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Abbotsford Minor Hockey Association

Annual General Meeting - Director & Staff Reports

May 8, 2019 - 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 and Staff Reports for the AMHA's May 8, 2019 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, Atom (2nd VP) Report
- Director, PeeWee
- Director, Volunteers/Fundraising
- Director, Initiation.Novice Report

Not Submitted:

- Director, Bantam
- Director, Historian

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)

My responsibilities started out helping out with Rep tryouts in August and ended with the organization of the volunteer appreciation and awards night in April and little bit of everything in between where ever I was needed. It's been pretty cool to see the volunteer appreciation night go from a couple dozen people get together and have some pizza to filling the Rancho with 170 People.

The year started out working with Mike Gerrits, 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.

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.

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

I would especially like to thank Janine Rizzo for another amazing year as AMHA President.

As this is my last season volunteering with AMHA, I can't believe I've been involved with minor hockey in some capacity for 21 years. I've seen a lot of changes over those years and met a lot of great people along the way. I wish the AMHA and the new board the best of luck, I may be leaving but I'll always be around to catch some great hockey games.

Mike Oddy
Director, Special Projects



Director, Atom (2nd VP)

A Division:

Atom Rep had high number of children try out for our Rep and it was amazing to see such interest in our Division. This year Abbotsford had three Rep Teams – Atom A1, Atom A2 and Atom A3. Each of the teams had a great year on the ice and off ice. Atom A1 was coached by a paid coach, John Blessman with one non parent assistant coach and one parent assistant coach. Atom A1 had a competitive year and remained in Flight 1 throughout the year. Unfortunately play offs were not as successful as they would have hoped. Atom 1 was awarded the President's Award this year due to their off ice contributions in community. This team participated in the Salvation Army Kettle Drive, completed in a skate a thon with Atom A3 and close to \$3000 were donated to Canuck place, and they also donated hockey equipment to another Atom Player in need.

Atom A2 was coached by Mark Voth with parent assistant coaches. The team had a very successful year and were awarded the Flight Banner as well as made it to Final Four. Atom A2 lost in Final Four unfortunately but what an accomplishment!!

Atom A3 was coached by Suh Sayeed with parent assistant coaches. The team did well in the same flight as Atom A2, and the coaching staff ensure that despite some stiff competition, the team kept developing and battling. Atom A3 also were the runners up for the President's Award this Year!

The Abbotsford Rep Tourney was headed by Shana Evans and it was her first year being Committee Head and she was extremely organized and this resulted in a very successful tourney with various teams commenting on how much they enjoyed the weekend!!

Rec Division:

This year Pawan Dhillon returned as our Atom Co-Ordinator and she worked tirelessly in September to ensure that all 6 teams were balanced and competitive. After League Play 3 out of our 6 teams were in Tier 1!! Pawan and Mike Gerratis worked together to quickly establish 5 experienced head coaches quick into our season that ensured that the teams were ready to go. There was great talent on each of our teams that resulted in many successes on the ice – from teams winning several tournaments and banners!! It was so nice to see an Abby Team win our local tourney!!



Head Coach for C1 was Jeff Corbett ; Head Coach for C2 was Andrew Mitchell ; Head Coach for C3 was Craig Campbell ; Head Coach for C4 was Kevin Shead ; Head coach for C5 was Eric Allard and Head Coach for C6 was Kevin Brake.

As mentioned earlier these teams accomplished quite a bit of success in their season with some of the following:

Atom C2 won the Mission Rec Tourney and Assistant Coach Brad Nicholson received AMHA Assistant Coach of the Year Award!

Atom C4 won the North Van Tourney in December as well as the League Banner for their flight at the end of the season!! Kevin Shead also received AMHA Rec Coach of the Year Award and C4 won Team of the Year Award!! Way to go C4!!

Atom C5 was awarded Atom C Team Achievement banner by the League and also had the chance to participate in the Canucks Minor Hockey Weekend!

Lastly, Irene Johanson was Committee Chair of the Atom Rec Tourney for the second year in a row and was very organized and Abby hosted a great tournament!!

Year End:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Atom Coaches, Managers and other team officials for all of your work and commitment throughout the 2018-2019 Hockey Season. I know how much work is required to ensure that our players have fun and success and this does not go unnoticed by AMHA. We would not be able to run such a successful program without your assistance. Also, thank you to all of the wonderful parents of the Atom Division. Pawan and I have had a great year representing you in the community and organization. Lastly, thank you to Pawan Dhillon, who for the third year now has been our Coordinator, and was awarded Volunteer of the Year Award this year!!! Pawan works throughout the year ensuring that teams have ice slots for practices and games and addressing any ice conflicts that may occur.

Mandy Gill

Atom Director



Director, PeeWee

Overall, the PeeWee division had a good season!

The Division had a total of 8 teams this year; 3 rep teams and 5 rec teams

Some of the highlights from the season:

- We had one rep player that decided to leave AMHA in November. This opened up a spot on the team and the decision was made to move a player up to fill the spot. This also affected 2 teams below which also saw players moved up. This was a difficult situation and while the decision to move players in November was not popular with everyone, I appreciate the overall cooperation and support that was shown by the teams involved.
- AMHA hosted the PeeWee Rec tournament in November
- AMHA hosted the PeeWee Rep tournament in December
- The following players were the Peter Kaayk and Cory Reddekop – Pee Wee Rep Tournament Most Inspirational Player recipients:
 - PeeWee A1 Blake Jonah
 - PeeWee A2 Megan Thompson
 - PeeWee A3 Drew Pike
- PeeWee C3 won the Kamloops tournament in January
- PeeWee C1 won the playoff banner (gold group)
- PeeWee C2 won the playoff banner (green group)
- PeeWee A2 received the AMHA President's Award for their efforts in giving back to the community
- Special thanks to Jenn Milne for taking on the role of peeWee coordinator this past season; and
- Thanks to all the coaches, assistant coaches, managers and all volunteers at the team level; hockey doesn't happen without all of you and your efforts are appreciated!

Jen Robillard
PeeWee Director



Director, Volunteers/Fundraising

The central focus of my role for the 2018/2019 season was to work with our membership to establish an association wide fundraising model that was accepted and sustainable. Through membership surveying and working group discussions, some main principles were identified.

- a. The initiative should be consistent in type, focusing on a lottery-based event, with sponsored or donated prize such as a car, vacation, etc.
- b. The initiative should have the lowest overhead costs possible in order to allow for largest profit to AMHA and to allow for members to buy tickets outright if they so choice, without having to pay more than they would if it was a straight fee.
- c. Where possible, the type of prize should be consistent and appropriate to have players involved in their own fundraising and selling of tickets (i.e. not alcohol and easily understood and explainable by children)

Based on these, a successful fundraising program was developed and implemented, where through nearly 100% participation, AMHA was able to fundraise nearly \$75,000. This would not have been possible without the dedicated work of team fundraising coordinators and managers, as well as all members.

The second component of my role was to improve AMHA connections in the community, through involvement and volunteering opportunities for our teams and members. We saw many teams positively connecting with our community partners such as Salvation Army, the Food Bank, and others with benefits seen by all.

Although I will not be returning to the board next season, I believe foundations have be laid in areas of fundraising and volunteering that I hope will help future executives. I thank all volunteers who helped through the season with a special mention to Greg Blair who worked with me, as the Fundraising Coordinator through the year and Melanie Mowbray for her organization and implementation of a seamless picture day.

Operation of the association is reliant upon its members as volunteers. I personally thank all the volunteers at team and association level for the efforts and work. To Janine Rizzo, I give my extreme gratitude for your dedication, commitment and passion over the years. You will be sorely missed.

Jodi Visco
Director Volunteers/Fundraising



Director, Initiation/Novice

We kicked off the Initiation/Novice season this year with a fun skate that included face painting, popcorn and music. The players were able to meet our Head Coaches and get some skating in before we arranged everyone into their balancing groups. Balancing took a bit longer in the Novice division but after a few weeks of movements we were able to declare teams in all our divisions.

Initiation Minor – these were our newest AMHA members and they had a very successful year with Head Coaches John Blessman and Chris Price. All of these kids had enormous growth in skating and skill development over the course of the season. They participated in the Timbits Jamboree with the Vancouver Giants in February and were able to play one game during the AMHA Initiation/Novice Christmas tournament. Our Initiation Minor players were asked to play a 3 on 3 scrimmage on the synthetic ice in downtown Abbotsford during the tree lighting ceremony – a brand new tradition for the City of Abbotsford.

Bauer First Shift Program – AMHA was given the opportunity to participate in this hockey program dedicated to ensuring new-to-hockey players have a positive experience while learning the skills associated with hockey. The program provides full gear plus 6 weeks on-ice instruction to kids between the ages of 6-10 who have never played hockey. We ran two sessions of this program (one in November and one in February) and filled both programs (with waitlists for both). We also ran a Bauer Transition program for the kids from the first Bauer program that wanted to continue with skill development. They continued with 6 additional ice sessions beginning in January. This program was a huge success and the feedback was very positive. We hope to continue with this program again in the next season.

Canucks Learn to Play – this was our third season running the Canucks LTP program. Due to an equipment delay, we pushed the start of the LTP program to January but this did not cause any decrease in registration. As in past years, we filled all 50 of our spots and had a waitlist as well. The players in this program received CCM hockey gear with the Vancouver Canucks Logo, a Vancouver Canucks hockey stick and had the opportunity to skate with Dave Babych, Kirk McLean, Jyrki Lumme and Fin.

Initiation/Novice Tournament – we held our annual tournament the weekend immediately following Christmas. Our tournament chair – Rebecca Appleton – did an amazing job getting everything organized and running the tournament. All of our tournament committee members should be recognized for all the hard work and time that they put in during the tournament weekend.



Atom Transition Program – AMHA successfully ran an Atom Transition Program in February to assist our Novice Major players in transitioning from cross ice to full ice. The program consisted of a google classroom portion, 2 hours of on-ice professional instruction and one classroom style session (Q&A).

The Initiation/Novice division is the largest division within AMHA and as a result we also have the greatest number of brand-new Managers, Assistant Coaches and Head Coaches. I would like to thank all our team volunteers who stepped up to assist in a position within their team. Our teams would not exist or be able to run without the countless hours of our volunteers.

I would like to say Thank You to all the Coaches who volunteered above and beyond their own teams to assist with the Canucks LTP and Bauer programs – we could not have had such successful programs without your support and help.

I would also like to personally thank Michelle Mitchell, Initiation Coordinator, and Amanda Kandler, Novice Coordinator for all their time and dedication to ensuring that the Initiation/Novice division was so successful. Michelle and Amanda were instrumental in the success of Initiation/Novice this season!

To all of the Initiation/Novice families – Thank you! It has been a great season and I look forward to seeing you all around the rink next season.

Kind Regards,
Michele Dominato
Initiation/Novice Director



Director, Midget

Kendra Getty was the real star of the Midget division this year. As coordinator she made things easy, she took care of any issues in the midget rec division. Thanks to Kendra for everything she did this season. How lucky am to get to work alongside another great coordinator for the 3rd straight season.

The Midget division had a rough start this season during tryouts when it was decided that AMHA would only go with one rep team instead of two. Jay Campbell stepped up to help recruit some more players to try out for rep and I believe within a day or two we had enough players to field an A2 team this season.

Midget A1 - Thanks to Sue and Randy for their hard work this season, they do such a good job they are probably the most independent team in AMHA. I never have to worry about them.

Midget A2 - Thanks to Alej and Jay for their work this season and all the fundraising they had to do to send their team to Chicago.

Midget Rec -

- Congrats to Midget C4 for all their tournament wins and also winning the league banner.
- Congrats to Midget C5 for winning their playoff banner.
- Congrats to Midget C6 for winning their playoff banner.
- Congrats to Midget C1 for winning the Abby tournament.

Thanks to Chris Stewart for chairing the Midget Memorial tournament. Thanks to Kara Collins for chairing the Midget Rec tournament.

Thanks to Shawn McCaskill and Adrienne Hobbs for helping out when we needed refs changed last minute.

Thanks Gary McCaskill and Dan VanDokkumburg for helping out with all of our jersey and equipment issues, and we still have one set of jerseys to return.



Thanks to Kendra Getty and Dan VanDokkumburg for organizing the Midget 3rd year game.

Thanks to Steve Ursel and Craig Campbell for coaching the scholarship team.

Finally thanks to Janine for all the hard work she's put in over the years, I appreciate everything you've done.



Director, Coach Development (Staff Report)

Coaching

- Another strong year for coach feedback from season surveys in 2018-19 in recreational & rep divisions
- 30+ coaches attended AMHA hosted Coach Certification Clinics
- Continued to grow the online resource library & content on the website (practice & game tools)
- Paid A1 Head Coaches conducted 60+ hrs of mentorship for AMHA Coaches within their respective divisions

Atom Transition Program

- AMHA ran successful Atom Transition Programs again this season in February to assist our graduating Novice Major players in transitioning from Cross/Half Ice play to Full Ice Play
- Program consisted of;
 - 2 hours of on-ice professional instruction
 - Instructors: AMHA Atom A1 Head Coach, AMHA Referee and Fraser Valley T-Bird Coaches
 - 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 3rd successful season of hosting the Canucks Learn to Play Program sponsored by CCM equipment
- AMHA provided 50 sets of hockey equipment to players aged 5-8 playing hockey for the first time in the Abbotsford area
- The new to hockey players took part in 6 professionally instructed on-ice skills sessions with Canucks' Alumni players & Finn the mascot and 8 AMHA volunteer coaches
- AMHA will be taking part on the program for a 3rd straight season in 2018-19



Bauer First Shift Program

- In addition to the Canuck LTP Program AMHA applied for the Bauer 1st Shift Program to introduce more new players to the game
- Participants received full set of hockey equipment for \$199
- This program was for ages 5-8 as well
- AMHA hosted a fall and winter program. Each program consisted of 6 professionally instructed on-ice skills sessions
- AMHA also hosted the 2nd Shift Program which allowed players who took part in the 1st Shift to attend 6 more ice sessions
- 100 players took part in the two programs this season
- AMHA Director, Coach Development & 1 Yale coach lead the program with 8 AMHA volunteer coaches each session

Development

- AMHA created development partnerships with Yale Academy & the Fraser Valley Thunderbirds this season to be able to offer a more diverse development programs
- These partnerships allowed AMHA to offer new programs. One new program was power skating sessions for Initiation/Novice & Atom levels utilizing existing practice times
- Total # of hours / sessions offered in 2018-19 was **250 hrs**
- AMHA Development Philosophy can be viewed on the website
- Detailed program descriptions can be found on the website
- Increased the teaching hours and focused on fundamental core skills for our younger players



Administrator/Registrar (Staff 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:

- o Registration of all players including Returning, New, Transfers, International Students and Yale
- o Roster all players and team officials to teams
- o Provide rosters as required
- o Track RIS
- o Track HCSP
- o Track Criminal Record Search
- o EPact
- o Liaison with PCAHA and BC Hockey as required

For the 2018-19 season, AMHA rostered:

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



- Yale
 - Bantam Prep
 - Bantam Varsity
 - U16
 - U18

47 teams, approximately 250 team officials.

Administrator:

- Duties include pickup and delivery of mail
- Respond to all phone calls and email
- Maintain office records
- General banking duties
- Attending AMHA Board of Directors meetings
- Answers member's questions and/or direct to appropriate person as required
- Worked with all board of directors as required
- Communicated with membership via Teamsnap
- Supporting role to Treasurer
- Reported to Executive Director
- Budget Committee
- Scholarship Selection Committee
- AMHA Volunteer Appreciation Committee

Ice Scheduler:

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



Tournaments:

- o Trophy and medal ordering
- o Green bin distribution
- o Game sheet collection and mailing
- o Assist Tournament Director as needed