



SMHA Presidents report
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Our 2017/2018 Season started off with a major event. Our SMHA got Changing The Game to come to our town and put on a presentation regarding youth sports. From feedback we had gotten from our members that attended it sounded like it was most in attendance felt it was a very good message and presentation. We hope to bring more events like this to better help our program and members continue to grow and learn.

As for our actual hockey season, it as well seemed to go well. With many of our teams finding success either in their league or in provincials SMHA showed that even with very large portions of our players progressing to the elite model on both the male and female side we still continue to grow and compete at every level. At the very start of our season we brought In GDI (goaltending development institute) to try and provide some added instruction for our padded puck stoppers. This seemed to also go very well, and we hope to grow on development ideas like this in the future. Throughout the season our SMHA board had got a few donations to be used for development. With some brain storming and well thought out ideas, our Equipment Director and VP of Development found some amazing tools for helping our players and coaches to be able to bring development to the forefront in our ideology and methods for practice. In the later portion of our season our association was accepted to host one of the Bantam Female Provincial tournaments. With thanks to all our members and volunteers this event was amazing, raising over \$11,000 for our Association. As a whole once again our association had another great season thanks to our players, parents, coaches, directors and SMHA Board.

As for the behind the scenes, our board had a very busy year from start to finish. With changes to our registration and how we collect funds, to our first season with our new bylaws and structure in place this season had its fair share of things to do. Our board and executive also started to build policies and procedures for any items under each job position and to try and build a foundation to move forward so as new members move in and old members move out it can feel more stream lined for our new member to transition in to any of the board and executive positions. We also brought in exit meetings with our coaches so we could have face to face interaction and give both positive and negative feedback to our coaches from the parent submitted coaching evaluations. It also gave us some insight back from our coaches as to how they felt their seasons went and as a group we could discuss how SMHA could also help our coaches better themselves. We felt this went very well and we look forward to continuing it in our future seasons.

As a close, this has been a very busy and fast moving season and came and went in a blink of an eye, but as a whole it felt like it went well. Every season has its challenges and our board and executive view these challenges as growing steps, each step helps us grow and find ways to try and better our association for all our members. Thank you to all our members and volunteers without you we have no hockey, and a huge thank you to our board members how put in so much more than ever asked of to help ensure there is always a fifth season for all our kids.

Thank You

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