

Director, 2nd VP – 2021/2022 Year End Report

This year AMHA commenced the season with COVID 19 protocols in place, but we were able to ensure that our players were able to be on the ice, develop and connect with peers. As a board we met throughout the season to ensure programming offered to our community met the needs of our families.

We commenced the season with Dust off the Rust Development sessions that were provided by our AMHA Development Team. Prior to the start of the season Peter Hay, AMHA Player Development Director and myself and AMHA Directors were able to interview applicants for our REP program and assign the following coaches to teams:

U11 A1: Justin Plett
U13 A1: Travis Veldhoen
U15A1: Chris Price
U15A2: Mike Bencze
U18A1: Randy Zinn

Rep Try Outs occur in a similar format as previous years with a combine testing component, followed by Inter-squad games and then games. This year again we were unable to complete a Round Robin Tourney due to many of the Associations changing their dates for Rep try outs and therefore we had an exhibition game format that had games hosted in Abbotsford.

I worked with each Division Director throughout the season to ensure assistance was provided in any capacity that they required. Thank you to each Division Director for their hard work this year – from the start of Dust of the Rust camps to the end of the season.

I want to also thank the parents who volunteered throughout the season as our association could not run without parent involvement! Parents and Team Officials worked hard to ensure that the players continued to develop this year and Abbotsford was competitive!

Peter Hay and his development team entered their second year of providing development for our. Peter and his coaches ensured top end player development as well as mentoring our coaches as they also participated during on ice sessions. Feedback received from players and their parents last year was incorporated into this season as best as we could based on ice availability and our budget. Feedback regarding our development programming was positive overall and AMHA will continue to build on our Development Program for next year. An area that people have requested further attention is to Coach Mentorship and AMHA will take this into consideration.

There were a few discipline issues this year that were brought to our attention and either addressed or in the process of being addressed. AMHA wants to ensure that our association provides programming that meets the needs of our families and that it is a safe and appropriate environment.

As this season ends, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all coaches and team officials for their commitment to the players throughout this pandemic. Despite the frustration and uncertainty faced, quality coaching and programming continued. A significant amount of 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 minor hockey program without your assistance.

It has been an honor representing AMHA as 2nd VP and I have enjoyed my years on the board with AMHA. As I will not be returning next year, I will be available to assist where needed.

Thank you

Mandy Gill

2nd VP

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