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## Presidents AGM Report

The 2015/16 Hockey Season was marked with enriching challenges on and off the ice.

Our on ice successes were in large part to the hard work and dedication of our players, coaches and volunteers. Chilliwack MHA brought home a number of the league and playoff banners for Pacific Coast Fraser Valley East, teams in each division also placed well in away and home tournaments. Our rep teams displayed what Chilliwack players can bring to the game, many entering the final four and presidents series on a high. Our Peewee AAA team enjoyed the fruits of their labour winning the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Peewee Jamboree in the platinum division here at home. Our Bantam AAA Team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, with only the North Shore and Burnaby Winter Clubs placing above them; Bantam AAA also placed in tier 1 flight 1 for the first time after falling just short the previous season, this is tremendous growth.

While it is important to celebrate our successes it is important to honestly acknowledge and name where we have struggled, we need to do this in order to overcome them for future seasons. Upon reflection it is plain to see that as an organization we did not meet all of our goals. This is directly tied to the need to engage membership differently and increase volunteerism within our organization. This year we faced some challenges head on that have been long standing in our Association as well as the sport of Hockey.

Chilliwack MHA came out strong following BC Hockey and the Vancouver Canucks "Sportsmanship Starts in the Stands" program geared to addressing the growing issue of sportsmanship from those involved in the sport. Unfortunately there was cause for an open letter to our membership early on in the season to address actions and behaviours. As an association we are committed to ensuring a safe and fun environment for everyone, and we encourage our membership to continue to access resources and join us in this area of growth.

We had grand plans on implementing more transparent rep evaluations; regrettably this was an area that saw little growth. As an executive body we spent a lot of time stick handling concerns relating to player placement and dissatisfaction. What we were able to accomplish was identifying key areas that would require specific volunteer and financial resources in order to realize these plans for future seasons. I am extremely pleased to announce at our annual general meeting that we have planned and funded outside evaluators for the 2016/17 season.

Further to the plans of outside evaluators, your Board of Directors have been working hard at addressing specific voids in the organization, and we are also pleased to announce beginning of our candidate search for a paid Executive Director. This position will be added to our organization, hopefully prior to the start of next season. This role will not require a raise to membership/registration fees and will ensure hockey in Chilliwack continues to grow, and prosper.

I would like to thank the volunteers of our association for their commitment to young athletes; I would like to especially thank outgoing board members for their years of service to Chilliwack MHA and look forward to the upcoming session.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryce Walker, President Chilliwack MHA

## Hockey 3/4 AGM Report

All Hockey 3/4 teams had a fun and successful season. In both Hockey 3 and 4 we had 4 teams; each team had 15-17 players. At the end of the year many coaches stated that their players improved, especially the ones that struggled with skating at the beginning of the season.

We hosted our SOLD OUT Hockey 3/4 tournament on February 19-21st which was a great success. Most teams attended 2-3 local tournaments throughout the year.

Most teams took advantage of their development fund and used approximately 75% of it.

In the future it would be nice to see all teams use their full development budget, this is something to work towards next year to ensure each team maximizes this benefit.

Thank you to all the managers, this is a big job and your hard work is appreciated. To the coaches and assistant coaches, your patience and dedication with this young age group is very important and you did a fantastic job.

Lastly I would like to thank Amy Herfst for taking on the Hockey 3/4 ice coordinator position. She was very organized and helped make this season run smoothly.

Hockey 3/4 Director  
Paul Laviolette

## Atom Director Report

144 registered kids made up the Atom division. This year we had 3A league teams and 6 Atom C teams. All of these teams represented Chilliwack well through out the year. Our Atom C division won the PCAHA league banner. Two teams were able to bring home play off banners. Our teams had many successes in away and at our home tournament with gold and silver wins.

The Atom Draft was a success this year. All the coaches worked together to ensure the teams were fair and in the best interest of the kids. This lead to minimal movement of players during balancing. The coaches took part of this balancing process and were able to ensure minimal disruptions to their teams.

This season we were fortunate to have minimal team problems. Our biggest issue fell with ice scheduling. Our ice coordinators had their challenges with dealing with a new system. The association needs to look into a better support system for new ice coordinators or a review of our training process.

Mc Donald's again was a huge support to our teams with providing fundraiser options as well as supports for team building outings. Not all of the Atom teams took advantage of these opportunities. We want to recognize the generosity of Mc Donald's, so for the up coming year our coaches need to utilize these options more.

We were fortunate to have three brand new coaches to the association this year. A special thanks to all of the coaches and assistant coaches for their time and efforts supporting and devolving the kids. Almost all of our Atom coaches utilized their development dollars. A special thanks to Consuelo Floystrup, Atom division ice coordinator. This was a tough year but thank you for sticking with the learning process as I believe ice coordinator is the toughest volunteer job.

Colleen Nerbus  
Atom Director

## PeeWee Director Report

In the PeeWee division there were 6 C teams. Each team had 16 or more players per team.

The PeeWee season had a few ups and downs; however, overall all the season went well. The balancing of teams created tension especially when trades happened near the deadline. It is never easy to move players to help balance teams. Overall the teams were balanced and as the season progressed players continued to develop and play better.

All 6 teams had a good season with tournaments and PCAHA banners being won by various teams. In the Morrow Cup C3 and C5 played in the final game with C3 winning.

The annual 57<sup>th</sup> PeeWee Jamboree was held in December. The Jamboree had some struggles on the tournament committee when it lost a few key volunteers; luckily Colleen and Rosie stepped up to the job of tournament coordinators. Thank you ladies, and all the volunteers, for donating your time to hold another successful Jamboree. The A1 team won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the tournament and many other teams did well, with C3 playing in the final game for C division taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place after a loss to Mission. A new trophy was added to the PeeWee jamboree this year called the Bob Ames Memorial Award. This award recognizes a player who demonstrates the qualities that Ames valued.

A big thank you to all the head coaches and assistant coaches for stepping up to volunteer and continue to help develop young athletes in CMHA. Also, thank you to all the team managers for your hard work.

A huge thank you to my amazing ice coordinator Mark Luknowsky, I know there is no way things would have gone so smoothly without him. He does a great job all-around of scheduling everything and working with the teams.

Christy Bryant  
PeeWee Director 2015-2016

## Bantam Director Report

We had 6 teams in Bantam C this year. Each team had 14-15 players and 2 goalies, with 2 teams having 1 goalie. A few injuries throughout the season shortened the bench on 2 teams to 12-13 players.

It was a struggle to equally balance the teams this season. Some of this was due to team dynamic issues and goal tending skill differences. Overall we rebalanced twice this season but there still ended up being some unevenness.

A couple of our teams did have some great successes.

- C3 won the Mission tournament and their Playoff banner.
- C5 placed 2nd in the Everett Tournament and came in 2nd in the Donaldson Cup.
- C2 won the Donaldson Cup and placed second for the playoff banner in a tie breaker decision.

The Main struggle teams faced this season was the low number of practices. Each team received an average of 18 practice ice times. Last season we moved the last half of the season to shared ice to increase the practice times. This may want to be considered again in the future as we lose ice times to local events like concerts, tournaments and Chief games. The coaches struggled to develop teams with only having the 18 practices for the season. It was also reported difficult to use the development with this small number of practices available.

At the end of the day most of the teams reported an enjoyable season and are looking forward to getting on the ice again in the fall.

I would like to thank Cheryl Kingma for all her help and hard work these last two seasons as the Bantam Coordinator. She kept the division organized and flowing, thank you Cheryl. I would also like to thank the coaches, managers and team volunteers. It takes a lot of man power to make the association run and it is run on volunteers. Thanks to everyone who stepped up.

Barbra Bamford  
Bantam Director

## Midget C & Juvenile Director Report

In the Midget Division this year we had 6 C teams and 2 A teams. Once again we had a great volunteer base with some wonderful parents coming forward to help out in all areas of the Division.

We always have a great season in Midget, our C teams work very hard to represent CMHA. Our teams won the PCAHA league and playoff banners, as well as coming 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in league play as well as 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in playoffs. They were part of tournaments throughout BC & Washington, with Gold wins in Everett and North Delta, and as always they made us all proud.

The managing and officiating personnel of each team was exemplary, and we always greatly appreciate the volunteer work of our parents ☐

The Midget Draft was difficult this year with the addition of players from the A3 team, resulting in imbalances. Overall the teams did well, as in past years, there were players who quit in the season, and there was some limited movements between the teams. Because of the 3 years in the division there can be volatility in the season, as can injuries and suspensions.

8 Chilliwack players were chosen to play in the Fraser Valley East Scholarship Tournament, resulting in a 3<sup>rd</sup> place win for the team, with all the games being competitive and close. The Chilliwack players represented our association well and we are honoured to have had those who tried out/and who played.

A big thank you to all of the volunteers who made this season what it was. The November slot for the Midget Brad Beckett Memorial Tournament was once again a success. Thanks to the dedication and support of all the teams, parents and volunteers who were involved. Three of our teams made the finals for the tournament.

There were 3 juvenile teams this year (2 - A teams, 1 -C team)

The Juvenile C team was very strong once again, with great participation, attitude and commitment. They participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> ever Juvenile C Tournament in Ridge Meadows, and played outstanding.

The Juvenile A1 & A2 team did both play in the Tier 1 Division; the games were very close and competitive amongst all of the Lower Mainland Juvenile Teams. They both struggled with #s and injuries throughout the season, both teams worked hard all season.

8 Chilliwack juvenile A players were chosen to play in the Juvenile Scholarship Tournament, resulting in a 2<sup>nd</sup> place win for the team, in the final game.

Thank you to the coaches for the jobs they do, in what can be a very difficult and challenging division.

Once again this year, constant communication as well as being ever present at the rink, kept any issues from becoming out of hand or any concerns from going unanswered.

The Midget C Division started earlier again this year than the other divisions in the PCAHA calendar, to allow our 3<sup>rd</sup> year players to participate in the Midget C Scholarship games. With Hockey Day being early this year, the in-house cup games were played up until the night before, to determine the teams playing for the Elite Cup.

The Midget C Division is an important part of CMHA, it is the division where our hard work, mentoring, coaching, development and passion really grows in each player and we have been honoured to be a part of that this year again, as well as watch the Juvenile Division once again become a great addition and apart of Chilliwack Minor Hockey.

Jon Bucharth  
Midget and Juvenile Director

## Referee in Chief's AGM Report

The 2015-16 season started with 5 officials from Chilliwack being supported by Chilliwack Minor Hockey to attend summer referees schools. All officials told me they enjoyed themselves and were thankful to be supported to attend these schools. I have already been told there will be a chance for 5 different officials to attend these schools again this summer.

For the 2015-16 season we started with 53 officials in CMHA referees program and gained 18 new officials at the end of September, also 4 senior officials returned to the CMHA program after being away from refereeing for a couple years giving us 75 officials on the books. We did lose 12 officials this year (10 left the program at the end of December for one reason or another and 2 left for university in different communities). So we ended with 63 officials. All 63 officials were evaluated at least once (some a few times) and written evaluation reports were done on each of these officials noting their strengths and things they needed improvements.

This year we had a referee's clinic in Chilliwack for new officials. There was lots of interest and I finally capped the new officials count at 18. This was 6 more than I wanted to take on and I still had 8 on a waiting list. Next season the clinic for new officials should be booked in the first week of September for the end of September and no more than 12 new officials be added to the CMHA officials list. Remember there are 8 on a waiting list so no advertising for new officials will be needed.

Chilliwack Minor hockey was again involved in the "assignr" program this year for Pee Wee A and below. Again there were some problems with conflict games being changed and we were not informed or informed the day of the game and games assigned by PCAHA not being put onto the assignr webpage. We also had a problem with one of the divisions not letting us know about the game or the games being assigned, officials were not sent out or games that were scheduled and officials assigned, later canceled and officials we were never notified.

There were 6 tournaments held in Chilliwack this season. Each tournament was officiated by Chilliwack officials with a little help from officials from Hope and Abbotsford. The feedback I received after each tournament was always positive.

At the end of the year 4 officials from Chilliwack were selected to work games in the Provincial Championships at different communities in the lower



mainland. I spoke with people supervising these Championships and was told the officials from Chilliwack did an excellent job and were very professional on and off the ice.

In closing I feel we had a very successful season and fulfilled the goals set out at the beginning of the season with every official getting a formal evaluation at least once and up grading the officials that earned it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Kemp  
Referee in Chief, CMHA

## Player and Coach Development Report

### Successes:

- Significant increase in usage of team based budgetary/purchasing system for dispatch of professional coaches to all teams and divisions.

- Extensive summer development camps implemented last summer

### Challenges:

- Ice specific to development sessions (continuation on last year's program)
- Last year's spring development program was not well attended, so it was cancelled this Year

- Approximately 85% coach participation rate of development budgets

- Coaches that refuse to utilize the professional trainer budget

### Goals for Next Season:

- Provide comprehensive package to all coaches at the beginning of the season (to include the development budget and purchasing protocols, as well as the mentorship program specifics) Also present the program at the coach/manager meeting at start of year

- Increase coach participation to 100%

- If Spring programs are to succeed very early advertising to members must be done

- Improvement of the divisional drafts (with more controls on evaluations/evaluators)

- Encourage more older players to mentor players in younger divisions by assisting at practices. (Mentorship program in partnership with Bantam and Midget divisions)

All in all, the year went very well. We were able to expand and implement many programs to all ages and divisions that were introduced within the last 3 years, and the adoption increased even more as a result of education at the pre-season coach/managers meeting. The team specific development budgets were derived out of necessity due to the ice shortage, however they worked even better this season with increased adoption, and as a result more ice should be available for all divisions, and coaches and teams will get to work with skills professionals that can address specific skill set needs of each team.

This report stands as the final report of my tenure as a board member for CMHA. I have been active on the board for 5 years, and the journey has been fun, and yet sometimes frustrating and exhausting at times. I feel like the programs that are in place are the best we have had since I joined the board initially, but there is plenty of room for future growth. The coming years will

be challenging with the growth of competitive academy programs, and their subsequent recruiting of top talent. If we are to be successful in the future we will have to implement more high level programs, in addition to investing significant development programs at the initiation level to improve the skill set of our youngest players, and also improve coaching abilities at the same time. I have the utmost faith that whoever my successor is, will devote the same passion and energy, as well as new fresh ideas to the cause. I would like to thank all of the members who have shown appreciation and gratitude for the time and effort of our board and countless volunteers, and most importantly I would like to thank the current and past board members who have stood by me in good times and bad. It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve on behalf of the membership. I wish all of you success in the future.

Michael Kind  
Player and Coach Development Director



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## **TREASURER'S AGM REPORT**

As we finalize account details at the end of the CMHA fiscal year (April 30) the Association is in a solid financial position. The 2015/2016 hockey season operated smoothly with no significant financial issues to report.

The Association's major recurring cost items include: **Ice Rentals** total of **\$407,100**; **Referee Fees** of **\$69,150**; and **Insurance/BCAHA fees** in the amount of **\$67,300**. In addition the Association invested in **hockey supplies** for all division in the amount of **\$14,300** and invested in the **player/coach/referee development** in the amount of **\$80,500**. All cost items related to "C" level hockey, were partially supported by a gaming grant in the amount of \$115,000 the Association received from the Province of British Columbia. All remaining operating costs were covered by registration fees and other registration related items collected during the year.

The Association is projecting to finish the fiscal year with a deficit amount of \$64,000 based on 2015/2016 operations. Combined with a surplus from 2014/2015 operations the CMHA will have approximately \$217,000 in contingency funds to begin the 2016/2017 season.

The local Annual "*Dave Lee Memorial*" Golf Tournament held in June of each year, donated this past season just over \$3,000, to our Hockey Fund, to help pay for kids to play hockey in our Association.

In closing the Association is in the process of applying for a gaming grant that will be combined with existing contingency funds to offset any budget shortfalls.

Monica Burt

Treasurer

Chilliwack Minor Hockey Association

	Budget 2016/17
<b>Revenues:</b>	
<b>Hockey Revenues</b>	
Registration Fees (incl. Rep Tryout Fees)	\$505,000
Rep Team Fees/Additional Ice (incl tournament ice)	\$130,000
Sponsorships	\$60,000
Tournaments - Sanctions/Revenues	\$25,000
Clinic Revenues	\$44,000
	<b>\$764,000</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>	
Heat Tickets & Gaming Revenue	\$0
Other	
Ice Rental	
Miscellaneous	\$15,000
<b>Revenue (Pre-Gaming Amount)</b>	<b>\$779,000</b>
Gaming Grant Revenue	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$779,000</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
	Budget 2016/17
<b>Direct Hockey Costs:</b>	
Ice Rentals	\$470,000
Room Rentals	\$2,500
Insurance, dues & Fees	\$70,000
Gaming Expenses	
Referee Fees	\$70,000
Bruins/Heat Tickets	
Trophies & Plaques	\$3,500
Jersey, Pucks, Supplies	\$30,000
Player/Coach Development	\$50,000
Coach/Referee Clinics	\$10,000
Referee Development	\$10,000
Rep Coach Reimbursement	\$20,000
	<b>\$736,000</b>
<b>Office &amp; Admin Costs:</b>	
Advertising	\$1,500
Amortization	
Bad Debts	\$5,000
CMHA Events	
BCAHA/PCAHA Convention	\$2,000
Website	\$2,000
Miscellaneous	\$500
Insurance, Dues & Fees	\$1,000
Office/Bank Charges	\$15,000
Wages & Honorariums	\$95,000
Professional Fees	\$13,000
Travel	\$5,000
Scholarships	\$3,000
	<b>\$143,000</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$879,000</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>-\$100,000</b>

**Monica Burt:**  
Can't assume  
gaming grant in  
budget

**Monica Burt:**  
Total revenue = \$894K  
if we receive a \$115K  
Gaming Grant

**Monica Burt**  
Bottom Line:  
Projected shortfall  
covered by gaming  
grant, and surplus  
funds.