

Since I have been involved in the board, this season feels as though this is my first season that was about hockey, that we could come back and focus on building.

It may not seem like things are changing - and maybe they aren't changing fast enough or visably enough - but things are changing. From early experience on the board, I learned that too fast and too much change can have unintended consequences. Change needs to be careful, thoughtful and purposeful. For example, the staff and EC have taken the time to document our policies, and these policies govern how we work. Some of these have been revised, as the association's direction and needs change. These policies are posted and shared for our members to see.

The changes around being more fiscally responsible have allowed the AMHA EC to add additional development without adding significant cost.

We have added additional committees for this coming season which will enable us to gain more insight into what our membership wants, while continuing to work with our current committees. I think we can make these committees more agents of change by having them write their terms of reference, help define their scope and have an EC presence on each committee, enabling faster and more efficient communication.

We are an amazing, diverse hockey community and by having these committees, our members can have a direct impact into the programming. Together we can look to building the future that will build programming that keeps our athletes in love with the game, and play 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 12th where we celebrated 5 banners this year! Congratulations to the U15AA who brought home two championship banners, U15RHLB, U13 RHL E and U11 Female A, as well as U11 City Leafs! Congratulations. It was amazing to celebrate with you all!