



BAHA NEWSLETTER
Dec. 2019 Edition

FUN!

On October 14th the Atom 1 team had the opportunity to practice with Oil Kings head coach Brad Lauer. What a lucky bunch!



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CONGRATS!

HUGE congrats to Beaumont's own players who have made the following teams:

U17 Team Canada

Pee wee AA Allstar Team

Alberta Winter Games 2020 Teams

SPECIAL AGM MEETING

We will be hosting another Town Hall Style meeting along with a Special AGM on Sunday January 12th 2020 in the Ballet Room. (Up the stairs across from Skate Smith) where we will approve our new Bylaws to include the new naming system as mandated by Hockey Canada.



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On Dec. 16th at 6pm the winners were drawn and have been contacted. Thank to all who participated in either selling or purchasing tickets. The proceeds went directly back to the teams and will go a long way to help keep registration fees low for our association.

Congrats to our winners!

Grand Prize \$20,000 – Tom Flag

2nd \$10,000 – Louis Webb

3rd \$5000 – Josh Skoreyko

4th – 6th \$2000 – David Poudrier, Leslie Fredrickson, and Bev Betts

7th – 12th \$1000 – Bill Metcalf, Andrea Edwards, Nancy Reardon,

Salwinder Kaur, Kathy Paquet, and Dana Belmore

13th – 16th \$500 – Gail Hemmerling, Sheldon Ens, RJ Cloutier, & Julia Black

17th – 26th \$100 - David Mettiello, Jami Engel, Sarah Smith, Kayla Strand,

Jason Bearchell, Roy Lakusta, Mit Lloyd, Tonya Olson,

Juliana Elsinga, and Jamie Huxley



NOT EVERY
VICTORY
SHOWS UP ON
THE
SCOREBOARD.



BAHA PLAYER MAKES NHL DEBUT

Beaumont Blue to San Jose Teal

On October the 19th 2019, 21 year old forward Noah Gregor made his NHL Debut with the San Jose Sharks in their 4 – 3 loss to the Buffalo Sabres. All the way from the [Beaumont Blue Thunder Tom Thumb](#) team to the [San Jose Sharks](#). Then in his 11th game this season Noah scored is first career NHL goal in a 4-1 victory over the Los Angeles Kings. “It felt awesome. It took a little bit but it was awesome to see that puck go in for the first time.” Gregor said to reporters following the game.

Way to go Noah, Beaumont couldn't be more proud of you!



BAHA BASH

The BAHA Bash will be held on Saturday Jan 25th from 7:30pm - 2:00am.
Tickets are \$20.00 each or you can purchase a VIP table for 8 for \$200.00.

The VIP Table will include

1 drink/person

Cab Ride home

DJ Privileges

Extra tickets for door prizes

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please drink responsibly!

Head over to the following link to purchase your tickets today!

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/217766>



FEMALE HOCKEY PROGRAM UPDATES



The Pee wee Female team is off to an amazing start this season with their current record sitting at 8-1-1.

This team has been a great starting point for our all female program! Last year they won their division championship and this season is off to an even better start.

Next year we are hoping to expand the program to include more teams at different levels. Please note that during the registration process next season be sure to check the box if your child is interested in joining our female program. This helps us know which levels will have enough players to create teams ahead of evaluations and team planning.

If your child is interested in seeing what our Female Program is all about check the next page for an amazing opportunity to interact with our current Female Program players during

ALBERTA FEMALE HOCKEY DAY!

JAN 25TH & 26TH 2020



TO CELEBRATE ALBERTA FEMALE HOCKEY DAY THE BAHA FEMALE HOCKEY PROGRAM IS OFFERING: A GAME DAY EXPERIENCE

This opportunity is open for Initiation and Novice Aged and 1st year Atom Female Players (born 2010-2014). They will join our Female Pee wee Team for one of their two home games on either January 25th or January 26th 2020. Where they will have the opportunity to do the following:

1. Join the Pee wee Female Team in the dressing pre-game, they will learn about the camaraderie between teammates and hear the coaches pre-game talk.
2. They will high-five the players as they enter the ice for warm-ups
3. They will sit on the bench while the team warms up for the game
4. At the end they will receive a commemorative pink puck with the Female Program Logo on it from the team

For more information on this wonderful opportunity or to sign your child up while spots are still available email Richard Chamberland at female-director@baha.ab.ca

Congrats!

BAHA would like to send a huge congratulations over to all of the following players:

Gavyn Poyser for being selected to the roster for the Regional Team in the Alberta Capital Region Hockey League PEEWEE AA ALLSTARS TEAM THIS SEASON! If you want to check out the game, it will be held at Rogers place on January 5th, 2020 at 5pm, tickets to this game is free with the purchase to the Edmonont Oil Kings game ticket for the same day (Blades vs. Oil Kings at 1PM) We know you'll make all of BAHA proud!

Corson Ceulmans for making the Canada/Equipe Canada U17 team! We know you are representing BAHA and Beaumont proudly!

Aylie Dahl for making the 2020 Female Alberta Winter games team, Aylie is currently playing in Leduc for the Bantam Elite Female team, but has spent most of her career with BAHA. We wish you all the best Aylie!

Connor Ewaskuk, Torretto Marrelli, Ben Morton, Ty Nessler, Gavyn Poyser and Jack Toogood for making the 2020 Alberta Winter games team.

The Alberta Winter Games for both teams will be held in Airdrie on February 14-17, 2020.

Congrats to you all and know that your entire association is standing behind you!

Hockey Canada changes

As of next season Hockey levels will be re-named as follows:

Initiation = U7
Novice = U9
Atom = U11
Peewee = U13
Bantam = U15
Midget = U18



BAHA is seeking a new Treasurer

Our current Treasurer's term is up in May and we are looking for someone to take over for her. If you are interested in the position you can email officeadmin@baha.ab.ca

Breakfast Club Skate

Thank you all for your responses to our survey. The breakfast club skate is now up and running. For more information contact:

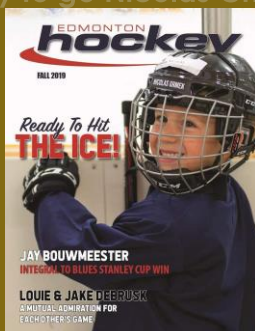
Oilers 50/50

BAHA was awarded the Feb. 29, 2020 Oilers 50/50. Details for volunteer shifts will be coming soon!

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Beaumont is proud to host the Bantam AA Divisional playoffs. They will be held Feb. 27 – March 1st. Come on by and check it out!

Beaumont player Makes cover! Way to go Nicolas Grmek





In an effort to have more open and transparent communication with our members, BAHA hosted it's first ever Town Hall Style meeting. Members were invited out to an open forum meeting where they could pose their questions to the board members in attendance and have an open discussion about any concerns, questions or comments that our members had.

The meeting was held on November 29th at 7pm, the board would like to thank the 18 members who were able to make it out to the meeting despite it being a Friday evening and during Brighten Up Beaumont.

The topics that were discussed over the course of the meeting were as follows:

The board was asked as to why some teams in Novice were not receiving any practices over the weekend while other teams were receiving full ice practices? The board answered: The full ice practices are intended for the teams to potentially book exhibition games. Also, Karmen keeps a detailed spreadsheet tracking how many practices each team receives through the year and if it's full or half ice for the levels that get half ice. The board reviews this every year to ensure the practices are distributed evenly across all teams. With the AA and higher teams always receiving slightly more ice time than the bottom tiers.

The board was questioned about players that had to very sadly be cut from the Bantam non-checking stream this season. For the members who are unaware, we had 8 Bantam level kids who went through the try-out sessions and due to the numbers we had at Bantam and our ice shortage we were unable to create a team for those 8 players, we also did not have enough house players to create a full team at that level. Due to this we had to release them from our association at the end of try-outs. The ice shortage that BAHA faces every year is a growing problem, the board years ago foresaw this problem and even with the new ice opening in 2020 we will still have an ice shortage problem with the amount of children that are moving up through our association. We are a very young and growing City and unfortunately one ice rink will not solve the large problem we face with Ice shortage every season. As our association grows and no large amounts of ice times become available to the association more and more kids will have to be cut or capped out and have to play elsewhere.

The board is looking at many possible solutions to help fix our ice shortage issues. Our ice allocator has the mandate to purchase any and all ice that is available to us as an association, but with the super leagues (HSL) popping up and buying large portions of the ice we are losing out on even more ice as we grow more and more. We are also in talk with the City to build a outdoor practice arena that would also help in a small way to relieve some of the pressure for practice times, again though, it will not solve the issue at hand. The board will also look into ways to utilize our ice times more efficiently if possible, and if it benefits the entire association as a whole.

We also encourage our membership to discuss with our City Councilors and write letters to our City Office and Mayor, informing them of the issues. This will help the City during council meetings know that they need to look into this issue. There is great power in numbers, let's try to encourage our City to help out the growing population.

The board was asked what are we doing to mobilize our association in terms of letting the membership know their level of responsibility, how to get involved and how to engage with the association. The board made a note to potentially look at creating a committee made up of the membership (no board members) where they can communicate and mobilize our association and inform them of important details. The board has also made a note to include a "Notes from the Board" section in our newsletters, where we can inform the membership about information, important topics, or ways to get involved, to engage and to help the association. The board has already started utilizing surveys more often to gauge feedback from the membership, so keep an eye out for more of those to come. The feedback we get on those really help us make informed decisions that the membership as a whole wants and benefits from.

The board was asked how coaches were selected for the association every year. The board answered that firstly, coaches apply for the position, for AA the board then interviews all candidates and selects the one who is most qualified. For all other levels, the board reviews each applicant and chooses the most qualified. The board also uses the coach reviews that are handed out at the end of each season to the parents, this tool is very informative for the board the more feedback we can get through this the better decisions we can make the following season. Once the head coach is chosen for a team, the Assistant coaches are then selected by the headcoach, the board does approve once they are chosen, but has no say as to who is chosen.

The board was asked if we have looked into hiring outside evaluators to do our entire association. The board has already begun this process as it was asked of us at the beginning of the season. We've received a quote from the company we used this year to expand to our entire association. They did time trials, goalie evaluations and AA evaluations only this season. We explained it would be a large price increase, some members present said they would be happy to pay the extra fees for outside evaluators to come in. The board has since released a survey to see if the entire association felt the same about a fee increase to allow this to happen. Our association is split right down the middle essentially. The board is looking into alternatives and getting more quotes. Please if you haven't yet, complete our follow up survey here:

Thank you,

Your Board.



NOTES FROM THE BOARD

In an ongoing effort to have more effective and transparent communications with our membership

Throughout the remainder of the 2019/20 season and the 2020/21 season there will now be a section at the end of each newsletter called "Notes from the Board". This will be where we will update our membership about important topics that the board discusses and faces. If you have a question you want answered in the notes from the board section in our next newsletter email secretary@baha.ab.ca

For this issues notes from the board, we will discuss the recent survey we put out about raising fees and hiring a company to complete our Evaluations. A special update was sent out that should of answered the majority of your concerns or questions. The BAHA board has hired Competitive Thread Ltd. to complete the entire associations Testing and Evaluations (excluding the Initiation Levels), for the next two seasons.

The board will not be raising the fees by \$75/player any time soon. There will likely be a small increase in fees for next season. Our last increase was 2 years ago where there was a projected deficit of \$150/player. Fees were raised by only \$50/player and the board cashed in \$50,000 from savings to balance the budget for that season.

Currently for the 2019/20 season BAHA remains to be one of the least expensive Minor Hockey Associations in the surrounding Edmonton area. See below for a breakdown:

	New Serepta	Spruce Grove	Stony Plain	St Albert	Fort Sask	Leduc	Strathcona	Sherwood Park	Devon	Wetaskiwin
IP5	\$460.00	\$575.00	\$480.00	\$430.00	\$400.00	\$425.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$400.00	\$375.00
IP6	\$460.00	\$575.00	\$480.00	\$430.00	\$400.00	\$425.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$400.00	\$375.00
Novice	\$595.00	\$725.00	\$690.00	\$565.00	\$875.00	\$535.00	\$825.00	\$825.00	\$670.00	\$475.00
Atom	\$665.00	\$750.00	\$770.00	\$615.00	\$1,025.00	\$780.00	\$875.00	\$875.00	\$760.00	\$750.00
Peewee	\$710.00	\$910.00	\$830.00	\$665.00	\$1,075.00	\$890.00	\$925.00	\$925.00	\$850.00	\$800.00
Bantam	\$810.00	\$880.00	\$880.00	\$665.00	\$1,175.00	\$925.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,025.00	\$955.00	\$850.00
Midget	\$840.00	\$960.00	n/a	\$665.00	\$1,175.00	\$955.00	\$1,025.00	\$1,025.00	\$965.00	\$875.00

	AVERAGE COST	BAHA 2019/20 FEES	DIFFERENCE
IP5	\$474.50	\$400.00	-\$74.50
IP6	\$474.50	\$400.00	-\$74.50
Novice	\$678.00	\$595.00	-\$83.00
Atom	\$786.50	\$690.00	-\$96.50
Peewee	\$858.00	\$750.00	-\$108.00
Bantam	\$916.50	\$815.00	-\$101.50
Midget	\$942.77	\$840.00	-\$102.77

SPECIAL AGM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board will be hosting a special AGM where we can again answer questions and have our membership approve our Bylaws where the major change will be the name change for the levels as per Hockey Canada Mandate. Meeting will be held January 12th at 7pm in the Ballet Room at the Ken Nichol Arena (up the stairs across from Skate Smith shop).