



2024 Annual General Meeting
Cranbrook Minor Hockey Association

Thursday, May 23rd, 2024

Prestige Rocky Mountain Resort, Cranbrook BC

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER and WELCOME
2. President's Message
3. Awards for Officials
4. Review and Adopt Minutes from 2023 AGM
5. Financial Statement and Treasurer's Report
6. Review and Adopt Financial Report from 2023/24
7. Year End Reports (attached)
8. Elections of Executive Officers
9. Elections of Directors
10. New Business & Open Discussion
11. Next CMHA Executive Meeting to be scheduled for _____. Location TBD
12. Next CMHA Board Meeting to be scheduled for _____. Location TBD
13. Adjournment



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings CMHA Membership,

I would like to welcome you all to the 2024 Annual General Meeting! We greatly appreciate you taking the time to join us this evening. We cannot stress enough how important it is to have the support and feedback of our membership, as this allows us to continue to improve the hockey experience for everyone involved.

The 2023/2024 season certainly came with its' challenges! Having two of our three arenas closed near the end of September threw all of us for a loop. Despite that, our Board and our excellent Registrar/Ice Coordinator spent countless hours doing what they could to make the hockey experience positive for all involved. This included many shared practices, both for recreational and rep teams, some of which will certainly continue into the future. Additionally, with help from Canal Flats, Kimberley/Marysville, and all of our surrounding communities, we were able to secure enough ice weekly to get all of the kids on the ice and playing the game that we all love. Obviously, this season came with some travel challenges and costs, and we want to thank all of our members for taking on these challenges and costs and making the absolute best of the season! Overcoming challenges and coming together to play our great game is what makes Cranbrook one of the best hockey towns in Canada!

Outside of the ice and travel challenges, the positives far outweighed the negatives over the course of the season. Despite the arena issues, we were still able to host a 14 team U9 tournament at the beginning of March, with great success! As an association, we continue to grow our referee numbers. We also continue to make great strides with our girls' programs, with strong female registration numbers again this year. With the help of the funds received from the NHLPA and Dean Brody, we were also able to assist many families in need.

As always, we sent several of our teams to banner tournaments and Provincial Championships. All of our teams represented Cranbrook extremely well. A few of the individual successes were:

- Our U15 Female Bucks won the Rocky Mountain Female Hockey League's A Division Banner;
- Our U15 Tier 4 Bucks won the East Kootenay U15A Division Banner;
- Our U18 Bucks went on an amazing run at their Provincial Championships, and brought home the silver medals; and
- U15 Team Meloche won the U15 B Division Banner.

Congratulations to all of these teams, and all of the teams that represented Cranbrook so well across the Province!

As the largest association between the Okanagan and Southern Alberta, we continue to emphasize retaining players in Cranbrook for as long as possible, while ensuring that all of our players are able to compete at a level that is appropriate to their skills. By forming stronger relationships with Kimberley Minor Hockey and the EK as a whole, and by allowing



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players from all over the EK to tryout for our top teams, we believe that we have taken large strides towards accomplishing these goals.

As a Board, we also recognize the importance of building the association from the ground up, by supporting and participating in programs such as First Shift, and by supporting all of our coaches and volunteers in the youngest age groups. These young hockey players are the future of our association, and we encourage all families at these younger levels to get involved and help grow our association and, most importantly, help these children develop a love of the game.

In closing, I would like to express how proud I am to be a part of the Cranbrook Minor Hockey Board. I would like to specifically thank our outgoing Registrar/Ice Coordinator, Nicky Heiz. Nicky faced many challenges this year, especially with the arena closures, and navigated our association through them extremely well. Nicky, you will certainly be missed! On that note, I also want to welcome our new Registrar, Carly Marsh, and our new Ice Scheduler, Bobby-Jo Hekob. We all very much look forward to working with you Carly and Bobby-Jo!

Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to share my significant appreciation and admiration for my fellow Board members, as well as the many volunteers who dedicate so much time throughout the year to make our children's experience as positive and memorable as possible. We have an excellent group of CMHA volunteers, who dedicate countless hours in the best interests of all children in our association. Thank you to all of you for all that you do!

Yours truly,

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CMHA YEAR END REPORTS



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