



# 2018 Annual General Meeting

## Vice President - Operations report

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The following is an overview of the 2017-2018 hockey seasons in the area of SMHA operations.

### TRYOUTS

Tryouts in September went smoothly with organizing enough volunteers to assist with on/off ice officials and evaluators for each division. Division directors were excellent to work with and stayed extremely organized and patient with my lack of excel computer skills. All in all the players got placed appropriately and the teams were on their way for another year.

### SEASON

Trevor and I attended the Hockey Alberta AGM held in Red Deer this year. We attended a couple of seminars which helped us in our roles within our association. Hockey Alberta unveiled their Alberta One plan which pertained to provincials. The concept changes provincials from zone play downs and then representation, to league champ representation from tiers 1-4. So each league champion at those tiers will go to a tournament at the end of their seasons and play off against each other to declare a provincial champion at that tier. The tournament will also include the host team and one wild card team to round out an eight team tournament. The 2018/2019 season will see them try this at the Pee Wee level only as a pilot to work out any bugs.

The season for our teams went fairly smooth within the league as we are all now used to the different rules within the CAHL. The largest struggle was at Bantam due to the number of 11 skaters on each team, which proved to be too small due to a variety of different reasons. Efforts were made to add some late players and affiliate where we could and at the end of the day we made it through, however going forward we will have to seriously consider the numbers for each team. A minimum number for the teams at the higher age groups will have to be figured out. With the AA program in Lacombe now taking a significant number of players we may have to cap our team numbers and send players elsewhere to play.

This year we had coach exit meetings with all of our coaching staffs. We shared the good and constructive feedback that we got from our coach evaluation forms which were filled out by their team members. From what I heard it was very well received as all of our coaches wanted this information so that they can use it to improve and learn from.

I would like to Thank Nadine Fournier and Amanda Litvak for representing SMHA as league governors within the CAHL this year. Both ladies did a fantastic job. The league ended up giving Nadine 2 divisions to look after and Amanda 1 which on both accounts is no small feat. The league has expressed hope that both will return next year! Well done ladies!!

One of our goals moving forward is to identify policies that need to be written and posted on the website for all to see and understand and keep improving on the stream of information that needs to happen from the executive to our members especially during tryouts.

All in all it was a mostly smooth season and I would like to thank all of our Division directors Marsha at Atom, Alison at Pee Wee, Keri at Bantam and Sheri at Midget. I would also like to thank Sandra our ice/ref allocator and Danielle our registrar for making my job very easy. I could not do this without you ladies. I would also like to thank the other board members for their hard work and commitment to SMHA. As a “TEAM “ we work well together and I enjoy all of my time working with all of you to try and make this association better for the future and operate smoothly for all of our young athletes.

Sincerely

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