



July 2018 AMHA Newsletter

We hope everyone has had a great end to the school year and is going to be enjoying some time off with your families this summer. As some of you may or may not know, the spring is a very busy season for the AMHA Board, Staff and Appointed Positions in planning for the next season, as well as the number of obligations we have to our Leagues, District, and Provincial governing body in the way of meetings and AGM's. This newsletter highlights many of the activities and things members need to know and be aware of.

Association Operations

Volunteer Appreciation Evening.

Special thanks to all our Association volunteers and those that attended our Annual Appreciation Dinner. This year was a record crowd at 170 people.

AMHA AGM

The AMHA held its annual AGM May 9, 2018 at the AG Rec Gallery. You can find the information for the AGM at <http://abbotsfordminorhockey.ca/content/agm>. The most significant highlight of the AGM was the lengthy discussion about Fundraising. As an actionable from this discussion the AMHA conducted an Association wide fundraising survey (more on this later in the newsletter). We thank all those who participated in the survey.

Of importance to note for members after the AGM, Rick Barkwell stepped down from his position as Director of Volunteers and 2nd VP, and has taken over the AMHA Sponsorship Coordinator Position which had been held vacant since earlier this year. We look forward to Rick's work to continue to help raise funds for the AMHA.

The AMHA would like to thank outgoing Board Member Parm Kooner for her service with the AMHA, and welcome incoming board member Michele Dominato. The 2018/19 AMHA Board of Directors now is set and includes:

President - Janine Rizzo
Director, Special Projects - Mike Oddy
Treasurer/Secretary - Vickie Heese
Director of Volunteers/Fundraising - Jodi Visco
Director, Historian - Lochie Bell
Director, Initiation/Novice - Michele Dominato



Director, Atom - Mandy Gill

Director, Pee Wee - Jen Robillard (Appointed to 1-year term in vacant position)

Director, Bantam - Jason Weinberger

Director, Midget/Juvenile - Jamie Young

Past President - Trevor Bamford

PCAHA AGM

On May 27, 2018 a delegation from the AMHA Board and Staff attended the PCAHA AGM. The highlights coming out of the PCAHA AGM included:

- Richmond and Seafair Minor Hockey Associations have now merged to be one association and will now be the “Richmond Jets”.
- H1-4 has officially been renamed in order to align with national initiatives with hockey at these levels. The naming designation which will be adopted by all associations will be:
 - H1 is now Initiation Minor
 - H2 is now Initiation Major
 - H3 is now Novice Minor
 - H4 is now Novice Major
- The AMHA Midget A1 and Aldergrove Midget A1 teams were co-winners of the PCAHA President’s Service award for the “Ugly Sweater Night” game.
- PCAHA passed a resolution and by-law implementing a new “fine” system for tournaments when tournament administration is not filed properly. The AMHA will be taking steps to ensure all tournament volunteers are aware of these new rules.

BC Hockey Annual Congress

On June 8-10 a delegation from the AMHA Board and Staff attended the BC Hockey Annual Congress. This year’s congress had a number of seminars and sessions for delegates to attend as well as the regular schedule motions. Nothing new came out of this years Congress that has any material impact on the way minor hockey currently operates as has been the case in past years.



2018/19 Award Winner

The AMHA would like to congratulate the winners of the 2018/19 AMHA Awards and thank all volunteers for their efforts. This year's recipients include:

Volunteer of the Year - Dan VanDokkumburg

Manager of the Year - Sue Cheyne

Coach of the Year (H1 - 4) - Mike Kandler

Coach of the Year (Recreational) - Dustin May

Coach of the Year (Rep) - Randy Zinn

Assistant Coach of the Year (H1 - 4) - co-winners - Dustin McAuley & Andrew Mitchell

Assistant Coach of the Year (Recreational) - Darin Riedel

Assistant Coach of the Year (Rep) - Jeff Sandhu

Team of the Year - Atom A3

Committee member of the Year - Co-winners - Greg Blair & Michelle Mitchell

Most Promising Official - Cole McCaskill

Most Improved Official - Brayden Stewart

Most Deserving Official - Joel Byron

Greg & Sam Stone Award - Bruce Walker

2018/19 Scholarship Recipients

Each year AMHA awards 10 scholarships of \$500 each to an AMHA player to use to assist in continuing their education. This award can be used for a trades program or post secondary education at an institution of the recipient's choosing. The award recipient has 2 years to use the award in the event that he or she does not attend immediately following graduation. The AMHA recipient does not have to be playing hockey at the time of graduation. He/she could be a previous player or a player who used to play for AMHA and currently plays in a higher level of hockey. Scholarships are available to both rep and recreational hockey.

Applicants apply directly through their high school with the other awards/scholarships available in January/February of their graduation year. For more information, please contact your school counselor/advisor and ask when the Community Scholarship applications will be available.



Scholarship winners

Trevor Toews
Jaxon Orth
Mitchell Weins
Reid Johnson
Benjamin Lanji
Aiden Cutting
Jaskaran Gill
Makayla Grewal
Pavan Aujla
Matthew Konrad

Fundraising Survey

One of the action items out of the AMHA AGM was for the Board to conduct a fundraising survey. The results have been collated and some highlights from this survey include:

- The AMHA received good feedback and participation across all division levels in the association.
- A few themes were noticeable and will be considered by the AMHA. One theme that was present is that most members were unaware that Association level fundraising is a requirement of the AMHA. It appears that many felt this was new to the association last year, when in fact this has been part of the AMHA By-laws for well over 15 years.
- Based on feedback from the survey, a working group of volunteers from within the Association has been put together to discuss the feedback, themes, and initiatives.
- The working group will review some of the initiatives that were put forth and will be considered for the 2018/19 season. Further information on this will be sent out in the near future once the working group meets and presents their recommendations to the Board of Directors.
- It is the goal/objective of the AMHA Board to keep fees as low as possible to encourage as many as possible to play the game, and we are committed to providing opportunities for all members to contribute in a variety of ways.

Registration

Just a reminder that registration for the 2018/19 season is still open for both new and returning players. Please contact Rhonda Bencze our Registrar if you have any questions or to register if you have not done so already.



Hockey Operations

Alumni Relations

The AMHA would like to give a special shout out to former AMHA Alumni:

- Noah Juulsen who played his first games in the NHL for the Montreal Canadiens.
- Ryan Craig - Assistant Coach with Stanley Cup Finalist Vegas Golden Knights.
- Jake Chiasson selected #15 overall by the Brandon Wheat Kings in the WHL Draft.
- Graham Sward selected #17 overall by the Spokane Chiefs in the WHL Draft.
- Liam Vanderkooi selected #55 by the Medicine Hat Tigers in the WHL Draft.

Bauer First Shift Program

The AMHA is excited to announce that it has been selected as a host to the Bauer First Shift Program. The program is intended to introduce new players to the game of hockey.

Canucks Learn to Play Program

The AMHA will be hosting the Canucks Learn to Play program again in the 2018/19 season with a bit of a change to the program. Due to a delay in the equipment the program will be run in early 2019.

Save the Dates - 2018/19 AMHA Hosted Tournament Dates

- Midget Memorial - November 10-12, 2018
- Bantam Western Classic - November 23-25, 2018
- Pee Wee Rep (A1/A2/A3) - December 7-9, 2018
- Atom Rep (A1/A2/A3) - December 21-23, 2018
- Bantam Recreational - December 27-29, 2018
- Initiation/Novice - December 29-31, 2018
- Pee Wee Recreational - January 4-6, 2019
- Midget Recreational - January 4-6, 2019



- Dallas Saunders - February 16-18, 2019
- Atom Recreational - March 16-18, 2019

Rep Tryouts

The 2018/19 Rep Tryouts will begin on Thursday, August 30, 2018. More details to be announced in August.

Please stay tuned for more announcements on both Association and Hockey Operations throughout the summer.