



November/December 2017 AMHA Newsletter

Now that everyone is settled into the hockey season, in this month's edition of the newsletter we look to inform you all about some of the Association's Operations, as well as the Hockey Operations of the AMHA.

Association Operations

Photo Day / Food & Clothing Drive

Big thanks to Mel Mowbray for her efforts in assisting the AMHA with its annual photo day this past November. Big thank you as well to those who donated food and clothing for the clothing drive as our donations will be put to good use by those less fortunate.

Community Presence

Just a reminder the AMHA supports the community of Abbotsford and encourages all teams to participate in community events. Please ensure you let us know if your team has any stories of the AMHA in the community so we can include these in our newsletter.

Christmas Kettles

A few AMHA teams have taken it upon themselves to participate in the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Program. Big thank you to those teams, families and players. Please stop and say hello to our members as you see them at the kettles throughout the holiday season. Check out our Twitter and Facebook pages for more info.

AMHA Participates in UFV's Solve It Program

On December 1st, members of the Board/Staff participated in the kick off meeting with the UFV Alumni Association in their Solve It program. The program is designed to have students and/or recent graduates work with community businesses and organizations and try and come up with fresh solutions to problems the organizations may have. The AMHA has asked the Solve It team to take a look and analyze two of our organizational challenges in "volunteerism" and "community engagement". We will be continuing to work with the Solve It team and look forward to seeing the finished report in March.

AMHA Participates in Involve Abbotsford

On November 30th members of our Board participated in the Involve Abbotsford Conference, including our Executive Director who was a presenter for the City of Abbotsford. Involve



Abbotsford is a program that supports and fosters the robust and innovative arts, non-profit sector, and local sports organizations by providing relevant information and training to help build on the foundation of service that benefits the quality of life for all residents of Abbotsford.

Sport Abbotsford Survey

Sport Abbotsford recently reached out to the AMHA with the opportunity for our members to participate in a survey towards to sport community. As the community of Abbotsford continues to grow, so to do our requirements for sporting facilities, and much more. Please take a moment to fill out the survey and help shape our community.

https://www.abbotsford.ca/city_hall/plan_for_200K.htm

Insurance Premium Increase

In early December Hockey Canada and BC Hockey notified all Associations in BC that the Hockey Canada insurance premium would be increasing for the 2018/19 season to better serve its members needs. This insurance premium increase will be taking into consideration during budget planning for next season and all AMHA members can expect to see registration fees increase accordingly for next season.

Athletix Fundraising Program

We are down to the final days of our new Athletix Ticket Fundraising program. Just a reminder to sell your last remaining tickets and where possible spread unsold tickets around your teams in order to sell as many as you can. The more we sell, the more impact it has on Association fees in the future.

We have had a number of members reach out for additional tickets and just a reminder as well there are some fabulous incentive prizes to be won.

We thank everyone for your participation in the program.

Association Equipment Manager Needed

The AMHA is currently looking for an Equipment manager to take over for Mat Doull who after a number of years has resigned from the position. We would like to thank Mat for his years of dedicated service to the position. Anyone who is interested in volunteering to become our equipment manager please contact our Director of Volunteers at

volunteers@abbotsfordminorhockey.ca



True Sport Foundation Scholarship Applications

The True Sport Foundation is calling for applications to the Lyle Makosky Values and Ethics in Sport Fund. Please let anyone you think might be eligible know about this fantastic opportunity. There is a minimum of two \$2,000 scholarships available. Application Deadline is April 30, 2018.

Those eligible to apply to the fund include:

- High-performance athletes enrolled at a Canadian university, community college or other post-secondary educational institution. “High-performance athlete” refers to athletes who are any of the following: international team members, national team members, carded athletes, university varsity team members and/or competitive club athletes reaching national championships level. Student-athlete candidates require a minimum 70 per cent academic average at the time of application.
- Post-secondary students active in sport at a non-high-performance level.
- Sport practitioners active/working in sport as an official or administrator or a high-performance coach.
- Educators working in a sport, sports sciences, sport management/administration or other applicable discipline.

To apply visit:

<http://truesportpur.ca/lyle-makosky-values-and-ethics-sport-fund-applicationform>

Hockey Operations

January Skill Development Programming

As we get closer to the new year, just a reminder to check the website under the appropriate portfolio for the Association Development programs. The AMHA intends to run these programs through January and February prior to playoffs. We have had fantastic turnout to programming prior to the Holiday break that we look forward to seeing everyone participating again in the new year.



January/February User Pay Programming

Back by popular demand the AMHA will be extending our User Pay programming in the new year. This session we will be adding further groups to the program offering. Stay tuned for registration details for the following user pay programs:

- Atom Rep Skills
- Pee Wee Rep Forward and Defense Specific skills
- Bantam Rep Skills

For any further questions please do not hesitate to contact our Hockey Director at hockeyops@abbotsfordminorhockey.ca

Coach 2 Workbook Reminder

Just a friendly reminder to all our coaches who are working on their Coach 2 certification. The Coach 2 workbooks once completed can be emailed to our Hockey Director at hockeyops@abbotsfordminorhockey.ca

Mid Season Coach Surveys

Just a reminder the Mid-Season Coach Surveys have been sent to individually to members. Please take a moment to fill out the survey as the feedback is valuable to coach development.

Tournament Successes

Congratulations go out to the following teams:

- Bantam A2 for their Tournament win in Kelowna in October.
- Midget C5 for their Tournament win in Merritt in October.
- Bantam A3 for being the runner up at our own Bantam Western Classic tournament.

Fair Play, Serious Penalties, and Suspensions

Just a reminder to all families about keeping the temperature down in the rinks. This year has seen a sharp increase in the number of serious penalties and suspensions for infractions in the stands, abuse of officials and inappropriate language amongst players.

Canucks Learn to Play up and Running

The Canucks Learn to Play program started on October 11th. This introductory learn to play program allows new players to the game of hockey additional development opportunities. As of Mid-November the AMHA has completed all six Learn to Play sessions. Former Canucks and even an appearance from the Mascot Finn made this program a huge success within the AMHA and brought in new players.



Midget Memorial Tournament Recap

Big thanks goes out to the Midget A1 team for their successful hosting of the Midget Memorial Tournament earlier in November. Special mention to Jeff Greenhalgh our Tournament chair and his committee for putting on the event. The tournament saw the Vancouver TBirds win the tournament beating North Vancouver in the final game.

Bantam Western Classic Tournament Recap

Over the November 24-26 weekend the Bantam A2 and A3 teams successfully hosted our annual Bantam Western Classic tournament. This year we had 16 teams, 8 teams in the tier 2 and 8 in the tier 3 division. Big thank you to the tournament committees and parents who volunteered their time to make the tournament a success, lead by tournament chairs Lisa Musto and Muzzy Becher.

Upcoming Tournaments

As the Holiday season nears, the AMHA will be hosting a number of upcoming tournaments. Please come cheer on our Abbotsford teams as they participate in these tournaments:

Pee Wee A1 Tournament December 8-10, 2017. This year we have 12 teams from BC and Alberta coming to compete. You can visit the tournament schedule and website at:<http://abbotsfordminorhockey.ca/tournament/240>

Midget Rec Tournament December 28-30, 2017. This year's tournament will have 12 teams competing. You can visit the tournament schedule and website at:<http://abbotsfordminorhockey.ca/tournament/237>

Atom Rep Tournament January 2-4, 2018. This year's tournament will have 16 teams in three divisions. You can visit the tournament schedule and websites at:

Tier 1 - <http://abbotsfordminorhockey.ca/tournament/235>

Tier 2 - <http://abbotsfordminorhockey.ca/tournament/330>

Tier 3 - <http://abbotsfordminorhockey.ca/tournament/331>

Pee Wee Rec Tournament January 5-7, 2018. This year's tournament will have 16 teams competing. You can visit the tournament schedule and website at:
<http://abbotsfordminorhockey.ca/tournament/240>



H1-4 Tournament January 5-7, 2018. This years tournament can be found online at <http://abbotsfordminorhockey.ca/tournament/283>

Holiday Wishes

To close out this edition of the AMHA newsletter we wanted to wish all AMHA members and their families a Happy Holidays. We hope you all have a good holiday season and spend some time with your families.