**2021-2022 Female Director Report**

This year’s hockey season started as normal as could be expected given the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. There were restrictions in place that at times proved to be difficult including the introduction of vaccine passports. I would like to thank all the parents, coaches, managers and covid reps for stepping up to ensure our teams were able to successfully finish their season. I would also like to thank the other division directors who helped with ice times for all female teams throughout the season.

This season was the first season BMHA had a female team in every age division, starting as young as U7 all the way through until U18. The total number of girls on those teams was 118 which is absolutely amazing. I cannot wait to see what the numbers will be next season! We are very excited to have applied and been accepted as one of the centers for U13 Female AA for the upcoming season. There will be 10 teams throughout the province competing in this league.

The U9 and U11 Sharks teams both hosted very successful home tournaments at the end of January. Many of the female teams had the opportunity to attend several tournaments around the province throughout the season. The U11, 13, 15, 15 AA and 18 AA teams played in the Saskatchewan Female Hockey League. They were able to complete their seasons which did not happen last year due to the pandemic. We also hosted a Female Jamboree for U9 and U11 female players through Hockey Sask. We received tons of positive feedback from players and families that attended. We hope to host another one next season.

I would like to give a huge thank you to Chantelle Lapointe, the U7 director for helping me organize our first annual Shark Attack Camp. We had over 70 female hockey players attend our one-day Female Development Camp and take part in skills sessions, power skating and dry land/yoga. It was a huge success, and we hope to be able to offer it annually and expand the number of female players that can attend.

Next year we look forward to our female registration numbers increasing and growing the Northwest Female Program in our part of the province. We will also be working hard to recruit and train female coaches for all our female teams.

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