

## Presidents 2024-2025 Report

This season has been a year of growth for Battlefords Minor Hockey, both internally and externally. We welcomed new board members, transitioned to a digital platform, and developed/participated in the new Tri-City Hockey League. The year began with the introduction of digital file keeping, digital board communication, and the hiring of a new Ice Scheduler and Equipment Manager. This brought improved efficiency and record keeping. The Ice Scheduler trialed a simple digital version of recording ice times for directors which improved overall efficiency and opened the door for more digital components to our operation.

New for the 2025/26 season, we will be moving away from RAMP and migrating to Teamlinkt. This will allow us to achieve some cost savings in our digital network while having a significant improvement in functionality and efficiency. Things to look forward to for next season are a cleaner and improved webpage that will improve accessibility to relevant documents, more visibility to our Facebook page and posts, electronic game sheets, tournament builder app, and more! Teamlinkt will also create a significant amount of efficiency in ice scheduling, ice communication, and ice availability.

This past season seen policies including our Code of Conduct policy, which had began formation in the second half of last season, implemented this season. We have reviewed and had discussions with Hockey Saskatchewan on the use of this policy and our process of which they have praised us for our implementation and process. We used this policy on three separate occasions this year with hopes that the need for use of this policy continue to decline. Other administrative projects include the Northwest AA agreement which will be fully in place for tryout camps for the 2025/26 season. The purpose of this agreement is to increase awareness, involvement and player participation in our AA programs throughout the Northwest region.

We have seen lots of league success this season including league championships in the U11B (Collins), U13A (Hull), and U18B (Schorrock) divisions. The AAA programs both seen development and competitiveness with both teams improving in their league standings as compared to the year previous. The AAA Sharks furthered that by finishing first place in their league, and compiling multiple league awards before coming up short in the league final playoff series.

Just like everything else, costs continue to rise. This past season we seen Hockey Saskatchewan increase the remuneration for officiating including game rate, mileage, and ride along fee, while Hockey Canada re-evaluated the HCR fee. In our previous budget we did increase our officiating budget to accommodate these increases, but was short of expenses due to increased use of out-of-town referees due to limited availability of local officials for games and tournaments. We are aware of a further substantial increase to the HCR fees for the 2025/26 season and beyond to recoup the financial loss they incurred over the last few years. This is in addition to the anticipated official remuneration and ice

costs for the 2025/26 season. The current board has already made some changes that will provide some cost savings. So while we will incur uncontrollable increased costs to provide our programming, the 2025/26 board will be tasked with developing more ways to do things differently to provide some additional cost savings.

Appreciation night! Perhaps the highlight of the year was the initiation of this event. I would like to thank Cody Danberg and Kelly Strain as well as many others who made this night a possibility and a great experience for everyone. It is extremely important we acknowledge and recognize all the people it takes to make every season possible. While we did take some time to acknowledge some very specific people; Jamie Shynkaruk (Volunteer of the Year), Finn Silver (Junior Official of the year), Kris Higgs (Senior official of the year), and Jody Reiter (Coach of the Year); you are all appreciated and I send countless Thank You's for making this season a success. Saying you will volunteer is easy, but putting the time in as a volunteer to do the best you can do to positively impact all those around you is not. We look forward to continuing to build on this appreciation night for years to come.

See you next year!

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