



“Let me start with issuing you a challenge: Be better than you are. Set a goal that seems unattainable, and when you reach that goal, set another one even higher.” ~Herb Brooks

Beaumont Amateur Hockey Association Newsletter

April 2017

Beaumont Amateur Hockey Association Annual General Meeting

The BAHA AGM will be held on **Thursday, May 11th, 2017 at 7:00pm** in the **Curling Lounge**.

We hope to see you there! Scholarships will be awarded to deserving candidates and new board members will be elected. Come and make your voice heard!



The Beaumont Amateur Hockey Association cannot operate without the commitment of dedicated volunteers. There are **8** board positions that will be open this year at the AGM. Please consider running for one of the open positions.

Information about each of the available positions can be found in the Rules and Regulations located on the BAHA website, or feel free to contact any one of the current Board members to ask questions and gather information.

If you are interested in a position listed below, please submit your name as a candidate by Thursday, May 4, 2017 to the Nomination Committee at nominations@baha.ab.ca with a letter stating your intent to run for an open position.

Open Positions

- Vice President of Hockey Operations
- Registration Director
- Secretary
- Bantam Director
- Atom Director
- IP Director
- Director of Fundraising and Promotions
- Equipment Director



Midget AAA Leduc Chrysler Oil Kings: League Champions!!

Congratulations to Beaumont products Tyler Smithies, Trysten Brookman, Dawson Blanchette, Jaden York, Jack Sander, and Easton Hesse who won the Alberta Midget AAA Hockey League championship with the Leduc Chrysler Oil Kings. The AAA Oil Kings won a best-of-five series against the Foothills Bisons, clinching the series in just 4 games. Game 4 was played in Leduc with many Beaumont fans in attendance to cheer on the team.

Now the Oil Kings will travel to Prince George, British Columbia to compete in the 2017 Telus Cup from April 24-30. Leduc will be the Alberta representative at the Telus Cup.

Beaumont Amateur Hockey Association would like to wish the best of luck to Tyler, Trysten, Dawson, Jaden, Jack and Easton at the Telus Cup. Go Oil Kings!



Beaumont Amateur Hockey Association 2016-2017 Season Registration

Registration for the 2016-2017 hockey season will open on May 15th.

Be sure to register early!

Beaumont Braves Represent at Hockey Alberta Provincials



The Pee wee AA Braves were named League Champions of the Hockey Edmonton Clagget Division which earned them a spot at the Pee wee AA Provincial Championship held in Edmonton on March 30-April 2, 2017. The Beaumont Pee wee AA Braves maintained a 0-1-3 record in the round robin games, securing a place in the Bronze medal game but they were unable to clinch the win.

The Pee wee 1 Braves secured a spot at the Pee wee A Provincial Championship to represent Zone 4 after defeating Devon, Sylvan Lake, and Red Deer in provincial playdowns. Provincials were held in Lloydminster on March 23-26, 2017. The Beaumont Pee wee 1 Braves finished with a 2-2-0 record in the provincial tournament.

The Bantam 1 Braves defeated Red Deer and Wetaskiwin to earn their spot as Zone 4 Champions at the Bantam A Provincial Championship in Grande Prairie on March 16-19, 2017. The Beaumont Bantam 1 Braves went 0-3-1 in the provincial tournament.

The Beaumont Amateur Hockey Association is very proud of all the Beaumont Braves that competed for spots at Provincial Championships, those that earned Zone 4 titles and those who represented our association with competitiveness and good sportsmanship.

Coaches Appreciation Tournament and Draft Party

On March 24th, BAHA held the 2nd Annual Draft Party. With almost 70 participants involved, the 8 captains made their picks. Team Green had 1st overall pick and decided to build their team from the blue line out. Team Red had 2nd pick and took a top line forward. Team Black also selected a top line forward with their 3rd pick. Team Grey had 4th pick, following suit and selecting a top line forward. By the end of the draft, all the captains were very confident in their strategy of picking the best team possible. Once the teams were picked, the trade talks started. Team Green then deployed their strategy of taking 3 goalies and turning 2 of them into 2 top line forwards. Team Green's GM, Scott Tracey, made Team Black's GM, Steve Nordstrom, look like Mike Millbury from the NY Islanders of the '90s with a lopsided deal favoring Team Green. There were several other trades made that evening and a good time was had by all.

On March 25th, BAHA held the 2nd Annual Coaches Tournament and the 1st ever skills competition. Team Grey took home 1st place in the skills competition while Team Black finished 2nd. Team Red finished in 3rd place and Team Green placed 4th. The tournament then started. All the teams were very competitive this year but at the end of it all, Team Green defended its Championship title from last year with a 4-3 victory in 1 on 1 overtime against Team Red. Team Green was superior at drafting, GMing, and ultimately coaching due to the fact that they pulled their goalie in 1 on 1 OT to go 2 on 1, winning it all with perfect one-timer set up by Dustin Lloyd to Moe Blatz. The tournament MVP

had to go to Team Red goalie, Darren Hesse, as he kept them in it. A big thanks to all who participated and to all who helped organize it. Team photo: Top left – Casey Zoutekouw, Scott Tracey (GM), Scott Stucky (Alternate captain), Mark Huska, Dave Walker, Paul Marier; Bottom left – Dustin Lloyd, Dave Campbell, Moe Blatz, Scott Kadatz (Captain), Carl Mills; Missing – Greg Propp (The Prez), Nick Reich, Matt Dickinson (AKA the Flat), Michael Garraway, Richard Guerette, Randy Parnell



Managers Appreciation Brunch

On Saturday, March 25th, BAHA Team Managers gathered at the new community center where BAHA thanked them for their dedication and commitment to ensuring a successful season for their teams this year. BAHA is grateful for the many hours and fine attention to detail that Managers give to their teams. The season could not be a success without each and every one of you. Much appreciated!



Midget News

I would like to send a special thanks to all the coaches and assistant coaches for the countless hours they have put in over the last 7 months. Your commitment, time and energy in these roles were very much appreciated. For our coaches and managers who may be leaving our association, BAHA appreciates all your dedication and efforts in volunteering your time to our association.

BAHA would also like to thank the following graduating players for their dedication throughout their minor hockey careers and wish them all the best in their future endeavors: James Jobin, Christian Scheerschmidt, Dylan Jurkovich, Robbie Schuh, Duncan Butler, Matt Berry, Dawson Burgess, Cole Blais, Dane Britten, Ty Olson, Nate Britten, Matt Wheten, Raine Brost, Ryan Davis, Jacob Bussiere, Lucas Wynnyk, Dexter Gourlay, Matthieu Goudreau, Alex Goudreau and Trey Yakubowich.

Congratulations to all 4 Midget teams for your efforts this year, as I truly enjoyed working with your staffs and watching your team's progress. Midget AA finished the regular season 21-9-2, 1st in Division, 5th overall and losing in Divisional semi-finals. Midget 1 experienced the ups and downs of playing an injury-laden season, but were able to go an exciting run at the end to the League Final and earning the Silver. Midget 2 also saw the ups and downs that the game of hockey can present. The team started the season very competitive in their tier and then improved to a point that many of their games became more lopsided wins and the team moved up a tier to play more competitive hockey. Midget 3 enjoyed great success in EMHW, winning the Hetchler Division and narrowly losing out in the League semi-finals.

To the parents, thank you for your commitment to BAHA and the respectful and positive behavior demonstrated this past season. Another huge thank you to everyone involved for making this season a success. Enjoy your off-season and I look forward to working with many of you again next season.

~Dylan Dellezay - Midget Director



Novice Highlights

Novice 5 and Novice 6 were proud gold medal winners in their respective tiers in the EMHA. Novice 2x also won a gold medal in the B-final of their final tournament of the season.

Novice 5 Gold Medal champions



Novice 2X B-final champions



IP3 Jamboree

The IP Jamboree was the highlight of the season for BAHA 4-year-olds. The kids had a blast and the coaches were all smiles. As predicted, the parents were pretty pumped to get pictures of their little all-stars.

Neil Jorgensen - IP Director



Bantam Season Wrap-up

Another year has passed and I would like to take the opportunity to thank the coaches, volunteers, players, managers, and fellow board members for another successful year! Alberta Hockey's statement "Hockey for Life" could not be achieved without the support and hard work of everyone involved in this association and with everyone's commitment and passion for the great game. I see great things happening in years to come.

Hats off to Dean Intwert (Bantam AA), Trevor McCallion (Bantam 1), Ben Plaunt (Bantam 2), Greg Propp (Bantam 3) and Jason Sangster (Bantam 4) for their role as Head Coach this year. Their teams all finished within the top of their league and I would like to recognize the hard work and development by you and your teams for a great year!

Congratulations to Bantam 4 for winning the 24th Annual Stan Gantar outdoor tournament, Bantam 2 for winning gold in the Devon tournament, and Bantam AA for winning gold in the Camrose and Bronze in the Medicine Hat tournaments.

Trevor McCallion coached our Bantam 1 team and finished with a record of 13-5-3. They also were our Provincial A team contenders which earned them the opportunity to go to Provincials in Grande Prairie to compete. Great job representing Beaumont as a high-class team through sportsmanship and hard work. Congratulations in winning the silver medal in the league final. I was privileged to hand out the medals to these fine young lads and watch a game well played with a 1 on 1 overtime finish. The following was submitted by the Bantam 1 team on the boys' display of sportsmanship, camaraderie, and a perfect example for other teams and parents to follow.

"We have had quite a rivalry with SEERA, not only this year but last year as well. This year, the highlight of our season was definitely defeating SEERA in the semi-finals for league play, but we knew we would meet SEERA again at Provincials and we expected that they would come back on us hard. Turns out, by the time we met them in the Provincial Tournament Round Robin play, the game meant nothing for either team, as neither would advance. The SEERA coaches discussed with our coaches that we should keep the game clean to keep our Braves fit and injury-free for the EMHA final that the Braves would play immediately after the Provincial Tournament. What the parents on both teams witnessed was like an unspoken handshake that ended the rivalry. Both teams were chatting and joking between whistles. There was lots of laughter and pure enjoyment of the game ON the ice. Braves lost the game but when the final buzzer went there was celebration by both teams on the ice and both parent groups in the stands. After the initial post-game handshake, the teams looped a second time and shook hands again; some embraced...let's call it a "bro hug"! There was then centre ice convening. It didn't end...by the time the fellas came out of the dressing room, there were Instagram and Snapchat connections made and a plan made by both team players to meet at McDonald's after the game. Unfortunately, this did not happen but it was a pretty special thing to witness; one that the players and parents will never forget...and certainly not what we expected to take away from the Provincial experience. SEERA was told by Hockey Alberta that they have never seen anything like this before and that the Braves and SEERA set the bar really high for sportsmanship shown at future Provincials."

I would like to conclude my term as Bantam Director in thanking everyone for your hard work and effort and hope you all come out to vote at this year's AGM and allow me to serve again as your Bantam Director. Have a great summer!

Kelly Seide – Bantam Director

