

# **Battlefords U18 AAA Stars – 2024/2025 Year in Review**

## **Board of Directors:**

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**Parent Rep: Mandy Lehman**

**Bookkeeper: Carmen Menssa**

## **Our Staff for the 2024/2025 season included:**

**Head Coach: Dale Grayston**

**Assistant Coaches: Todd Heck, Nate Monchuk**

**Trainer/Equipment Manager: Barry Belak**

**Director of Hockey Operations: Shawn Robinson**

**The team this year battled hard to try and secure a playoff spot. We had a fantastic win streak, that was unfortunately cut off by the Christmas break. This group also lost an incredible 16 games by 1 goal and that ultimately left the team on the outside of the playoff picture. We do have several players that will move on to Junior hockey next year. The boys also contributed to the community spending time at River Heights Lodge, Caleb Village, helping with Colby's Kidz, BMHA teams and having our 7<sup>th</sup> Skater with them for home games.**

**It's important recognize all our staff for the time and effort they dedicated to our hockey program. Coach Grayston and his staff, as well as our Director of Hockey Operations Shawn Robinson, put in a lot of time and effort to provide our players the opportunity to develop and excel within our program. Thank you, Dale, Shawn, Todd, Barry, and Nate for the time you dedicated to our hockey program this season. We wish our graduating players all the best in hockey and their future endeavors. We are extremely grateful to all our Billets, who open their homes and allow us to accommodate our out-of-town players.**

**It now costs in excess of \$225 000 to operate our club, but Shawn Robinson works very hard to keep costs in check. This combined with fundraising efforts of a dedicated group of parents led by Mandy Lehman, Mike and Angela Weber and Amanada Pockrant, helped our organization maintain a positive bottom line. Our player Calcutta shoot out and NHL jersey lottery, were excellent fundraisers. We were also proud to wear the M+MIW Jerseys and once again partner with BATC for an evening of recognition and awareness for this important cause.**

**Thank you to Byron Hildebrand for the team photo and for taking excellent game day photos throughout the season!**

***Spring Evaluation Camp took place April 18-20 and gave us the chance to evaluate 130 players to form a nucleus of a roster heading into the next SMAAAHL season and look at prospects for the future as well.***

***Bruce Yockey  
Chairperson/Governor  
Battlefords U18 AAA Stars Hockey Club***