

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FEMALE DIRECTOR REPORT Presented by: Brad Robbins

The following is a wrap-up report from the 2017-2018 hockey season, the report highlights how the season went for our female teams from both a team, league and provincial perspective.

Female Hockey Skills Weekend

The season kicked off as it has the past number of years with the Female Hockey Skills Weekend and Kick Off. This year's format was similar to the last where we added the novice aged players to the weekend and used our Midget aged players as instructors/coaches for those that are available. The weekend has been great as an opportunity for the girls to develop their skills but also as a recruitment tool specifically at the Novice/Atom levels. The Female Skills Weekend is schedule for September 15-16 this coming season.

Rocky Mountain Female Hockey League

Our four female teams from Atom to Midget participated in the RMFHL this past season. Our Atom team participated in the south Division while our Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget teams participated in the North.

Atom - The Atom girls finished off with a league record of 5-15-0. The team played in the consolation side of league playoffs and after beating Innisfail in Round 1 lost in the consolation final to Lethbridge. The team showed considerable improvement over the course of the 4 month regular season closing the gap score wise with many of the top teams.

Pee Wee - The Pee Wee girls finished there season with a league record of 5-12-3. After losing out in the first round to the 3C's in two extremely close games the girls moved to the consolation side and after beating Lacombe in round 1 the team went on to beat out Innisfail in the Consolation Final. While the team was quite young this season they were very competitive with the top teams in the league.

Bantam - The Bantam girls finished off the regular season with a 15-5-0 record good for 3rd place. After beating Athabasca out in round 1 of league playoffs the girls would lose out in the league semi-finals to Camrose. Much like the Pee Wee girls the team was very young this season and still remained extremely competitive in league play.

Midget - The Midget ended the regular season 17-2-2. The team would go on to win the RMFHL North Championship beating Leduc in the final. Congratulations to Jamie-Lee Spady who led the league in point, goals and assists and to Madison Bish who led the league in GAA (1.22) and Shut Outs (4).

Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships

This season each of our four female teams from Atom to Midget competed in the Hockey Provincial Championships.

Atom - The Atom girls started off their provincial playdowns in round 1 defeating Irma. There second round series saw them losing to Camrose but the team was still able to participate in the Championship tournament held in Medicine Hat as a result of winning a wild card entry. The girls went 0-3-0 in the tournament. **Pee Wee** - The Pee Wee girls did not make it out of round 1 of playdowns after losing two extremely close games against 3C's.

Bantam - The Bantam girls hosted the Bantam B Female Provincials Championships in Stettler. The team lost to Camrose in the playdowns to determine zone champion. The Bantam girls would go 2-2-0 with shut out wins but missing out on the semi-finals. The final game was between Warburg and Lloydminster both of whom came out of Stettler's pool in round robin play. The tournament was a success in all areas according to each of the visiting teams and made a net profit of \$11,639.83 (all proceeds to SMHA). Thank you to Shanon Shingoose (Chairperson) and the rest of the host committee, along with all of the other volunteers that made the event such a great success.

Midget - After defeating Wainwright in round 1 the team lost out in the final round to Irma. Irma would go on to win the Midget B Provincial Championship held in Lac La Biche.

Lastly, I would like to thank the SMHA Board of Directors for their support of our female hockey program. The program continues to grow each year from a registered player's perspective and rivals many of the second city programs throughout the Province in terms of player registration numbers. I want to thank our team managers at each level for all the hard work they put in and assisting me in my role as Director. Thanks to all of our female team's coaching staffs for the time and effort they have put in to ensure our female players are received excellent hockey development. Lastly, a huge thank you to our female players for being excellent role models and inspirations for other girls interested in playing hockey.

Yours in hockey,

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