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2017/18 AAA Sharks- Directors Report

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Puck drops at 7:30 pm for Saturday night games; 1:30 pm for Sunday afternoon games. Come out and support your local Sharks at the Battleford Arena.

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Gary Berggren- Head Coach

Will Tupper- Assistant Coach

Rachel Trach- Assistant Coach

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Martin Smith- Wednesday Skills session instructor

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Momentum is growing and I feel we had our strongest team since I have been with the organization

over the last four years. We did not climb the standings as well as we would have liked due to the strength and parity in the league this year. I'm proud of the girls and know they have grown as players and young women. It takes leadership and commitment by all to make a team successful and these girls worked out any differences and become one team and worked hard as a group.

This year we picked 10 forwards, 2 goalies and 6 defence for the season. Eight of these players were rookie players and very young and will be key cornerstones to building our program going forward. The team attended a preseason tournament in Calgary and competed very well with some wins and close games so definitely not out matched by Alberta. This preseason tournament is a great way for the girls to see the AAA speed and bond as a new team.

The team ended the year in 7th place, 21 points with 7 Wins, 21 Losses while being very competitive in every game. There were some close ones that we should have won but learned from our mistakes. Our goal is to continue on our path to improve on these numbers and to be a minimum 500-club while showing growth year over year in the program. We will strive to grow our player's skill set, team work and abilities by working closer one on one. We brought in a Sports Psychologist that was a great benefit and will look at making him consistent addition to our team next year.

The season ended with a tough playoff draw against PA in first round where we out played them for parts of the game but could not beat their goalie. So, we lost in the first round.

We had five graduating players this year and three have received hockey scholarships. Maya Tupper, Keara Amson and Taylor Gravelle. Since the Sharks started in the SFAAAHL, there have been a total of 27 young women from the Sharks AAA Program advance with College scholarships. Keeping in mind that all the girls that have played with the AAA Sharks have grown as players as they learn leadership and life valued lessons.

Battleford's drawing area is growing and needs to continue so we can build a competitive team. This year we had girls from Leoville, Saskatoon, Brock, Martensville, Lumsden and Warman. This is one key area that we need to grow. We need to work closely with surrounding towns within 1 to 1½ hours from Battleford to make them feel like they are local girls and hopefully they will look at Battleford as their place of choice to play AAA hockey. Having a strong female program for all levels of hockey based in NB is key.

We had more girls than ever billet this year and I really appreciate the great group of billet families. We will be looking at growing this list since we are expecting more girls to billet next year.

We also had a great group of sponsors this year that we want to thank again.

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I would like to thank Gary, Will and Rachel for coaching, the AAA Shark's Board and Steph for helping with the growth of the Battleford AAA Sharks program this year. Everyone from the coaches, manager and Board Members put everything they can into this program with long hours and key advice. This will continue to build our program and make the Battleford AAA Sharks one of the top teams' players want to play for now and in the future.

Dave Amson

Director Battlefords AAA Sharks

