



2023 Annual General Meeting  
Cranbrook Minor Hockey Association

Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023

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 2022 AGM
5. Financial Statement and Treasurer's Report
6. Review and Adopt Financial Report from 2022/23
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 2023 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.

In the Board's opinion, the 2022/2023 season was successful in many ways; however, we certainly recognize there is always room for improvement. Ice time issues were our biggest problem this year, with Marysville Arena not opening until January. 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 some shared practices, both for house and rep teams, which are likely to continue into the future. Once embraced by those involved, these can and will be some of the best ice times that our kids have!

The positives far outweighed the negatives over the course of the season. With BC Hockey reducing the cost of referee clinics, we were able to substantially increase the number of referees in our association. We also continue to make great strides with our girls' programs, increasing female registration from 88 last year to 122 this year. Speaking of the girls' programs, our U13 Female Bucks hosted Provincials with great success and got their first win ever at a Provincial tournament! Congratulations girls! Many of our other teams also had great success at their banner tournaments and Provincials; the icing on the cake coming with our U13 Bucks and their Tier 2 Provincial Championship! We look forward to seeing that banner hanging from the rafters in the Memorial Arena!

We also must again thank the NHLPA and Dean Brody for their generous donation this year, which will be used to help families in need get and stay involved in hockey!

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 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.



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CMHA's future, at all levels, is certainly bright!

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, Lyndsay Osterlund, who spent three years giving everything she had to our Association. Lyndsay, you will certainly be missed! On that note, I also want to welcome our new Registrar/Ice Coordinator, Nicky Heiz. We all very much look forward to working with you Nicky! 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. I can honestly say that 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,

Todd Leffler  
CMHA President



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## 2022/2023 CMHA Treasurer's report

The 2022/23 season concluded with the attached budget. CMHA year end is May 31st. The annual report will be done by Redding and Associates in June.

CMHA will continue to purchase new Bucks jerseys for our program, look at new on ice tools for skill development and other ways to help further develop and enhance the kid in CMHA hockey program. The community gaming grant is a big part of keeping registration fees down and help with player development costs. CMHA will apply for the gaming grant again before the end of May.

## 2022/2023 Female Program Report

Head Coaches: U9 – Michele Lunan (Winchar), Littles U7, U11/U13 development Bobby-Jo Hekob, U13 Female Bucks- Todd Kostiuik

We have had a very successful year in the female program. Our development program is thriving with the support of Bobby Jo Hekob and her huge commitment and passion towards the development of our female players.

This year's numbers have increased. Last year our number of female hockey players registered number was 88, this year we have 122 females.

2009: 7

2010: 21

2011: 20

2012: 15

2013: 12

2014: 9

2015: 16

2016: 13

2017: 9

I believe since we started offering all female teams, many players are staying in the game because there are more options to choose from. We have found that when the girls are able to play together, they have more opportunities to touch the puck, receive passes and are required to work harder in general. The bond and memories made have been amazing to watch and the development from each group is enormous.

With up-and-coming female families joining CMHA our hopes are for more coach volunteers to support the female program as Bobby Jo takes on a lot herself and the support would create more opportunities for the females to have more teams.

Bobby Jo has offered all female development camps in the summer, Female Jamborees throughout the year and new this year a goalie development session that was very well attended with a lot of support.

This year we had a U13 female Bucks team, that had a successful year playing in the Alberta Rocky Mountain Female Hockey League, although a lot of travel, the team was able to play at the appropriate level and came third in the league. The team has brought a lot of buzz around the EK and has many little girls wanting to try hockey. Many younger females have set a goal to play on the Female Bucks and represent the green and white. Hosting Provincials this year was a lot of work, but huge success. The game has started to grow again in our area and giving the girls opportunities to have competitive teams hosted in Cranbrook keeps females in the game and looking onto bigger goals.

## **Year End Report: U7 Minor/Major for the 2022-2023 Season**

The U7 Division was made up of a total of four teams: two U7 minor teams and two U7 major teams with a total of 50 players. Below is a breakdown of the season for each team.

### **U7 Major Cranbrook Avalanche – coached by Mike Harris**

The Cranbrook Avalanche had 15 players all ranging in experience and skill set and had a successful year. Coach Harris' feedback is he saw success in player development, team development and focused on encouraging the kids to have fun. Every player was encouraged to work hard, play with passion, and play fair. Coach Harris felt like the focus on fun brought the team together over the course of the season and commented on how great it was to watch the kids develop strong connections & friendships as well throughout the year.

### **U7 Major Black Bucks – coached by Bobby Botterill**

The Black Bucks had 15 players as well. It was a great year, and everyone had a lot of fun. Player development was evident as everyone on the team showed an increase in skill and confidence on the ice. The commitment throughout the season was great with almost full attendance all year. Players developed strong friendships with one another, making the year a success.

Both major teams attended three different tournaments and multiple games which were enjoyed by players, coaches and parents.

### **U7 minor red – head coach Mike Eadie**

The red team had 10 players. Coach Eadie commented on lower attendance throughout the year which created some challenges with keeping practices engaging, especially when there were sicknesses or older siblings' hockey tournaments - some practices were only 5-7 kids. Overall, coach Eadie commented kids enjoyed practices more after practices were combined with the other U7 minor team coached by Corey Kanzig. By combining practices, the coaches had more ability for variety and stations, and larger numbers allowed for a bit of rest time to perform drills and games with intensity. Coaches considered how other associations structure this age groups and seem most teams have two practices a week which would also promote skill development.

Some of the practice plans for this age group suggested are more difficult and require modification by coaches to meet the skill development and keep the kids engaged and having fun. Overall, most of the feedback coach Eadie received was that the players had fun and looked forward to the practices.

### **U7 minor blue team - head coach Corey Kanzig**

Overall, attendance was fairly consistent throughout the year, sickness and or sibling tournaments occasionally had an impact on player turnout. Coach Kanzig was pleased with the amount of on-ice helper volunteers we had - big thanks to them. Coach Kanzig commented on

the number of practices as well and had similar opinions as Coach Eadie on player development to have kids on the ice two times per week.

Overall, all coaches commented on having a great year and had great turnout with on ice helpers. A special thank you to all the parents and volunteers who participated this season. U7 is a challenging age group to promote player development while having fun and the coaches and volunteers did an outstanding job at accomplishing that this year.

Wishing the U7 players all the best next year and look forward to next year.

Bobby Botterill  
U7 Division Head

## **2022/2023 U9 Cranbrook Minor Hockey Division Report**

The 2022/2023 U9 Season was a great success! We had 69 kids this year spread out on 5 teams and had our first all-girls team.

We had an excellent group of Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers and on Ice Helpers this year. A big thank you to all of you for another incredible hockey season!

Starting the season off we had shared practices during the weekend and individual practices on the weekend for the teams. The shared practices were a big success with the kids enjoying being on the ice with another team.

In December we moved into our league games during the week and one of our head coaches Corey Kanzig arranged a December Jamboree with our Cranbrook teams and Kimberley for a fun day of games. A big Thank-you to Corey for arranging all of that.

We had teams traveling for tournaments this year to Whitefish, Trail, Invermere, Coeur d'Alene, Kimberley, and Nelson. We had a few teams pick up some extra games with Fernie, Kimberley and Invermere also.

We expanded our home tournament this season and had 20 teams come to Cranbrook for a very successful home tournament. A big Thank-you to Kimberley Minor Hockey for allowing us to use their boards to make it possible. I want to say a big thank-you to my U9 managers this season, without all your behind the scenes work this tournament would not be possible. A big thank-you to my coaches and parents as well for all your help throughout the weekend.

Our games and tournament would also not be possible without our referees so thank-you for a great season.

This year we had a very fun and successful season.

Looking forward to another fun hockey season, See you all in the rink for the 2023/2024.

Ashley Roberts

U9 Division Head



# 2022/2023 U11 Division Year End Report

The U11 season was an eventful year filled with lots of fun on and off the ice. I am always amazed at the progression of these kids when we look back at the start of the season to the end! The U11 division is the first time that these kids can play on full ice, bigger nets and games are officiated within the official rules of hockey. This is an exciting time for these kids and it didn't take long for the first year U11's to get rolling and right in the mix of things.

## **The U11 House Division**

This year we had a total of 52 kids split amongst 3 teams. We had quite a few late registrations and players added to our rosters throughout the season. This made for some very large teams and looking back we likely could have rostered 4 teams this year. I am hopeful we will continue to see our association numbers grow and maybe see 4-5 teams for next season.

U11 House managed to pull off a 6 team home tournament in Marysville. This was a tremendous feat given the Marysville arena opening uncertainty. The rink literally did not open until 2 hours before our tournament started. A huge thank you to all of our volunteers for making this happen with such short notice and everyone jumping right in to help. Fingers crossed we will have more stable ice allocation for next season with more time to plan.

Our 3 house teams were coached by Tyler Birkham (Aqua Bucks) Ryan Winstanley/Dan Meldrum (Steel Bucks) Chris Nault (Blue Bucks). Teams all played in the EK league where we had the pleasure of competing regularly against Creston, Fernie, Invermere and Elk Valley. Teams also attended various tournaments this year including Kimberley, Castlegar, Fernie, Trail, Sparwood and Lethbridge. All teams battled hard all season and enjoyed various levels of success.

Our EK league banner tournament was hosted in Sparwood this year and all our teams left it all out on the ice! It made for some very exciting hockey to play and also to watch. In the end our Steel Bucks advanced to the finals where they played a tight game against Invermere. In the end they came home with a 2nd place finish to close out the year. Great work Steel Bucks. All of our teams should be very proud of the season and what they have accomplished.

## **The U11 B Bucks/Development**

Team was coached by Wade Daignault. They had a successful season competing in the EK league and also attended various tournaments. Highlights include Black Diamond taking home Gold, Spokane for a Silver and Fernie with a Broze place finish.

Notes from Wade, *"The coaching focus from the start of the season was to develop the kids confidence, skills, positioning and hockey knowledge and IQ in general. The development team maximized the use of the AP process and would frequently have kids from the house program out for practices. This was a huge success in my eyes as we need to develop as many kids as possible who are seeking to play up to the next level."*

Looking ahead to next season Wade would like to build off of this platform and continue the lateral movement of players between all teams. *"Being first year in competitive hockey we should be laying down a foundation for the players to get to know each other. Most of these kids will be playing with each other at some point whether it be back and forth between a regional team, A or B.* This development mindset and use of the AP process not only benefited the B Team but also the house division. The house players who attended the development practices really improved and strengthened their own skill and teams. They also gained a lot of experience and initial exposure to what competitive hockey might look like should they want to pursue it further.

Wade also wanted to note and thank the great group of kids and parents that made the year what it was. *"Despite not having a lot of success in league play or the banner, all kids held their heads high and took value in knowing the score of the game is not always the gauge of success. All of the kids developed throughout the season and by the end of the year they were competing and holding their own against some of the tougher teams in the league."* Well done U11 B Bucks.

## U11 A Bucks

Team was coached by Todd Leffler. They competed in 6 tournaments through the year, along with a number of competitive games against Spokane and Trail. During the U11 Bucks home tournament in February they finished 2nd overall while hosting some strong Tier 1 Alberta teams. Todd noted *"The Bucks played extremely hard, never quit, and managed an extraordinary comeback in the last round robin game to advance to the playoffs and then a shootout win in the semis."* Sounds like some very exciting hockey games! Great job Bucks.

Osoyoos was another noted highlight for Todd's team this year. *"The Bucks showed team unity by dying their hair blond (as is the tradition with this team). They played extremely hard and competed well, just missing the semi-finals."* Now that is some team spirit and camaraderie!

In closing, I would like to congratulate all of our U11 teams this year. It was a positive season for everyone and I am already looking forward to the 2023/24 season. Again, I would like to thank all of our coaches, managers, referees and volunteers. Your time and efforts do not go unnoticed and can not thank everyone enough for making our kids season a success!

Thank You  
Dustin London  
CMHA U11 Division Head.

# 2022-23 U13 Division CMHA Report

Overall, the 2022-23 U13 hockey season was a great success. We had 72 players in the house program, spread out over 4 teams. While many of these kids have been playing since ages 5 or 6, we also boasted several first-time players in U13 which is great!

I want to say a huge thank you to our tireless volunteers who worked so hard over the course of the season. A special acknowledgement to our head coaches Paul Mason, Dave Carmichael, Darren Reeves and Cam Geddes, as well as to their team managers Mikey Meloche, Danielle Pearson, Sarah Mooy and Marie Biggy. Thank you as well to all the assistant coaches who worked so hard with the kids week after week on the ice.

At the beginning of the season, the head coaches participated in evaluations and tried their best to make four even and competitive teams. There was perhaps some lopsidedness at the beginning of the year but as the season progressed and teams developed, they all performed quite competitively against each other and within the EK League.

The U13 house teams hosted a home tournament in February, with teams from Castlegar, Creston, Calgary and Lethbridge participating. Excitingly, the U13 Thunder Bucks and Red Devils met in the final game of the tournament, which went to a shoot-out. Ultimately, the Thunder Bucks won the tournament and overall, together the teams raised \$4,500. A big thank you to all the parents who helped make it a successful weekend. The end of the season also saw the U13 Yellow Jackets taking home the "C" Championship Banner in the EK League.

As for our U13 Rep teams, both had a hugely successful year. The U13 Dynamiters participated in the EK League and won gold at a tournament in Spokane. They also went to Tier 3 Provincials in Vancouver. The U13 Bucks were a travel team this year and participated in many tournaments, from Swift Current to Kelowna, including the Vernon Coca-Cola Classic PeeWee Invitational where they came in 2<sup>nd</sup> after an over-time loss. But the end of their season ended on a thrill when the Bucks went undefeated and won the Tier 2 BC Provincial Championship in Prince George.

We had a very fun and successful season of hockey. Congratulations to all the kids on their hard work and commitment to our favourite sport! I look forward to seeing our players and families back in the rink in the autumn.

Courtney Magro  
U13 Division Head  
Cranbrook Minor Hockey Association

## 2022/2023 U15/U18 House Division Report

U18: Head Coaches and Assistants: Jeff Scott, Andrew Morrison, Patrick McDonald, & Brian Watson

Manager: Dellanee Kahlke

Safety: Paul Kahlke

Our U18 house team consisted of 34 players & 4 goalies. Throughout the season they played a 4 "mini" team, rotating game schedule. They had two games per week with one practice on weekends. They went to two out of town tournaments, Castlegar and Trail, and half of the group attended an Airdrie tournament. They hosted a home tournament that included 4 out of town teams including themselves.

### Coach's & Manager comments:

- The 3 ice times a week became too much. I suggest 2 ice per week, we will likely do 3 games and 1 practice in a 2 week period. Avoiding weekend ice due to low numbers.
- We had 4 goalies this year and only averaged 1 at practices and 2 on game nights.
- We did the 4 mini teams and it worked out to shuffle teams each game night, have different competition and avoid tension/conflicts that build up all year long. I really support this system.
- We only had 4 certified coaches this year, typically 1 or 2 not able to make the ice time and often Andrew was requested to ref due to the ref shortage. So most nights we had 2 coaches, so only 1 on each bench. Would be AWESOME to have a couple more next year, I know that is hard to arrange. Are there options for "guest coaches" to assist from time to time? (like former minor hockey coaches, or Bucks Jr A players, or parents to open doors etc.
- A volunteer deposit would be ideal to encourage more families to step in to help out and also a higher jersey deposit as some families required multiple calls and reminders to return their jersey.
- Earlier house league evaluations so the team can be formed and tournaments can be decided on and registered for.

U15: Head coach: Dawson Pelletier Assistants: Jason Taylor & Easton Jolie

Manager & Safety: Chantal Marra

Our U15 house enjoyed their season as a stand alone team not mixing with our U18 house league. They attended two out of town tournaments, one in Castlegar and one in Trail. They attended the Kimberley tournament as their home tournament. The players enjoyed having past minor hockey players as their coaches and we really appreciate the time they put into our community.

The feedback would be to continue to have a separate U15 house team to allow the players to play within their own age groups as when mixed with the U18, they can't always keep up.

Thank you to all of our managers and coaches for a successful season, we appreciate all of your time and what you offer to the youth of our community.

Desiree Roberts U15/U18 Division Head