

Reports from the Board of Directors

Barrie Women's Hockey Association

2021-2022 Annual General Meeting



Chief Trainer

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We survived our second season dealing with COVID. Thank you to all our trainers/coaches that did their best to keep our players safe and healthy. There were many COVID cases but we rallied around them and was able to continue to play hockey and finish our year. Thankfully we are done with the attendance trackers, proving vaccinations at the door with our ID, screening apps, all this would not have been made possible without the positive attitudes of our team leaders. I appreciate everyone that I worked with this past season.

I want to thank not only our Board of Directors who work tirelessly for our girls to play but also all our coaches, trainers and managers who helped me ensure our girls were always safe going to the rinks.

COVID-19;

- Ensure all players were wearing their mask and maintaining the 6ft distance in the changeroom and outside.
- Liaison between the BWA and PHU to ensure we were following protocols in and out of the rink.
- Gathering all information for any COVID-19 positive cases.
- COVID was a team effort between the Board of Directors, Coaches, Trainers and Managers we would never have been successful without everyone.

Player Safety

Player safety is what the Chief trainer position is all about.

- Concussion protocol
- Safe work out practices
- Hockey Canada paperwork being filled out and handed in.
- Changeroom protocols to keep our girls safe. (always wearing skate guards)
- Cyber bullying education to ensure that all the girls from U10 to U22 are aware of what cyber bullying is and how we need to stop.

Try Outs

This year we did 2 sets of try outs. Both try outs were extremely successful. Thank you to the trainers that sign up for this. This is a time where you are at the rink when your player is not involved, it is a huge commitment and very much appreciated. Watch for emails in March of 2023 for our next round. If you do not receive an email, please reach out to me once the schedule is posted and I will make sure you are added.

My position would be extremely difficult if we did not have the trainers we do. Trainers are what holds the team together. They keep our girls safe over anything else, are there to watch and come up with work outs, are there to keep Kleenex close, are there to wipe the tears but most importantly if something terrible happens their cool calm demeanor calms the player and gets them the help they require. Our Trainers are the safe person on the team staff that girls feel they can talk to about hockey or something going on in the life where they just need an ear. Therefore, you are so important to our organization.

Thank you to all our trainers!

If you are interested in becoming a trainer, please contact me, we need great people to lead the girls. You do not need medical background. The course is an online course that takes 3 hours.

Tammy McKnight - Chief Trainer.

Director of Coach and Player Development

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A huge appreciation goes out to all the volunteers that have made this season possible. Thank you to our Coaches, Trainers, Parents, Players and Directors. The 2021/2022 season was a challenging one and many great things happened in the face of some clear challenges.

COACH DEVELOPMENT

- No onsite clinics ran this season.
- A few virtual coach meetings took place in the fall to share resources and connect coaches within the BWA.
- Online coaching resource memberships were provided for competitive coaches this year. Some coaches used HockeyShare.com while others preferred CoachThem.com.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

First Shift

- Thank you to Laura Carbis for organizing the First Shift program for new players aged 5 - 11
- I was happy to lead the on-ice portion of the program that took place in the fall. • A "Next Shift " program was established to be run by NTR for players to continue in hockey in the New Year.

NTR Competitive Development

- 2 sessions of Development ran in the Fall for 3 groups of competitive players totalling 7 ice-times per group.
- 2 sessions of Development ran in the winter for 3 groups of competitive and DS players totally 9 ice-times per group.
- Together, there was 48 hours of development offered to player members this season not including the January Covid pause.

NTR Goalie Development

- NTR facilitated goalie training in the fall on Thursday evenings for house league goalies. • The program was well received.

Goalie Development Credit

- This season a \$300 credit was given to all competitive teams to spend on professional goalie development.

High Performance Development Program

- By invitation, 42 players from U13 to U18, "A" to "AA" teams participated in Monday night high performance development facilitated by Two Way Hockey.
- Players were in one of two groups and participated in bi-weekly sessions.
- 19.5 hours of development took place in this program.

Greg Coleman - Director of Coach and Player Development

Annual Report: Director of Competitive Programs

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NOTE: While the Barrie Jr. Sharks are a part of our competitive program, details of their season have been left out of this report since an entire report from the General Manager of the Barrie Jr. Sharks will be dedicated to their activities.

September Competitive Tryouts

The season began in September with modified tryouts for our competitive teams. Fewer tryout sessions were provided to each team (in some cases 3 tryouts instead of the normal 4 tryouts) but a greater number of ice times were scheduled for each session (i.e. tryout 1A, 1B, 1C, followed by tryout 2A, 2B, 2C, etc.) to allow for smaller groups limited to 25 players at most. Pre-registration was required for tryouts and this year, for the first time, the BWA introduced a fixed-fee model which allowed players to participate in all tryout sessions for all teams at an age group, rather than paying a per-session fee. The pre-registration and fixed fee model also allowed all money to be collected online – greatly reducing the amount of money required to be collected by teams at the arena.

U9-U11 Start of Season Structure

The 2021-2022 season was the first time that the start of the season for our U9 and U11 players was modified to reflect Hockey Canada's new development pathways for these age groups. U9 and U11 players – whether they would ultimately play in our competitive program or house league program, all registered for the same initial program and fee – set at the same \$635 that would be charged for house league. These players then participated in 4 pre-season development skates which were broken into age groups, before deciding whether to participate in competitive tryouts or not. Following tryouts, those players not interested in playing for a competitive team along with those not selected were arranged into teams for house league while the competitive teams started preseason practices and exhibitions.

League Play: The Ontario Women's Hockey League – Southern

Following the demise of the Lower Lakes Female Hockey League at the onset of the pandemic, and the lack of an organized competitive league due to Covid-19 in 2020-2021, the Ontario Women's Hockey League was introduced for the 2021-2022 season. The OWHL provided teams with a 26-game regular season, organized into geographic divisions that were similar to the former LLFHL divisions – though much smaller in many cases. With only 30-45 days between team selection and the start of the regular season, the beginning of the season was somewhat challenging for coaches, managers, and the Board members that support the competitive program. The situation was, in many cases, made more difficult by poor communication from the OWHA with many pieces of important information arriving late, and changes made with little notice. The challenges included less than a week for teams to schedule their full season games against all opponents, and just days for teams and timekeepers to learn how to use mandatory electronic game sheets.

While regular season was familiar and similar to past seasons, league playoffs were greatly modified from previous years, with 8 teams – generally one from each division – playing single-elimination quarterfinal and semifinal games, with a winner advancing to a championship game in Toronto. Very little notice was provided for the quarterfinals and semifinals, and in some cases extensive travel was required on weeknights, making the modified playoff structure very challenging.

Covid-19 Impacts

While the 2021-22 season was a welcome return to competitive hockey after the "bubble leagues" of the 2020-2021 season, the season was not without its challenges. Covid-19 still greatly impacted the structure of the season and required us to change and adapt throughout. The first significant change came in mid-September,

when the OWHHA announced that proof of full Covid-19 Vaccination would be required in order for coaches, players, and other volunteers to participate hockey activities as of mid-October. This requirement was met with a high degree of compliance, with only a handful of players requiring temporary suspensions in order to comply following the deadline, and only 2 players withdrawing.

The start of the competitive season was somewhat delayed, with tournaments beginning in mid-October and league play starting at the end of October. Covid impacts were minimal following the start of the season, that is until mid-December when cases began to increase significantly – both in the broader community, and within our hockey programs. While the BOWHA did not institute an association-wide stoppage of activities before the holiday break, teams were encouraged to consider the comfort level of their players and parents in deciding whether to proceed with games and practices – which most teams did by the last week before Christmas. In early January, the Ontario Government announced increased lockdown restrictions which would see all hockey activities paused throughout January. Under an exception provided by the Ontario Government for elite amateur teams and programs, our Jr. Sharks were permitted to continue games and practices during the lockdown with strict control protocols in place to keep players and coaches safe and healthy.

With hockey activities allowed to resume in February, teams scrambled to reschedule cancelled games from January. With 103 games needing to be rescheduled from December and January (55 home games, and 48 away games), and with only 6 weeks remaining in the regular season, accomplishing this successful took a massive effort from our teams, ice scheduler, and Chief Referee.

OWHL Season Results:

Level	Cat	Record	Result
U22	AA	15-12-2	3 rd Central East
U22	A	3-19-4	3 rd Central
U18	AA	12-4-8	2 nd Central North
U18	A1	10-10-5	4 th Central East
U18	A2	8-11-3	3 rd Central North
U18	BB	9-11-6	4 th Central North
U18	B	4-16-6	5 th Central North
U15	AA	20-2-1	2 nd Central
U15	A	15-4-7	3 rd Central

Level	Cat	Record	Result
U15	BB	16-3-4	1 st Central East
U15	B	12-8-6	3 rd Central North
U13	AA	13-5-3	2 nd Central
U13	A	17-4-4	1 st Central East
U13	BB	22-0-2	1 st Central
U13	B	15-5-6	3 rd Central North
U11	AA	10-10-0	3 rd Central
U11	BB	6-11-3	4 th Central
U9	B	6-5-6	1 st Central

The following teams qualified for the playoffs, following the OWHL regular season:

- U15-AA (Duane Eldridge) qualified for the playoffs as a wildcard by finishing 2nd in their division. The team lost their quarterfinal game vs. the Durham West Lightning.
- U13-A (T.W. Paton) qualified for the playoffs as Division Champion. The team lost their quarterfinal game vs. the Peterborough Ice Kats.
- U13-BB (Nick Leigh) qualified for the playoffs as Division Champion. The team lost their quarterfinal game vs. the Napanee Crunch.
- U15-BB (Jason Rodd) qualified for the playoffs as Division Champion. The team won their quarterfinal game vs. the Lyndsay Lynx, before losing their semifinal game to the Napanee Crunch.

OWHA Provincial Championships:

13 Barrie Sharks competitive teams qualified for the OWHA Provincial Championships held April 7-10, 2022

Level	Cat	Result
U22	AA	League Qualifier
U22	A	Automatic Qualifier
U18	AA	Automatic Qualifier
U18	A1	Not Qualified
U18	A2	Not Qualified
U18	BB	Not Qualified
U18	B	Playdown Qualifier
U15	AA	Automatic Qualifier
U15	A	Playdown Qualifier

Level	Cat	Result
U15	BB	Playdown Qualifier
U15	B	Not Qualified
U13	AA	Automatic Qualifier
U13	A	Playdown Qualifier
U13	BB	Automatic Qualifier
U13	B	Playdown Qualifier
U11	AA	Automatic Qualifier
U11	BB	Not Qualified
U9	B	Automatic Qualifier

Congratulations to the U13-AA Sharks, coached by Mike Van Berkel, who won a silver medal at the Provincial Championships, and brought home a banner to be added to the walls of the green rink at East Bayfield Community Centre.

2022-2023 Tryouts

Tryouts were held from April 18 to May 9, 2022 for our 2022-2023 competitive teams. 226 players were selected to 13 competitive teams in our U13, U15 and U18 age groups. U9 and U11 tryouts will be held in September, in accordance with Hockey Canada development pathways. Discussions with the U22-A coach (Todd Clarke) will take place over the summer to assess the need for tryouts.

Thank You to Volunteers!

Once again, this season would not have been possible without the dedication of a large number of people, including coaches, assistants, practice staff, trainers, managers, referees, timekeepers, and others. The changing nature of this season made it particularly challenging, and but everyone came together to allow our players to take the ice and remain there until the end of the season!

Rob Emerson

Director, Competitive Program

2021-22 Directors of Equipment – Report

Juliana Foster & Mario Liguori

During the 2021-22 hockey season the Directors of Equipment assisted with the following to grow and ensure our players and staff had what they needed to have a successful and safe season.

House League

- McDonald and Tim Hortons jerseys were provided again to all players at the Fundamentals, Novice and Atom age groups. This saved the BWAH approx. \$4500 in costs.
- All House league players were provided team colour socks and jerseys for the season.
- Women's Adult league were also provided socks and jerseys to use for the season and since have been returned to the office.
- BWAH also provided each team a set of goalie equipment to use for the season and all have been successfully returned.
- Goalie gear over the summer months will be sanitized, reviewed and repaired.
- BWAH will also be looking to purchase additional sets to put into rental circulation to assist with ensuring players who want to play goalie are given the opportunity.
- Coaches are also given the ability to borrow pucks and pylons to assist with their practices at a nominal cost.
- DS Jerseys were provided to the U13 and U15 teams along with socks to be used during their games against other centers.

Competitive League

- BWAH invested this year approx. \$5000 in purchasing new Try Out Jerseys to ensure coaches would be able to have full sets and in good timing to assist with their tryout sessions. These jerseys will continue to be used in coming years for the tryout season.
- For the 2021-22 season we continued to mandate the on-ice equipment of: Navy Helmet, Navy Gloves and Navy Pants, along with the BWAH hockey bag.
- Due to Covid, Supply chain issues and timing of tryouts we were unable to have a "fitting night" or multiple groups of people in the office at one time. This caused some difficulties with purchasing apparel and we relaxed the dress code for off-ice this year to help accommodate teams.
- All Competitive teams were provided a set of Game Jerseys (Blue and White) along with game socks (Blue and White), a set of C's and A's and Practice Jerseys and Practice Socks.
- Game jerseys have all been returned to the BWAH office and are in the process of being washed and mended for the next season.
- Goalie gear was provided to our U9 and U11 Competitive teams for use in accordance with Hockey Canada's requirements.
- This year the BWAH celebrated our 30th Anniversary and each Competitive players jersey had one of 2 designed patches recognizing this event.

Apparel

- Throughout the year we have been working on building an apparel website where parents and players can go online and purchase merchandise for pickup at the office. We will be running testing with the Competitive players for their 2022-23 apparel orders and hope to be ready to launch this to the organization closer to the start of our season (September).

- Sharkfest this year we were unable due to Covid restrictions to be able to setup a table for purchasing of merchandise during this tournament.
- Inventory levels this year were managed very well which has put the BWhA in a good position of not carrying too much inventory over the summer months when we are not on the ice.
- Old and extra jerseys and socks from previous years from our House League grouping have been donated to Indigenous communities in Ontario in the hope that they can enjoy the sport as much as we do.
- We continue to work with our vendor to ensure we are providing all apparel both on and off ice at an affordable rate and high quality.

Thank you to all coaches, players and parents for your patience over this past season as we navigated through the Covid pandemic.

RIC Report

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GAME Statistics

Exhibition Games – 70
Regular Season – 460
Playdown Games – 32
Sharkfest – 340 Games
Try-Out Exhibition – 12 Games

Total Games – 914

Roster

Total Roster for Regular Season was 31 Referees, and 7 Timekeepers
This is down more than 50% since the 2019-2020 Season.
Many of our officials were called upon to cover more games than they ever have.

We are optimistic that we may see more officials return next season, as well as with our recruitment efforts, we will be adding to our full-time roster.

Ramp Assigning & Game Sheets

We transitioned from Goalline to RAMP at the start of the 2021-2022 season. There were growing pains initially, but we overcame most of the systematic issues within the assigning system. RAMP gamesheets was used for 100% of our REP games. We will look to use RAMP for Sharkfest, and HL Games, if possible, for next season.

Game Fees

2021-2022 Fees remained the same as prior season. There will be adjustments made to the 2022-2023 game fees to remain competitive

Clinics

Similar to the prior season, there were no local clinics that ran during this past season due to Covid-19 restrictions.

All active officials were required to complete annual recertification clinics, including extra modules relating to Covid-19 protocols, and modules on safe return to play.

2022 Hiring

We ran (2) recruitment sessions for officials, and (1) for timekeepers. We will look to onboard as many new officials as possible for the upcoming 2022-2023 season.

Mike Robinson – Director of Officials

DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIP

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I am very please with our sponsorship and fundraising for the 2021-2022 season. All 11 House League teams received sponsorship this year. Below is a list of our sponsors.

HL Sponsor for 2021-2022

Sponsors name	Division	Paid
NTR	U13	\$450.00 (2-year commitment)
Skate Zone	U13	Exchange of Goalie Equipment Cleaning
Sports Medicine	U13	\$550.00
Powerline	U13	\$550.00
OZ Sports	U15	\$550.00
Movement HQ	U15	\$550.00
Pro-Sports	U15	\$550.00
Take 5 Oil Change	U18	\$2,000
Take 5 Oil Change	U18	
Take 5 Oil Change	U18	
Take 5 Oil Change	U18	
Take 5 Oil Change	U18	
Total		
Additional Fundraising		
Summer Skates (June)	June Fundraiser	\$236.00
Zenetec	Father's Day Fundraiser	\$422.50
Liberty North	Father's Day Fundraiser	\$45.00
Two Way Hockey Website Add		\$300.00
Summer Skates (Dec)	December Fundraiser	\$442.78
Total		\$6,646.28
Donations for Player Funding		
Lisa Ramolla (Marky's Foundation)	\$1,500	Paid
Take 5 Oil Change	\$500	Paid
Rob Whitehead	\$250.00	Paid
Rich Freeman	\$500.00	Paid
Total		\$2,750

The goal for 2022-2023 season is to receive sponsorship for all House league teams again as well as have vendors at both of our Sharkfest tournaments which will generate some extra fundraising funding for the organization.

I have already secured a full Peewee sponsorship with Dominos for the 2022-2023 season as well as secured sponsorship with Sports Medicine and Movement HQ.

My goal for the 2022-2023 Fundraising Funding is \$10,000.

Director of Tournaments

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Sharkfest 2021 continued to be one of the largest women's hockey tournaments in the province. The Tournament Statistics:

- 148 teams
- 343 games
- 22 Champions in 22 divisions
- 65 on-ice officials, 760 assignments
 - Highest – 24 games; Average – 12 games

This year's tournament delivered a record-breaking profit of \$55,933.97. Sharkfest was proud to continue the Avery Andrew Sharkfest Player of the Tournament awards. All 148 teams registered at Sharkfest recognized a player on their team that best exemplified "Avery qualities" throughout Sharkfest weekend both on & off the ice. A4A award selections were based on Leadership, Passion for the game, Effort, Friendship & Respect.

BARRIE WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION SHARKFEST NOVEMBER 19, 20 & 21, 2021

FINAL 4/18/22

Revenue

Registrations	148 Teams	193,450.00
Discounts - Fee Reduction		(100.00)
Hotel Revenue		3,725.00
Vendor Revenue		<u>-</u>
		<u>197,075.00</u>

Expenses

Ice Rental	390.75 Hours	87,677.56
Facilities Rental		1,627.20
Referees & Timekeepers		36,809.00
Medals		6,734.80
Arena Banners & Awards		2,662.32
OWHA Sanction		1,480.00
Sharkfest Website		-
Other		<u>4,150.15</u>
		<u>141,141.03</u>

Net Income

55,933.97

Jason McKenna – Director of Tournaments

Director of Women's House League

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Acknowledgements:

- Thank you to the previous director of Women's House League and our current president Rob Whitehead for his guidance with setting up the league.
- Thank you to the League Convenor Christa MacDougall for her help in the rink.
- Thank you to the Director of Officials Mike Robinson and to all the time keepers and referees.

The 2021-2022 Season:

- The season started on October 17, 2021 and took place Sunday evenings at the Paul Sadlon Arena.
- The season was originally scheduled for 19 games per team though 6 were canceled due to covid.
- 59 women registered for the season which gave it 4 teams.
- Members were first placed on teams by request and after the first games teams were shuffled in an attempt to add parity to the teams.
- All teams participated in Championship Day on March 27, 2022.

Greg Coleman - Director of Women's House League

Director of Youth House League

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If there is one word to summarize this past season it was ADAPTING. We all had to adapt to all the ongoing challenges that were thrown at us. Although the season was more "normal" than the past few seasons, it still presented many challenges. At the end of the day, I think we all were able to adapt and were successful in putting together a successful season. Covid continued all season long to provide challenges and the BWhA continued to do our best to ensure the safety of our players, coaches, volunteers, and parents all while putting together a hockey season.

Before getting into the details of the season I wanted to take a moment to thank all the convenors, coaches, assistant coaches and all the other volunteers such as the changeroom parents and trainers that helped this past season. Without all of you a successful hockey season would not be possible. Also, as you all know this was my first season as the director of Youth House League and I could not have done it without the assistance of all the volunteers and the board members for their input especially Rob Whitehead for answering all my million questions.

So let's get into this past season.

We once again successfully a part of the SMGHL (Simcoe Muskoka Girls Hockey League) which was made up of teams from Collingwood, Huntsville, Orillia, and Midland. Clearview did not have any House League teams this season.

The BWhA season got started at the end of the September with the tryouts and assessment skates for all the house league players. There was a lot of things happening at the same time, but we got through it well. Pre-skates were conducted for all teams before the tryouts and assessment skates also took place. After the tryouts and assessment skates were completed, the teams were formed and the BWhA HL teams got on the ice starting on October 3, 2021.

The SMGHL program had 36 teams that participated this season with Barrie having 15 teams:

Division	Barrie	Collingwood	Huntsville	Orillia	North Simcoe
U9	2	1	0	1	0
U11	3	2	2	1	1
U13	3	1	1	1	0
U15	3	1	2	2	1
U18	4	1	2	1	0

These numbers do not include our FUNdamentals (U7) program which consisted of two teams with a total of 35 players.

In order to allow time for the SMGHL centres to complete their tryouts and form their teams the SMGHL season started in November. The month of November was a busy one with the start of the SMGHL season and Sharkfest being held. All but two of our House League teams attended Sharkfest. The two teams that were not able to attend was due to a goalie shortage that also added an additional challenge this past season.

The U9 program ran with the teams playing half ice at the beginning of the season and transitioning over to full ice in February (normally it would be January, but we were shut down at that time). Both of our U9 teams participated in a Jamboree as well as a tournament at which they all had a fun time.

U11 to U18 - Things went well with these divisions. There was a delay in getting the scoring on to the website but once that was up and running it went well thanks to the division convenors for taking on that task. We did have a couple of teams that were imbalanced, and this will be looked into for the upcoming season to do our best to avoid that happening again. There was some movement in mid-November with some U15 players moving up to Competitive and that did have an impact on the U15 HL teams. The process of evaluations and team draft is being reviewed and information will be provided to all coaches prior to the start of the season and will include details on how the draft will work as well as when and how team re-balancing will take place, if necessary.

There were several challenges this season from goalie shortages, scheduling issues, covid still having an impact on teams and also the shut down in January 2022. We addressed the goalie shortage in the U18 division with the sharing of the two U18 goalies when they were able as well as calling up from U15. The U15 goalies got a lot of additional exposure this season and everyone was more than helpful in coordinating all of this. The U18 and U15 Division Convenors worked together to fill in the gaps and did an amazing job of addressing this issue. Thanks to Amanda and Cliff and to the goalies and the parents for being flexible to make this happen.

There was a delay in getting the schedule out for the whole season for several reasons including delays in knowing how many teams each centre would have and when the SMGHL season would start as well as learning how things worked. Rest assured there were many long hours and work put into the schedule to get it out as quickly as we could. The beginning of the season was practice heavy however the schedule was set to adjust for that however, with the unexpected January shut down that really turned the schedule upside down. During the month of January all efforts were made to reschedule as many games and practices as we could working with the other SMGHL centres, and we recognize that there were some games that just could not be rescheduled due to ice and team availabilities amongst all centres. We were still able to reschedule the majority of the games and practices albeit having more weeknight games or practices than a normal house league season would have.

Covid continued to have an impact on hockey even after the return due to player shortages etc. but all teams worked together to allow for call ups when needed.

The SMGHL was also able to hold Championship Day with the SMGHL. The event took place at Holly on March 27, 2022, except for three games that were played on Saturday, March 26, 2022, in Orillia. There were winners from all centres with some great hockey being played. All participants received a medal with the first and second placed teams receiving a gold or silver

medal. A big thanks goes out to Ivy Leishman from Collingwood and Amanda Archibald and her daughter for helping all day long during this event. We also had a few volunteer students from other centres assist as well as the SMGHL centres helping with the planning. Mike Robinson made announcements during the Gold and Silver medal ceremonies which was very well liked by everyone. Thanks goes to Anita White for organizing the pizza and to Domino's Pizza for supplying the Pizza for the teams throughout the day. It was a continuous delivery of pizza all day long into the arena.

The FUNdamentals held a fun game on April 10 at NTR. A huge thanks goes out to Coach Janine Hill who coordinated the program throughout the entire season and kept me in the loop. The players all received their Timbits Medals as well as the Timbits hats and of course timbits and hot chocolate to finish off their day. They all had big smiles on their faces and are excited to come back next season. Thanks goes to Tim Hortons on Big Bay Point Road (down from NTR) for donating the timbits, coffee and hot chocolate.

Development Stream:

We were able to have a modified DS season this year with a U13 and U15 DS team. Even with limited practices and games the teams were able to pull together a modified season. Each team participated in at least one tournament. Next season we anticipate being able to offer a full DS program.

Overall, we were able to pull together a great season with lots of hockey with the help of all the volunteers.

SMGHL:

The SMGHL centre representatives will be meeting in May or June to review the current set up of the SMGHL and to up-date and standardize the By-Laws, Rules of Play and Championship Day Rules and those documents will be shared with all SMGHL teams prior to the start of the next season to ensure that all centres are operating under one set of rules.

The SMGHL is also looking at having a central website for the schedule and other information related to the SMGHL. This is to avoid schedule discrepancies between each centre's websites. We are also hopeful that House League teams will have access to using the electronic game sheets however that has not yet been confirmed.

First Shift:

This was the first season that BWA hosted a First Shift program, and it was an enormous success. We had 29 participants most of which transitioned into our existing programs or development sessions and will likely be returning next season. This program is a fantastic way to introduce hockey to new players. We have applied to host a program again this season and hope that we will be able to do it again.

With every season there will always be challenges but the key is to identify those challenges and trying to find a resolution for upcoming seasons. Based on some of the issues we experienced this

season we plan to focus on getting the schedule organized and released as early as possible. This is a joint effort with the SMGHL and will be one of the items the SMGHL will be discussing at the upcoming meeting. Goalie shortages continue to be an ongoing issue and we are looking at ideas to try to get more goalies interested in the position.

My goal for this coming season is to create a standard set of guidelines for all coaches and volunteers so that they know what is expected for the upcoming season. I feel that this will make things consistent amongst everyone and will help to avoid confusion as the season moves forward.

The BWA cannot have a successful season without volunteers. Volunteers are what makes our organization tick and there is always room for more. If you wish to get involved, you do not have to wait until the start of the House League season. Drop me an email. If you are interested in coaching next season, please reach out if you have not already done so.

If you are currently a volunteer, coach, trainer please ensure that your police check and coaching certifications are up to date for the level you may wish to coach. This will speed things up once the season gets started. Keep checking the OWHA site for up-to-date training programs.

In addition to all the challenges of a later season start, covid shutdowns and illnesses on teams, was me being new to this position. I had to learn in real time as things were happening. I am sure the others on the board can attest to the fact that I asked many many questions all season long and the learning curve was big. I spent many a late night working on the schedule and other things to ensure that the program got up and running. Our goal was to be able to present a hockey program even when things were challenging. I learned a lot from this past season that I hope to be able to bring forward to this coming season in the hopes of making it a great one.

Thank you to everyone and I look forward to having a great 2022-2023 season. Enjoy your summer break

Laura Carbis
Director Youth House League

Ice Scheduler

2021-22 Annual General Meeting

The Barrie Sharks used 2402.25 hours of ice in the 2021-2022 season. Please note that all unused ice scheduled during the January shutdown was returned to the providers without penalty.

Arena Breakdown	Hours	% of total	Divisional Breakdown	Hours	% of total
Town of Innisfil	237.00	9.9%	Competitive	1317.00	54.8%
NTR	185.00	7.7%	HL Teams	304.50	12.7%
Nottawasaga	50.50	2.1%	Barrie Jr. Sharks	154.50	6.4%
Non-local ice	4.00	0.2%	Sharkfest	390.75	16.3%
City of Barrie	1925.75	80.2%	Women's HL	27.25	1.1%
			Development Stream (DS)	22.00	0.9%
Total	2402.25	100.0%	Fundamentals	36.00	1.5%
			Development	99.00	4.1%
			Unused ice	51.00	2.1%
			Total	2402.25	100.0%

The blended cost of ice in 2021/2022 was \$245 per hour (including tax)

Arenas used included:

Sadlon Centre – 1 pad
East Bayfield CC – 2 pads
Allandale CC – 2 pads
Peggy Hill (Holly) CC – 2 pads
Eastview – 1 pad
NTR – 2 pads
Innisfil Recreation Centre – 2 pads
Stroud – 2 pads
Lefroy – 1 pad
Nottawasaga – 2 pads
Don Lough Arena – 1 pad
Seguin Township – 1 pad

Suzanne Deschenes – Ice Scheduler and Office Manager

Registrar's Report

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COVID can not keep hockey players away. The 2021-22 Barrie Women's Hockey Association (BWHA) season had 725 players registered to 41 teams – including 17 youth house league (HL) teams, 18 competitive youth teams, and 8 senior teams (4 HL & 2 tournament teams). Total registrations are increasing and now sit at about 90% of pre-COVID levels.

Over and beyond Christmas, there was an extended shutdown due to COVID numbers increasing (provincial protocols). Small reimbursements were provided to almost all competitive and house league players to accommodate the shutdown. Everyone worked hard to fulfill commitments without extending the season.

Transfers out of BWHA were 52, and transfers in were 46. Geographical moves in 2021/22 account for a significant number, but many transfers remain between our closest hockey centres (Orillia, Clearview, Collingwood, Midland and Orangeville).

Competitive Program: In 2021-22, BWHA rostered 22 competitive teams. These teams include 2 teams at U22, 5 competitive teams at U18, 4 teams at both U15 & U13, 2 teams at U11 and one at U9. BWHA rostered a U22 A team, which consisted of, managed by and was run by former BWHA youth athletes. It is expected that this team will continue in the 2022-23 season. Once again, BWHA had more than one team in a single competitive division, with two teams competing at U18 A. While this extra team was also expected for U15, there were not enough goalies to roster the interested team(s). COVID vaccination rules implemented at the OWHHA level with a few injuries resulted in unvaccinated players having to sit out the season (U15 & U13). A mid-season shift moved 8 players at the U15 level, and U13 teams play with one less on the roster.

House League Program:

The first shift was capped at full participation, and a next shift program was added as the interest for these new players was phenomenal. U9 House League program was complete, but a development program was created at NTR for this group. 2 DS teams were created at U15 & U13 levels with full rosters for both.

U7	2 teams with 30 players
U9	2 teams 29 players
U11	3 teams 44 players
U13	3 teams with 47 players, 1 DS team with 23 players
U15	3 teams with 36 players, 1 DS team with 22 players
U18	4 teams with 59 players
Adult	4 teams with 56 players

All levels are now increasing, but year over year, they are not yet as strong as 5 years ago. COVID had a substantial impact on house league registrations.