

President's Report given at 2023 AGM by Christie Cameron

Progress is impossible without change. This coming season we will see change in our organization, this change or progress is definitely moving us forward. The executive committee is carefully, thoughtfully and purposefully bringing about this progress with a destination of alignment. With the formation of the coaches committee, along with the continued use of the third party coaching mentor, we will begin to align our divisions and streams to create a development plan that builds a progression of skills and drills for our young athletes, from AAA U18 down to U7 and Recreation. It will also provide support and resources to our amazing volunteer coaches.

With the assistance of the new Female VP and team, and now having the new U13 AA Female team and the relocated U15AA Female team in Airdrie along with the U18 AA Female team, we will bring continuity to these programs. The coaches and coordinators can build a program from the grassroots that is designed to progress the athletes through this stream.

Moving the U17AAA team's practices and games to Airdrie will bring structure, progression and alignment to our AAA elite stream and help to build a strong AAA program. The strength of the AAA program will then connect to our AA stream, competitive stream and RHL stream. Striving to build a program in both mixed and female, that connects all of our streams will create building blocks for all of our athletes to succeed.

The change in colour and style for our jerseys will bring alignment and unity among our association, we will have a similar look from our Rec to AAA, U7 to U21. This change is meant to bring the different streams together, and create one look that shows who we are and where we are from.

However, to bring this alignment, change is needed. Change can be difficult and unsettling. Progress takes courage. It is important to know that the changes that will be implemented this coming season are intended to improve the athletes' experience. The Executive Committee is bringing about these changes because we believe that the alignment of the programs will only enhance the players experience and opportunities. Wayne Gretzky once said "I skate to where the puck is going to be, not where it has been." We are moving forward, creating better programs, and I am sure it will not be without a hiccup here and there. We are ready for these challenges, we are prepared to

put in the work. We have an amazing group of volunteers on the board and behind the bench. I am excited to see these changes and progressions, and I hope you all are too.

Together we can look to building the future that will build programming that keeps our athletes in love with the game, and continue to play hockey for life.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share with you, if you were unable to attend our Banner Ceremony held last month on April 17th where we celebrated 8 banners this year!

Congratulations to:

- U11 Female B
- U11 RHL E
- U11 T2
- U15 RHL E
- U15 T3
- U15AAA, and also for winning Provincials
- U16 T1
- U18 RHL A

Congratulations. It was amazing to celebrate with you all!