



**BMHA Annual Report
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Brooks Minor Hockey 2020 Annual Report



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Annual Report

The following information is a collection of information from the Board of Directors and Committee members of Brooks Minor Hockey Association. This information has the goal of summarizing the activities of the Board/Committees and the activities of teams throughout the 2019-2020 hockey season. The report contains:

- Brooks Minor Hockey Objectives
- Brooks Minor Hockey Year in Review
- Board of Director and Committee Governor Reports

As we are in COVID protocol at this time a formal AGM for changes to our constitution and election of BMHA positions will occur at a later time.



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Objectives of Brooks Minor Hockey

- To promote, encourage, & facilitate the sport of hockey
- Exercise a general supervision, direction, and control over playing interest of its players, coaches, managers
- Emphasis on sportsmanship, discipline, and safety
- Develop the proper fundamentals of hockey
- Development of Coaches, Coach Philosophies, & Players
- Create a positive minor hockey experience
- To act as governing body of amateur hockey in the City of Brooks & surrounding area



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Brooks Minor Hockey Year in Review

- 263 players in Jr. Bandits on 18 teams
- 43 players in Prairie Thunder on 3 teams
- In total 306 players on 21 teams

Brooks Minor Hockey Board Meetings

- Held 12 Regular Board Meetings, 1 Special Board meeting
- Consists of 10 members, plus 1 administrator and 1 ice coordinator
- Jr. Bandits Committee and PT. Committee



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INTRO 78 (U9) - Feedback Survey

The following are the results of the feedback survey for future plans regarding the organization of the U9 age category. The survey received 65 responses and was accessible to members in good standing in the current U7(Intro 56) and U9 age groups.

Question 1: Please select one of the following game play options for our U9 Junior Bandit teams. Brooks Minor Hockey Junior Bandit players in the U9 category ...

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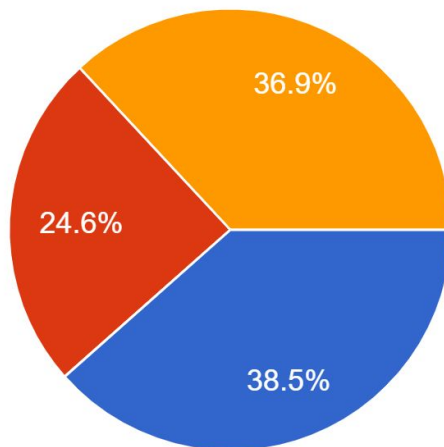


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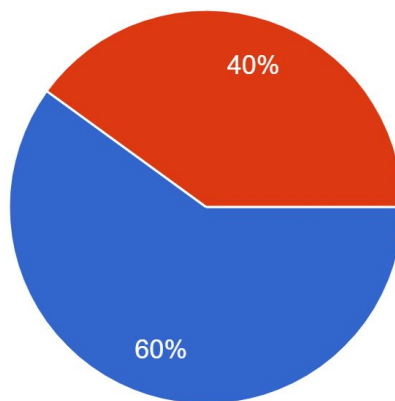
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Jr. Bandits and Prairie Thunder Governor Reports



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BMHA / Hockey Canada First Shift Program

<https://www.firstshift.ca/the-program/>

The NHL/NHLPA FIRST SHIFT program is designed to ensure a positive experience for new-to-hockey families. We want families to experience the game at its best — to understand why so many Canadians feel an inherent love for the sport, and to stimulate a desire for continued participation. We want to take away any intimidation as it relates to equipment requirements, and/or rules of the game, remove potential safety concerns, and most importantly, provide an experience that is memorable and fun.

First Shift - GOAL

We believe in all hockey has to offer kids, their families and our communities. We designed the NHL/NHLPA FIRST SHIFT to facilitate entry into hockey by offering a program that is ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE, SAFE, and most importantly, FUN! We cannot wait to help your kids fall in love with hockey

- 13 players participated in the 6 week program
- 10 transferred onto BMHA teams once the program finished



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Intro 4 – Lisa Jennings

- ☆ Total 23 players
- ☆ Practiced once a week
- ☆ Played inter squad games
- ☆ Played 2 games in the BMHA Initiation Tournament
- ☆ Highlight Watching the kids make progress throughout the season and having them wanting to play games at the end of the season.

Brooks Bulldozers

- Coach: Darby Lester
- AC: Trina Pietersma, Evan Ste Croix
- Manager: Jill Anderson





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Intro 5/6 – Lisa Jennings

- ★ Started with 48 players on 4 teams. Added 3 First Shift players for total of 51
- ★ Home tournament January 18-19, 2019 profit \$9,500
- ★ Had 19 teams with 4 games. Positive feedback that the tournament was fun and well organized. Having great parents made the tournament a great success.
- ★ The 5/6 teams played a mini game during the 1st intermission at a Bandits game this season.
- ★ Teams also utilized the power skating sessions.
- ★ The 5/6 played 15 inter squad games through the season and scheduled other games with local teams throughout the season.



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Initiation 5/6 – Lisa Jennings

Brooks Tigers

- Played 15 games plus tournaments
- Played in 3 tournaments including home tournament

Coach: Adam Herman

AC: Tyler Cutler, Kelly Linn

Manager: Heather Searle

Brooks Sharks

- Played 33 games
 - Played in 3 tournaments including home tournament
 - Awesome team, parents and season

Coach: Sheldon Tjeerdema

AC: Bill Irwin, Smokey Freimark

Manager: Tara Irwin

Brooks Eagles

- Played 15 games plus tournaments
 - Played in Brooks, Picture Butte and Irvine tournaments

Coach: Cal Szeszorak

AC: Shaun Smith, Byron Dovichak, Kelly Kalo, Jason Hanf

Manager: Jeralee Conrad

Brooks Flames

- Played 15 games plus tournaments
 - Played in 3 tournaments including home tournament

Coach: Jamie Langley

AC: Dana Hebert, Trevor Thordarson, Trent Gabrielle

Manager: Josh Senecal



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Intro 7/8: Dana Hebert

- ★ 5 teams of Intro 7/8 half ice.
- ★ All teams in Intro 7/8 played in CAHL league.
- ★ Home Tournament was January 25-26, 2020. We hosted 8 teams along with our 5 home teams. Every team played 4 games.



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Brooks Jr. Bandits Intro 7/8 Blue

- 29 games played (18 League)
- Skills competition at home tournament was a highlight
- Focus throughout the year on sportsmanship and teamwork. The team worked together and made some awesome plays
- Played in 2 tournaments home and Taber.
- Tournament of Champions - cancelled

Coach: Shaun Webb

AC: Bill Irwin, Devin Campbell, Evan Ste. Croix

Manager: Randi McPhillips

Brooks Jr. Bandits Intro 7/8 Red

- Played 28 games (18 League)
- Each player had a chance to play Goalie
- 1 away Tournament in Lethbridge and Home Tournament
- 2 players came away with 1st and 3rd in the skills competition at the home tourney
- Lethbridge tourney was highlight of the year with the team bonding and playing teams they would not normally play

Coach: Jay Olson

AC: Shaun Smith, Shane Mulrooney

Manager: Laura Lukye



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Brooks Jr. Bandits Intro 7/8 White

- 18 League games played
- Started season with 9 players and gained 2 from First shift to end with 11.
- Played in 2 tournaments home and Duchess. Played higher level teams in Duchess and the kids never gave up
- All kids were welcoming and inclusive of the 2 new players. Kids had lots of fun.

Coach: Rowan Gilbert

AC: Keegan Patton, Adam Herman, Kelly Bignell, Brad Tobler

Manager: Amanda Gilbert

Brooks Jr. Bandits Intro 7/8 Silver

- 18 games played
- 1 away and 1 home tournament
- It was a difficult season with the kids not being evenly matched with any teams played

Coach: Byron Dovichak

AC: Tyler Skanderup, Kevin Sirois

Manager: Kallie Freimark

Brooks Jr. Bandits Intro 7/8 Black

- Played 16 League games
- 1 away and 1 home Tournament

Coach: Justin Harty

AC: Stu Pietersma, Darby Lester, Sheldon Wenzel

Manager: Ashley McIsaac



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Atom –Alisen Okell

- ★ Total 48 players on 3 teams
- ★ Home tournament Jan. 31, Feb. 1-2 profit \$5,950.10
- ★ Home tournament was a 4 team round robin of 3 pools.
Had a 5 player shoot out after each game for pizza prize
- ★ Had a positive feedback of home and away teams from the tournament.



Atom A – Tier 2

- Played 27 games
 - Played in 2 tournaments. Games were competitive
 - Made the playoffs and played the #1 team.
- The team worked really hard, learned a lot from their coaches and played well as a team. They all got along and had fun.

Coach: Peter Heal

AC: Dave Okell, Brandon Wiscombe, Mitch Hiebert

Manager: Tereece Maxwell-Lyster



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Atom B - Tier 5

- Played 25 games
 - Played in 2 tournaments
- Did not make playoffs
- Tough season with vast variance in player skills level.

Coach: Brent Prediger

AC: Johnny Broersen, Dana Hebert

Manager: Hollie Helland



Atom C -Multi-Sport

- Played 16 games (including tournaments)
- Played in 2 tournaments and 1 jamboree
- Participated in Running, Ball Hockey, Curling, Soccer, MMA, Baseball, Lacrosse and Bowling for the Multi-sport aspect.

Coach: Jamie Langley

AC: Kevin Balaski, Shaun Webb

Manager: Christy Turgeon, Rae-Leigh Ferris



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PeeWee – Justin Harty

- ★ Total 34 players on 2 teams
- ★ Home tournament December 13-15, 2019 profit \$2,203.74

Peewee A – Tier 2

- Played 16 games, 5th in division
 - Brought home Gold from Okotoks Tournament
 - No home tournament due to date switch
 - Did not make the playoffs

Coach: Brad Tobler

AC: Sheldon Tjeerdema, Mike Vermeersch, Brian Seibel

Manager: Lisa Stone



Peewee B – Tier 4

- Played 16 games, 8th in division
 - Moved from Tier 5 to 4 after tiering rounds
 - Won home tournament and Cochrane tournament
 - Did not make playoffs

Coach: Jeff Marzolf

AC: Stephen Lester, Jamie Bolt, Stacy Stein, Kevin Carlson

Manager: Jolene Philpott



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Bantam – Rob Hartery

- ★ Total 28 players on 2 teams
- ★ Home tournament November 8-10, 2019

Bantam Jr. Bandits – Tier 2

- Played 16 games, 5th in division
- Won silver at the Stettler tournament
 - Made playoffs and eliminated in first round

Coach: Curtis Wood

AC: Scott Cunningham, Brian Sawatsky,
Brent Schroeder

Manager: Rhian Schroeder



Bantam Jr. Bandits - Tier 5

- Played 18 games, 2nd in division
- Lost in gold medal game in a shootout at tournament
 - Playoffs cut short - team was 1 game from winning the banner.

Coach: Mike Boyd

AC: Kevin Ferguson, Mike Rommens, Lee
Keinick

Manager: Ashley Ferguson



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Midget – Mike Fleck

★ Total 19 players on 1 team

Midget Jr. Bandits– Tier 4

- Played 18 games plus 7 pre-season
 - Played in Redcliff and won the 'B' event.
 - Made playoffs and had a bye in the 1st round. Beat Lethbridge in 2nd round. Lost to Taber in Final round.
 - Supposed to host Midget Provincials. Cancelled due to pandemic.
 - 7 graduating players.

Coach: Steven Safronovich

AC: Jim Aleman, Erick Lutterotti, Anthony Houle

Manager: Kerri Giles





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Prairie Thunder Atom – Craig Dyck

- ★ Total 14 players on 1 team
- ★ Home Tournament December 7-8, 2019

Prairie Thunder Atom

- Played 30 games, 2nd place
 - Played in Home Tournament won 1st.
 - Playoffs 1st round series against Cochrane won in 2 games, 2nd round against West Central won in 2 games. Lost to Airdrie in the finals in 2 games.

Coach: Lesley Burton

AC: Tyler Watson, Brent Van Metre, Trina Pietersma,
Darby Lester, Craig Dyck

Jr. Coaches: Alyssa Caverly, Kiara Yeaman

Manager: Shelly Eggen





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Prairie Thunder Pee wee – Kelly Wilson

★ 12 Player Roster

Prairie Thunder Pee wee

- Started as Tier C and moved up to B
 - **18 Regular season games**
 - 1 away tournament in Jasper, placed 3rd
 - 1 home tournament, lost in the finals
 - Made the playoffs and lost in semifinals to the team that won the banner.
 - Improved on skills and took skating to the next level throughout the season.

Coach: Shaun Smith

AC: Lesley Burton, Gerald Trembecki, Shawn Fraser, Katelyn Lewis

Manager: Brandy Hagg





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Prairie Thunder Bantam – Terri-lea Yeaman

- ★ After initial registrations, players withdrew registrations and players would not commit to travel from Medicine Hat.
- ★ With a shortage of players the team was folded.
- ★ Players were moved to accommodate their ability to play hockey in the 2019 - 2020 year
- ★ Some went to Lethbridge
- ★ Some players played as overagers on PT Peewee
- ★ Some players moved up a level to PT Midget





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Prairie Thunder Midget– Farrah Caverly

Prairie Thunder Midget B

- Played 24 games total 14w-1l-9t
- Made it to 3rd round of provincials
- Made it to 2nd series of playoffs. Lost in semi-finals
- Hosted Prairie Thunder Alumni game in December participating in Give Back to Alberta. Funds and toys were raised for Brooks Elk Canada
- Finished 1st in tier with 5 third years graduating.

Coach: Jason Hemsing

AC: Jim Regan, Chelsea James, Curtis Wood

Trainer: Shelly Vikedahl

Dryland: Michelle Hemsing, Shanda Wood

Manager: Dawna Visser





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Board of Director Reports



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Financial Report -Treasurer – Kami Filson

- Total Revenue - \$282,430.90
- Total Expenses - \$257,393.10
- Net Income - \$25,037.80(\$16,987.91 was brought in from April 2019 Casino)
- Tournaments income total \$43,120.44 (minus ice \$18,299.99) = total of \$24,820.45
- Safeway Fundraiser total \$15,843.80
- Yuk Yuks Total \$9,175.96
- Bank Expenses for April are not entered
- Expenses were down from the obvious shut down of the season.
- No concerns for this year.



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CAHL Director – Brent Van Metre



- ★ 67 total LMHA in CAHL
- ★ Attended 4 out of 4 meetings
- ★ In CAHL over 11,000 games were played with 935 suspensions in 1,738 games.
- ★ In CAHL there were 35 coach suspensions
- ★ Brooks had 10 suspensions in 18 games.
- ★ Kainai - potentially kicked out of CAHL
- ★ Hockey Canada division name changes for upcoming season
 - Initiation - U7
 - Novice - U9
 - Atom - U11
 - Peewee - U13
 - Bantam - U15
 - Minor Midget - U16
 - Midget - U18

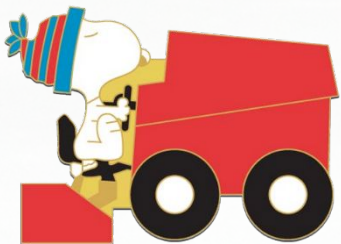


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Ice Coordinator – Alia Szeszorak

- ★ Scheduled over 1000 ice times between practices, games and tournaments.
- ★ Cancelled/Unused Ice charges were reduced 37% from last season.
- ★ Following the implemented ice cancellation policy, team managers and coaches collaborated exceptionally well with me to help make this ice scheduling season a success!



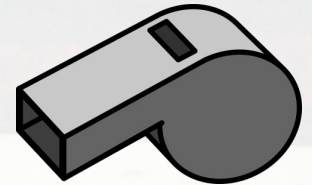


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Referee Director – Lee Keinick

# of Refs:	51
# of Junior Refs:	14 First year
# of Senior Refs:	22 w/2-3 years 15 w/3+ years
# of Games Scheduled:	596 (incls tourneys)
# of Spots Filled:	1,262(incls tourneys)
# of Out of Town Positions:	34 (Vauxhall & Bassano)



Comparison to Previous Seasons:

- We had 37 Refs last year, with 51 this year.
- We did 4 more Calgary tourneys than last year for a total of 14 this year.
- We hosted more out of town Midget Elite, Midget 15's, PeeWee AA and 3 Junior B games in Bassano.

For next season:

- Need to find ways to attract Duchess participation at ref clinics.
- We still have an issue with Brooks and Duchess associations scheduling tournaments on the same weekends.
- Continue mentoring young officials at the Atom level.
- Would be great if at least 1 official/team attends ref clinic to familiarize with rules, etc.
- Clinics need to be scheduled last week of September and first week of October.



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Referee Director- Lee Keinick

Positives and issues information:

- **Info**-Calgary tourneys are great for all officials to work a lot of games to gain confidence and work on skills but also puts a burden on local games. Not saying to not accommodate but assignor must stay the course on supplying Brooks/Duchess with officials competent for levels being worked.
- **Issues**- HA model for Intro 7/8 posed difficulty to mentor new officials without icing and offsides. Would be better to work with them at Atom level. Coaches, parents, etc. need to sit back and enjoy the game rather than worry about the officiating at these levels. Everyone is learning at this stage of the game.
- **Positives**- We had a great year with all officials. Everyone had ample opportunity to work multiple levels.
- Continue to work on our mentoring program as this year was busier than previous with all the tourneys, etc. pulling senior officials away from mentoring aspect.
- Some officials moved up a level(ie. From level 2-3 or 3-4). Happy to see the amount of kids interested and hope that continues next season along with a few more senior officials.

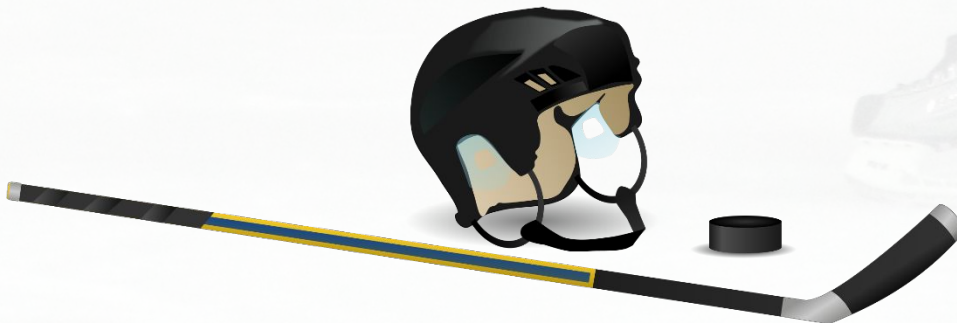


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Equipment Director – Mike Vermeersch

- ★ Bought 2 new sets of jerseys. 1 set sponsored and 1 bought by BMHA.
- ★ Everything else was disposables....pucks, socks, helmet stickers, etc.

PLEASE KEEP ANY COACHING OR BORROWED EQUIPMENT AT HOME
FOR THE TIME BEING UNTIL WE CAN SAFELY ARRANGE FOR A TIME
FOR THE YEAR END EQUIPMENT RETURN





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Coach/Player Development – Shaun Smith Coach Gov. for Prairie Thunder - Lesley Burton



Development Clinics:

Group	Clinic	Date
Hockey Alberta	Coach 1	October 27, 2019
Hockey Alberta	Coach 2	November 10, 2019
Hockey Alberta	Checking Skills	November 4, 2019
Brooks Minor Hockey Assoc	Coach Social	September 28, 2019
Brooks Minor Hockey Assoc	Performance Edge	Season Long
Independent	Power Skating (Intro 5/6)	Season Long

Performance Edge: BMHA paid for 1 session per month per team for the season for Intro 78 and up.

Power Skating: BMHA paid for Intro 5/6 power skating.

Goalie sessions: Every second Wednesday were well received.



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Coach/Player Development – Shaun Smith

CHALLENGES / IMPROVEMENTS

- Mixed reviews on Performance Edge and the use of that money.
- Some coaches were not certified at deadline so had to move players around.
- Issues with Social Media appear to be increasing year after year.
- Hockey Alberta camp for August has been postponed for another year due to Coronavirus.
- Next season begins Mandatory requirement to have a female on the bench for any team with one or more female players.
- Clinics, etc. for next season need to be pre planned and all coaches must be properly certified.
- Need input for Power Skating and Goalie training for the upcoming season.
- Affiliation policy is currently not performing in ways that BMHA needs it to.



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**Thank you for a successful
2019-2020 season!**