

## **BMHA 2024/25 Year End U13 Directors Report**

**April 21, 2025**

### **U13 Division Summary**

The 2024/25 had 90 players registered in U13A & B division, which allowed us to have one U13A/Provincial team and 4 U13B teams, all of which were registered into the new Tri-City League. The U13A Female team was dissolved at the beginning of the season due to many factors, and therefore the remaining girls from the community were equally distributed amongst the U13B teams.

Like any team, all 5 teams had ups and downs, but with the great coaching/management I think each team can come away from the 2024/25 season holding their heads high.

### **U13A/Provincial Team**

Coached by Cordell Hull with Wes Dust and Ryon Haggard as Assistant Coaches and Lindsay Charabin as Team Manager.

As Tri-City League Champions, this team was a force to be reckoned with, leading the Tri-City standings throughout the year. They attended 4 tournaments (Leduc, Regina, Prince Albert and Martinsville) having great success as well. This team also represented the Battlefords in Provincials, but were unable to move on in that series.

### **U13B – Team Gerein**

Coached by Mike Gerein with Mike Bernier and Lori Pruden as Assistant Coaches and Shelley Bernier as Team Manager.

This team came a long way on the ice this year, showing great improvement. They finished 7<sup>th</sup> overall in the Tri-City League standings but were unable to advance in the playoffs. They did not attend any tournaments this year, but with that being said they were able to take all the kids to an Edmonton Oilers home game with the funds raised instead.

### **U13B – Team Melrose**

Coached by Mark Melrose with Tyson Knight and Mike Kopera as Assistant Coaches and Lindsay Pushee as Team Manager.

This team had great success on the ice this year finishing in first place in the Tri-City League standings, however, unfortunately they were knocked out in the first round of playoffs. They went to 3 tournaments (Shellbrook, Rosthern, and Warman). They also played numerous exhibition games with teams not in the Tri-City League but the surrounding area.

### **U13B – Team Lange**

Coached by Joseph Lange with Dallas Pawliw and Carmen McTaggart as Assistant Coaches and Tanya Chudyk as Team Manager, however due to prior engagements she stepped down from this role midseason.

This team played their hearts out, however, came in last place in the Tri-City standings and played in the wild card game. They also attended 2 tournaments (Rosetown and Prince Albert). They also played numerous exhibition games with teams not in the Tri-City League but the surrounding area.

### **U13B – Team Stephens**

Coached by Chris Stephens with Jeremy Pethick and Brad Mann as Assistant Coaches and Amber Stewart as Team Manager.

Coming in 6<sup>th</sup> place in the Tri-City standings, this team also saw successes on the ice. They went to 2 tournaments in the year as well (Maidstone and Prince Albert). They also played numerous exhibition games with teams not in the Tri-City League but the surrounding area.

### **Directors Summary**

The 2024/25 hockey season was my first as Director. While I had been team manager for the past 4 years, I can honestly say there was so much more to learn while being in a Director role. So, thank you to those who put their trust in me to do this job and hopefully I have met your expectations.

This year in U13 definitely did have its ups as downs along with many firsts, it was the first year in many that we were not able to make a female U13A team, but I am hopeful the 2025/26 year we will be able to make it work.

Also due to lack of registrations, the U13B home tournament had to cancel. I do want to thank the tournament organizers for all their hard work putting together the tournament despite the cancellation. Again, hopefully next year with a new date chosen, things will work out for us. Not having a home tournament definitely placed a financial burden on the U13B teams, as that is a major source of fundraising for them.

Another first was the Tri-City League. While reflecting on the past year, I do believe that the league was well run for the year, though it to also had hick-ups which is also to be expected. At the beginning of the year, while the A teams where quickly scheduled the U13B teams did take a bit longer to complete their schedule. This led to teams becoming concerned about scheduling tournaments later in the year as most tournaments tend to fill up fast. This was the case for most of our U13B teams, the ones that held of, where unable to find another

tournament to enter, the ones that chanced it, had to either pull out of the tournament or forfeit games. Next year with a year under our belts, hopefully this will not be the case.

Before I close, I would like to thank all the coaches, manager, volunteers and parents for helping make my first year as Director successful. Going into this new journey my main focus was to ensure that I was fair and transparent, and to be there when I was needed with any concerns brought to my attention, if I didn't know the answer, then I found it out. As much work as this past year has been with my new role, I have to say I did enjoy it, I was able to learn so much and hopefully will be able to continue to learn in the next couple years.

Thank you again

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