



## Presidents Report Christie Cameron May 27, 2021 - AGM

The 2020-2021 Hockey Season is a tough one to report on. Members of our hockey association will tell stories to their grandchildren of the year that hockey was cancelled due to the Covid 19 worldwide pandemic. It won't be a fond memory, but one that builds strength of character and lends proof to resilience. I know that the EC had more meetings, and attended more Hockey Alberta meetings than any other season. I suppose we were lucky to get our players onto the ice for the short period that we did. Although it was an extremely short time, I hope the players enjoyed the moments. Once we were shut down, new ideas came to fruition, that we may see continue in the future. Coaches created online dryland sessions, cooking classes and special ways to stay connected to their team members. Not being able to play organized hockey meant that we saw many, many outdoor surfaces filled with our AMHA members. This extra available time afforded our players the luxury of spending more hockey time with friends they normally wouldn't play hockey with and those special times can't be replaced. The break led our families to making memories at home with each other, making bread, and learning new skills. Friends and families met outdoors, while hiking or going to the park and forming new habits they didn't usually have time for. Yards were tended to and gardens were created and neighbors engaged with each other like never before. During all of the uncertainty and weekly changes and last minute this and that, our members were absolutely the best group ever, quietly accepting the situation with little complaint or criticism and for that I want to truly thank each and every one of you. Thank you for remembering that AMHA is us, all of us, our athletes, their families, the volunteers, it's all of us, we are AMHA. I know that with the great group of volunteers and families, we will have a great 21-22 season, and The AMHA Executive and Board of Directors feels positive about hockey in the future and are working behind the scenes daily to bring all of you the best upcoming Hockey Season.