy and medal ordering



Hockey Director, Report

Development

- Increased the development hours offered to the membership by **75hrs** in 2017-18 season
- Total # of hours / sessions offered in 2017-18 was **243hrs**
- Re-wrote & defined the AMHA Development Philosophy (see website)
- Detailed program descriptions added to the website (see website)
- Increased the teaching hours and focus on fundamental core skills for our younger players
- *** Please see development hour breakdown chart included in this report below.

Coaching

- Very strong year for coach feedback from mid & end of season surveys in 2017-18
- 30+ coaches attended AMHA hosted Coach Certification Clinics
- Grew the online resource library & content on the website (practice & game tools)
- Implemented the use of Google Classrooms for online learning & sharing
- 3 classrooms were created - Initiation, Recreation & Rep
- Paid A1 Head Coaches conducted 60+ hrs of mentorship for AMHA Coaches

Atom Transition Program

- AMHA ran two successful Atom Transition Programs this season to assist our graduating H4 players in transitioning from Cross/Half Ice play to Full Ice Play
- 1st Program ran in August 2017
- 2nd Program ran in January 2018
- Programs consisted of;
 - 2 hours of on-ice professional instruction
 - Instructors: AMHA Hockey Director, Atom & PW A1 Head Coaches and AMHA Referee
 - 1 classroom style session (question & answer)
 - Online Google Classroom - this was distributed in advance to allow the players & families to work through some of the concepts / rules of play in a low key fun way



Canucks Learn to Play Program

- Completed our 2nd successful season of hosting the Canucks Learn to Play Program sponsored by CCM equipment
- AMHA was able to provide 50 sets of FREE hockey equipment to players aged 5-8 playing hockey for the first time in Abbotsford
- The new to hockey players also took part in 6 professionally instructed on-ice skills sessions with Canucks' Alumni players & Finn the mascot
- AMHA will be taking part on the program for a 3rd straight season in 2018-19



2017-18 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING SUMMARY

	# of Sessions / Hours	New Program Hrs
Goalies	44	n/a
	<i>Oct to March</i>	
Initiation	45	9 new sessions
	<i>Oct to Feb</i>	
Recreational	36	15 new PW C sessions
<i>PW & Atom</i>	<i>Oct to Jan</i>	
Atom Rep	18	3 new sessions
	<i>Oct to Jan</i>	
Pee Wee Rep	12	12 new sessions
	<i>Oct to Feb</i>	
User Pay	24	24 new sessions
	<i>Fall & Winter</i>	
Speciality	22	12 new sessions
H1 Development	42	
TOTAL	243 hrs	75 new sessions/hrs