

ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

1990-1991 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The OWHA has again completed an extremely busy, but successful hockey season. We reached a milestone of 300 registered teams and added another 32 for a record year. Congratulations to all teams, leagues and associations who are providing very positive hockey experiences for our members.

We are extremely pleased with the increase in the number of novice and atom age teams and also with the formation of teams in new communities. We must not forget to once again give credit to our "mature" participants including Mabel Boyd and the many others "claiming" to be 29 again! Hockey is a great game and every year we are increasing availability of teams for girls and women of all ages who want to participate.

The advancements made in women's hockey during the 1980's are likely unmatched in the history of any sport. The OWHA has taken the lead role in providing strong local and provincial programs while actively lobbying for improved opportunities both nationally and internationally. Our unity, cooperation and structure have given us the stability to beat the overwhelming odds.

Events that are a given today, took months and in many cases years of work. The Ontario Winter Games, Nationals, Canada Winter Games, International Competition and World Championships are only a few examples of OWHA led successes. We regard these as major breakthroughs as they give our sport credibility which benefits player of all ages who choose to compete in recreational or competitive programs.

We are still continuing our lobby for acceptance into the Olympics, re-entry into the Timmy Tyke Tournament and work on any current and new programs which will benefit our members and future members.

One program we strongly encourage our members to become involved in is the Hockey Trainers Certification Program. We recommend a qualified first aid person be in attendance at all games and practices with a first aid kit available if needed. Every team in our association should be using the Emergency Action Plan. Detailed information on clinics, materials and risk management are available.

As we close another season, we reflect back on the successes of our past year. The friendships made by our young players far outweigh the scores of any one game as we come together to enjoy hockey in the spirit of good sportsmanship and fair play.

The example set by Cathy Phillips gives true meaning to our sport. She has maintained a positive attitude and shown she can succeed when faced with adversity. Her many friends in hockey have supported her and shown we are all teammates sharing a love for hockey.

This past season with the World Championships, Blainey case and other extremely time consuming projects behind us we have had time to begin a process of internal re-evaluation in this changing hockey environment.

We have come to a point where we must take action which will enable us to continue to maintain stability and leadership in our steadily growing association. We have done a major reorganization of executive duties as we have moved to committee work. This will serve many purposes including (a) cutting time from our overloaded executive meetings (b) allowing time for concentrated focus and debate within committees who can thoroughly discuss new ideas, proposals, etc. (c) bring members at large on to committees appropriate to their interest and areas of expertise (this in turn provides a training ground for future OWHA Executive members), (d) we can tie in people from the entire province by regionalizing appropriate committees.

This past season we have kept most committee work internal as we have refined duties and communication channels and worked within a tight budget. Future planning includes: a) identifying needed standing committees special committees and areas of individual responsibility b) working with the Constitution and By Law Committee to define committee selection/appointment c) work with finance committee in approval of budgets d) work within a marketing plan to bring the association increased funds from sources in addition to membership fees and government grants.

Throughout this entire system, effective, on going communication is absolutely critical to a successful, unified association. Everyone must have a thorough understanding of their roles, responsibilities and boundaries. People should be supported in their work, but must always remember that committees are responsible to the members through the full Board of Directors.

We are very pleased with the results of this new system which will serve the needs of our current members and allow the OWHA to continue to provide female hockey leadership into the next century.

We wish all members continued good luck and good sportsmanship!

ADMINISTRATION/REGISTRATION/RECATAGORIZING

I would like to thank Annie McAlpine for assisting in the registration of OWHA people. As we keep increasing in teams it becomes more difficult to accomplish all our tasks without the assistance of people like Annie. During the height of registration it involves 30-40 hours per week of volunteer time and we are looking to developing new forms which may eliminate the CAHA cards for all except any teams which may become involved in CAHA events. We have asked for a change in the CAHA card but it does take time and it may be time for us to adopt our own changes until then.

We had an extremely good year in growth of the OWHA reaching a total of 332 teams and nearing the 5000 player mark, and by indications in some areas there is going to be an increase in next season as well.

Our Re-categorizing Committee had a busy and interesting year. Several teams were moved and it seemed others should have been moved but if our Provincials are an indication the competition was very even and I am sure all of the players enjoyed themselves whether they won or lost.

As you can see it has been a very busy season, but when you consider Ontario has more teams and players than the rest of Canada it shows your executive has been working very hard on your behalf and the OWHA has become one of the most respected hockey associations anywhere.

I would like to thank everyone for making this a very enjoyable season.

ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

REGISTRATION 1990-1991

<i>Category</i>	<i>Teams</i>	<i>Players</i>	<i>Support Staff</i>
<i>Senior AA</i>	6	103	22
<i>Senior A</i>	7	110	18
<i>Senior B</i>	16	225	50
<i>Senior C</i>	31	477	84
<i>Senior D</i>	28	448	71
<i>Intermediate A</i>	4	63	15
<i>Intermediate B</i>	7	108	23
<i>Intermediate C</i>	6	84	20
<i>Midget A</i>	8	121	31
<i>Midget B</i>	5	85	15
<i>Midget C</i>	6	86	24
<i>Bantam A</i>	5	72	19
<i>Bantam B</i>	12	170	39
<i>Bantam C</i>	6	91	19
<i>Pee Wee A</i>	6	81	23
<i>Pee Wee B</i>	11	157	41
<i>Pee Wee C</i>	13	184	48
<i>Atom A</i>	4	54	13
<i>Atom B</i>	7	98	25
<i>Atom C</i>	12	183	34
<i>Novice A</i>	5	67	17
<i>Novice B</i>	6	100	21
<i>Senior Recreational</i>	29	469	72
<i>Senior House League</i>	17	240	39
<i>Intermediate House League</i>	11	143	29
<i>Midget House League</i>	15	216	32
<i>Bantam House League</i>	10	135	22
<i>Pee Wee House League</i>	12	133	28
<i>Atom House League</i>	20	259	50
<i>Novice House League</i>	6	87	10
<i>University/Colleges</i>	1	17	3
TOTALS	332	4,896	957

1991 CANADA WINTER GAMES

Preparation for our first entry into the Canada Winter Games was a two year effort, commencing last season with the appointment of the coaching staff and planning preliminary try-out camps, and culminating with the event itself in Prince Edward Island in February of this season. We were supported by Ontario Government funding for both years.

Deb Adams was appointed from among the applicants for head coach. Deb's choice for assistant coaches, Linda Turcotte and Carol Slipetz, were approved by the OWHa Executive.

In January, 1990, letters were sent to our members, inviting them to recommend players to attend Preliminary Camps. Last spring, at Regional Camps hosted by the Brantford, Kingston and Brampton Associations, 180 girls tried out. Of these, 46 were chosen to take part in our Main Camp last August at the University of Guelph. From the August Camp, 30 girls were invited to attend the final Selection Camp in Waterloo in late December. The 21 players selected to Team Ontario played two exhibition games at the Mississauga Tournament, got together briefly in Mississauga late in January, met for a final camp on February 14-15, 1991 and departed for P.E.I. on February 15.

Our Committee obtained 60 sets of tickets for Opening Ceremonies and for the Games, and sold these at cost to the parents and friends of our team.

Ontario was undefeated in round robin preliminary competition, and outshot the opposition in every game they played. It was in the semifinal game against Alberta, when Ontario gave everything they had but lost 3-2, that our hopes were shattered. The bronze medal final against Quebec was also a 3-2 loss.

Although we were disappointed that our team did not win a medal at the Games, they played hard and well and won friends both for our sport and for the OWHa. Our fourth place finish contributed valuable points to Ontario's eventual victory in the Canada Winter Games.

The overall development of Female Hockey in Ontario and in Canada has been accelerated by its inclusion as a Canada Games sport. All over our province and our country, the Games have been a catalyst for growth in participation as well as in calibre.

Team Ontario at the 1991 Canada Winter Games consisted of goaltenders Erin Chassie, Jennifer Dewar, and Stephanie Slade; defense Cassie Campbell, Stephanie Campbell, Michelle Holmes, Nicole Maynard, Jennifer Plumb, and Jennifer Schuler; and forwards Dana Avery, Carrie Barkley, Amanda Benoit, Andrea Blakeley, Joanna Cook, Cindy Cryderman, Cathy Depencier, Lynn MacDonald, Lana Parsons, Cheryl Pounder, Kelly Smith and Michelle Steele.

The OWHa Canada Games Management Committee was made up of: Carole Bass, Jim Carmichael, Pete Kelly, Doug Nicholls, Fran Rider, Deb Adams, and Co-Chairman Jim McInnes and Bev Mallory.

CAHA

Several items of interest regarding OWHHA teams were discussed at the CAHA Annual General Meeting within the Female Council. I have already mentioned the CAHA registration cards and there is going to be an increase in the insurance premium which will be charged by the CAHA. The amount of the increase is still not known but we are hoping it will not be enough to increase the \$5.00 fee we are already charging to cover insurance, affiliation fee and our payment to the OHA for the Blainey case.

One of the more positive things to happen was the acceptance of the OWHHA into the Eastern Shield to be played in St. Johns, Newfoundland and we will be looking for a Senior "D" team as well as a Midget "C" team to compete in this tournament.

There will be another World Championship in Tampere, Finland, April 19-25, 1992 and Women's Hockey will be in Norway in 1994 either as a demonstration sport in the Olympics or as a demonstration tournament the week prior to the Olympics so delegates may be able to attend and assess it for the Olympics.

The OWHHA has done some tentative planning for an Ontario selection process. We are to rank our top 20 players and forward names to the CAHA by October 21, 1991. Information will be circulated as soon as it becomes available.

We congratulate the Toronto Aeros on their National Championship victory. Karen Hebert and Deb Hands did an excellent job representing the OWHHA as on ice officials. Ontario and the OWHHA will be hosting the Nationals in 1993 and they will be held in Alberta in 1992.

The OWHHA congratulates Mr. Bob MacKinnon, a past chairman of the OHA and a former OHA delegate to our Board of Directors. At the 1991 CAHA Annual General Meeting Bob was elected as an Officer of the CAHA and should bring our national body credibility and strong leadership. We also thank Bob for his support in our Senior AA protest this year. Good luck Bob!

COMPUTER COMMITTEE REPORT

There were a few minor updates done to the program this year. Most of these were cosmetic changes that were done to improve the data entry function. There are several upgrades planned for this summer. These upgrades will add players sweater numbers, additional referees information, age checks tied into the team category, and the handling and notification of when releases are required. There are also several more cosmetic changes being planned.

There have been no upgrades to the computer hardware during the past season. The only cost incurred by this committee was the purchase of printer ribbons for the reports that have been printed, and several diskettes that were required to hold backup data. Costs have been kept to the minimum this past year.

One obvious improvement in having the computer available was in the semi-automated registration that we had for the 1991 Provincial Championships at Meadowvale Four Rinks. This made registration easier for the players, coaches, and OWHHA volunteers.

Next year we are looking forward to having more complete information available sooner as well as being able to answer questions such as player's OWHHA numbers almost immediately.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS

The OWHHA Constitution and By Laws have evolved over the past 20 years. The Executive realized that our Constitution and By Laws have been amended so often that a number of articles appear to be in conflict. The document is no longer in tune with the CAHA Constitution, By Laws and Regulations.

The Constitution and By Laws committee was appointed to review our document and attempt to bring it in line with other Hockey bodies:

The committee consists of the following:

<i>Frank Champion-Demers</i>	<i>Past President</i>
<i>Jen Empey</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Ed Ratushny</i>	<i>Constitutional Lawyer at Ottawa University</i>

This committee has met and developed the following plans:

- a) By September 1991, to review and draft a tentative document.*
- b) September to December 1991, circulate copies of the proposed document to all OWHHA teams and associations for comments and suggested improvements.*
- c) December 1991 to February 1992 - final revision and update by committee.*
- d) February to May 1992 - final draft provided to all teams and associations.*
- e) AGM 1992 - approval of document by membership.*

The rewriting of a Constitution is a very long and tedious process. A good document will provide a solid framework for the OWHHA of the 1990's and protect all of its members.

We are counting on your good will to help us develop a document which will keep us in good stead for the next 10 to 15 years.

DEVELOPMENT

Development programs this year have included another successful Leadership Development Camp, a Coaching Seminar, a number of local Initiative Meetings, and further encouragement of Female Hockey in the high schools.

Last summer, 35 players attended our residential Leadership Development Camp in Toronto. All of them benefitted from a week of hockey instruction, they gained new skills and confidence as hockey players, and they all earned their NRCP Level I. This year's Camp will follow the same format as past camps. Many of our local associations send one or two or three of their players each summer to the OWHA Camp and enrich their own hockey programs by doing so.

The second in our series of Coaching Seminars was held last December in Kingston for OWHA coaches in Eastern Ontario. All participants responded with enthusiasm to the sessions on Practice Planning, Drills, Offensive and Defensive Team Play. In their evaluations afterwards, most of them cited the need for more training opportunities for coaches. Please encourage your coaches to attend all the clinics and seminars available in your area. In Female Hockey we need more coaches with training in coaching and knowledge about hockey.

New Female Hockey programs started this season in Kitchener, Guelph, Smiths Falls and Warton. For next season, Sudbury and Barrie are ready to start. We have held meetings for the organizers and new players in these communities, as well as Initiative Meetings last fall in each of the seven OWHA regions. A pilot project grant from Sport Canada obtained for us by the CAHA made it possible for us to hold an Administrators' Seminar in March for the organizers of new Female Hockey programs.

Encouraging Female Hockey in the high schools continues to be one of our activities. It is not our intention to recruit high school teams into membership with the OWHA, but rather to assist, advise and encourage schools and boards wishing to set up their own programs. If more girls are given the opportunity to try the sport at school, more community teams will eventually result. Last summer, with Nan Spencer's assistance, I wrote to the Head of Girls' Physical Education in every Ontario high school suggesting ways in which Girls' Hockey could be added to the Phys. Ed. experience. Through an accompanying questionnaire, we were able to find out which schools now have Girls' Hockey programs and where High School Tournaments are now being held.

It was with much regret that we received the resignation of Cathy Lehman from the position of Development Coordinator, effective January 15. Your friends in the OWHA wish you the best of luck in your future endeavours, Cathy.

I extend my thanks to the OWHA Development Committee, which consisted for the first half of the season of Deb Adams, Cathy Lehman, Fran Rider, Marion Sanderson and myself. In November, Pete Kelly and Jim Martin were added to the Committee.

DISCIPLINE REPORT

This past season has not been very busy which is good to see.

We had one appeal hearing from a player regarding a league suspension.

There was a protested game at the Senior AA Provincials which was dealt with by Don Hind and ratified.

During the Provincial Championships there were very few incidents that required any disciplinary action. This is very encouraging to see.

A major part of the Constitution and By Law review will be updated protest, appeal and disciplinary procedures. Clear, consistent regulations are a top priority with input from all members requested.

Most of the discipline has been dealt with very successfully, and with the promotion of good sportsmanship we hope to see a decline in all disciplinary action.

HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE FOR ONTARIO REPORT

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association is a very active member. Of the Hockey Development Centre we serve as voting members on the Board of Directors along with the Ontario Hockey Association, Metropolitan Toronto Hockey League, Northern Ontario Hockey Association, Ontario Minor Hockey Association, Ontario Hockey League, Ottawa District Hockey Association, Ottawa District Minor Hockey Association and Thunder Bay Amateur Hockey Association. The HDCO is the organization recognized and partially funded by the Ontario government through the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation. All our grant monies are channelled through the HDCO and we also share an office with them.

Even though the HDCO is not a governing body, members and staff are very active, working on many projects. The OWHHA has delegates on the Advocacy and Liaison Committee, Safety and Research Committee, Technical Committee, Coaches Sub Committee, Referees Sub Committee, and Trainers Sub Committee.

Many OWHHA teams participated in the Esso Penalty Free Sweepstakes with Mississauga Girls Mr. Transmission, South Grenville Girls, and Bewdley Intermediate Girls winning prizes. We congratulate the winners and all teams who entered the contest. We appreciate Esso and other sponsors for supporting this worthwhile project of encouraging and rewarding good sportsmanship.

Other HDCO projects the OWHHA has been involved with and/or derive benefit from include the HDCO newspaper "Ice Times", the Hockey Trainers Certification Program (HTCP), a registry of Ontario arenas, lobby for a standard for throat protectors, development of a coach evaluation form, and common philosophy codes of conduct.

MARKETING/PROMOTION/PUBLIC RELATION COMMITTEE

The OWHA has identified marketing as a top priority. Hockey is becoming an extremely expensive sport for participants and we must try to keep the game affordable. We need to find new ways to generate funds through areas such as corporate sponsorships, fund raising programs. We are also investigating ways to keep individual costs down through programs like collective buying.

We are pleased to continue a positive working relationship with Mr. Jim Nother and Nothers Awards who sponsor our very important sportsmanship program. Nothers and the OWHA have also entered into a win-win program which offers OWHA members a discount through collective buying. Another program effective to January 31,, 1991 gave OWHA affiliates a bulk order discount.

The OWHA is very excited with an agreement we have just completed with Josten's Canada who are now the official supplier of OWHA Championship rings. We are fortunately to be working with Mr. Al Zikman who will be verifying the legitimacy of everyone wishing to purchase a ring. Anyone playing on a Provincial Championship team from 1975 to present may purchase a ring in gold or silver in two different styles.

We are in the midst of negotiations with a professional marketing group and we have also had extensive discussions with major companies regarding their involvement with our existing programs and some exciting new programs currently in the discussion stage.

Due to the economy, things are tough in much of the corporate world but interest in supporting female hockey is quite good. We should have some firm arrangements in place which will have a positive impact on our 1991-1992 season.

We obtained fax numbers for television, radio and newspaper contacts throughout Ontario and sent press releases out prior to the Provincial Championships. We included community media for participating teams and would appreciate any feed back as to the value of this approach.

Our exceptional Board of Regents and advisors to this committee do an outstanding public relations job as they promote the positive aspect of the OWHA everywhere they go. Mayor McCallion regularly refers to Women's Hockey in her many speaking engagements with citizens and delegates from around the world. Many Ontario mayor's and politicians have been challenged to support hockey programs for the girls and women. Professor Ed Ratushny provides valuable legal advice, but also carries his enthusiasm for the game to all parts of the world. During many of Ed's media interviews and key political discussions he makes the opportunity to sway the conversation to the positive aspects of the OWHA and female hockey through the world.

This committee has a lot of hard work in the future, but the initial steps have been taken in serving a very beneficial role for our members.

NEWSLETTER REPORT

Newsletters were published in June, September, January and March with the latest issue being our largest and most expensive produced to date. The next issue should be circulated in June and will include all the latest tournament reports, next year's preliminary tournament list, if available, annual reports, news from the Annual General Meeting and next year's important dates. To date, there has been little input to the newsletter from the membership, but input is always welcome. If you have anything of interest to other members, please send it to the OWHA office. If anyone wishes to assist in the editing, marketing, and/or publishing of the newsletter please advise the OWHA executive. This past season over 600 copies were circulated to contact people, subscribers and friends of the OWHA.

OPERATIONS MANUAL REPORT

We have started work on an operations manual which will be designed to contain every policy, practice and procedure that is used by the OWHA. The finished version will contain over one hundred indexed pages which will make information easy to find and follow. The design will allow pages to be replaced as updated information becomes available. The shell document has been generated and every executive member has been asked to provide their input over the summer. Several copies will be made to use as a test document for the 1991-1992 season. Changes will be made where required and the manual should be ready for widespread use in the 1992-1993 season.

PERSONNEL/INTERNAL COMMUNICATION

The OWHA is now too big to be completely run by volunteers. Yet, we do not have the financial strength to hire full time staff like the major male hockey associations.

The work load has become so great that in a number of cases the volunteers had difficulty coping with the multitude of duties stated in the Constitution and By Laws. With regular duties and the added strain of losing our employee at the peak of the season, our volunteer Executive has struggled, but persevered in staying on top of day to day activities while providing pro active leadership. Weighed against an average 1900 hours work per year, our executive members have contributed over 8 years of work to the OWHA this past season.

As the workload increases, the lines of effective communication become critical and require clear definition and understanding. Everyone must be willing to cooperate with open, regular communication.

The committee has had two meetings and has identified some major overlap that at times may have led to some contradictory information going to our members. The communication requirements between the employee, the Executive and our membership will be clearly defined for the 1991-1992 season.

ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION/ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION

The OWHA continues as a full member of the Ontario Hockey Association with a voting delegate serving on their Board of Directors. Reciprocally, the OHA's vice chairman, Lloyd Parkhouse has served as a voting member on the OWHA Executive. We pay expenses associated with OHA membership and we also pay an assessment to them of \$ 0.50 per Senior "AA" player, \$ 0.10 per rep player and \$ 0.05 per house league player. We are very pleased with our relationship with the OHA as they sincerely support female hockey programs and provide assistance whenever requested.

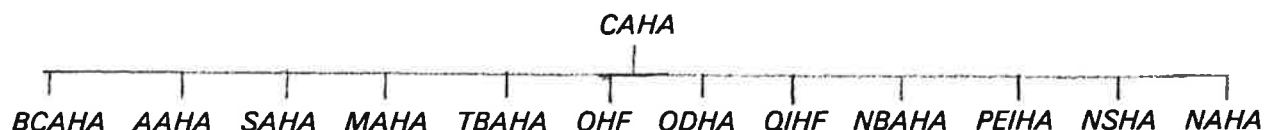
Unfortunately, major problems exist in the overall hockey system. The Ontario Hockey Association used to be a direct member of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, but two years ago assisted in the creation of the Ontario Hockey Federation. The Federation is currently in the last year of a three year mandate to create a satisfactory system to serve everyone's needs within its geographical territory. Current Federation members include the Ontario Hockey Association, the Metropolitan Toronto Hockey League, the Northern Ontario Hockey Association, the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, the Ontario Hockey League. The OWHA is an affiliate member of the Federation with a voice but no vote. We have chosen to remain affiliates rather than full members due to the high cost and the nature of the organization.

The MTHL and OMHA formed an organization called the Central Canadian Hockey Association and took a request to the CAHA Annual General Meeting for direct affiliation. The motion was soundly defeated and the two associations have been given until June 20, 1991 to determine their future membership within the Ontario Hockey Federation.

It is very important that the OWHA monitor this situation very carefully. We continue to do everything possible to maintain OWHA credibility and support in this very delicate climate.

We sincerely hope our brother organizations can work out their differences in a positive way. Our Association should be prepared to take action as deemed necessary to assist in negotiations directed at providing the best possible environment for amateur hockey in this province and importantly, Women's Hockey.

RELATIONSHIP OF OWHA WITHIN THE CAHA HOCKEY STRUCTURE



The Province of Ontario has three member Branches of the CAHA:

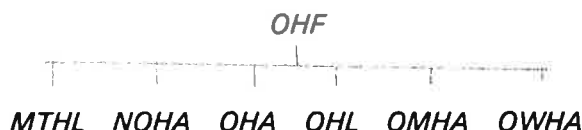
TBAHA - Thunder Bay Amateur Hockey Association - North Western Ontario west of the 85th meridian

OHF - Ontario Hockey Federation - Province of Ontario with the exception of the TBAHA and ODHA and also including the town of Gananoque and that portion of Leeds west of Highway 32 and South of Highway 15

ODHA - Ottawa District Hockey Association - that part of Ontario lying east of and including the counties of Leeds, Lanark, and Renfrew.

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association under agreements with the OHF, the TBAHA and the ODHA administer female hockey in the entire province of Ontario. Our representation to the CAHA is through the OHF.

The OWHA is a full voting member of the OHA.



Members of the OHF include: Metropolitan Toronto Hockey League, Northern Ontario Hockey Association, Ontario Hockey Association, Ontario Hockey League, Ontario Minor Hockey Association.

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association negotiated an agreement to be affiliate members with speaking privileges, but no voting power. Our official representation of the OHF is through the OHA >

ONTARIO WINTER GAMES REPORT

The O.W.H.A was first accepted into the Ontario Winter Games in 1985. Our Midget "A" division was selected to represent Women's hockey and has been part of the Winter Games in St. Catharines in 1985, London in 1987, and North Bay in 1989.

The 1991 Winter Games were held in Barrie from March 7 - 10. Teams from London, Mississauga, Ottawa, Scarborough, Stoney Creek, and Thunder Bay successfully qualified to represent their regions at this year's championship.

Two promotional games were held during the Ontario Winter Games. Scarborough and Leaside participated in a novice exhibition game and members of the 1987 and 1990 Women's World Championship teams displayed their talents in a celebrity game.

A dedicated local couple, Cheryl and Randy Stock worked extremely hard as part of the organizing committee for the Winter Games and are working towards the start of a female program in the Barrie area. Many thanks to Randy and Cheryl, and to the O.W.H.A. Executive Members and the many other volunteers who assisted at the games.

In the games themselves, Scarborough finished first in the round robin with nine points, Mississauga, second with eight points, London third with six, and Ottawa finished fourth with five points. Stoney Creek and Thunder Bay followed with two and zero points respectively.

The order of finish after the championship rounds was the same as the round robin. In the first semi-final, Scarborough defeated Ottawa by a 5 to 2 score. Ottawa had come back twice to even the score but could not answer the three goals by Scarborough in the last five minutes of the game. The game winning goal was scored by Fox. In the other semi-final, Mississauga scored halfway through the first and added another in the third to oust London by a 2 to 0 score.

In the bronze medal game London got off to a two goal lead in the first period. The teams traded goals later in the games but London stayed on top to capture the bronze.

In the Gold medal game Mississauga got off to an early lead when scoring just 31 seconds into the game. Scarborough tied the score with a goal halfway through the third period. Scarborough notched the winner with only 2:15 left on the clock. Mississauga had an excellent chance to tie the score with only seconds remaining in the game but were stopped by an outstanding save by the Scarborough netminder. Scarborough had outscored their opponents by a 25 to 4 margin during the championship and were unbeaten in round robin play. Kim Lee in the Scarborough net had the lowest goals against average, (.080) for the five round robin games, and the three top scorers in the round robin play were also from Scarborough. They were Erin Rourke, Jennifer Wilson, and Jill Peacock. Congratulations to the Scarborough Girl's Midget "A" Rep Team -1991 Provincial and Ontario Winter Games Champions.

PROVINCIALS

The Senior AA Provincials were held in Wallaceburg in the middle of February. Two teams, the Scarborough Firefighters and the Toronto Aeros seemed to dominate in their respective pools. The Toronto Aeros won the championship in the third overtime period. Congratulations to the Aeros for winning the provincial title and then going on to win the Nationals.

The Midget A teams had their Provincials in Barrie as part of the Ontario Winter Games. Congratulations to Scarborough for winning this highly competitive competition.

The remaining 20 divisions for the Provincials were held April 12-14 at the Meadowvale Four Rinks. There were many very close games with one game going into six overtimes.

Here is a list of the Provincial Champions for 1991:

Senior	AA	Toronto Aeros	Bantam	A	Stoney Creek
	A	Forest City		B	Kingston
	B	Orangeville		C	Kingston
	C	Canterbury	Pee Wee	A	Brantford
	D	Brampton		B	Leaside
Intermediate	A	Brampton		C	Stouffville
	B	Cornwall	Atom	A	Mississauga
	C	Glanbrook		B	Brampton
Midget	A	Scarborough		C	Watford
	B	Sarnia	Novice	A	London
	C	Brantford		B	Scarborough

A Special thank you to all the executive members and their families who helped make the Provincials very successful. A very special thank you to the OWHA Rent-a-Committee for the excellent support in doing the name badges and running the silent auction.

REFEREE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Referee Committee is a newly formed Committee this year with Doug Nicholls, Deb Adams, Ivan Locke, and Fran Rider as members. The formation was to deal with all of the issues relative to referees.

Since the formation of the Committee this year we have scheduled referees for the Ontario Winter Games, Senior AA Provincials, Provincials in Meadowvale and sent referees to the Nationals and the Canada Winter Games. As a Committee we selected 5 of our senior referees for training as supervisors and have started a female supervisors program this year. These referee supervisors are all still in training under the guidance of Ivan Locke.

Our Referee program is gaining a lot of strength as many new young girls are coming into the program and currently hold their Level I or II and more senior referees are being recognized both Nationally and Internationally.

SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

This year, the OWHA Sanctioned forty-two tournaments.

Tournaments are sanctioned by the OWHA for the protection of our member teams. An OWHA Sanction Number means that the tournament conforms to OWHA rules, that participating teams and players are eligible to play, and that OWHA suspensions will be honoured. A monitor from the OWHA Executive is available at most of our Sanctioned Tournaments.

The Nothers Sportsmanship Award, consisting of a plaque and 24 certificates, is presented to the Most Sportsmanlike Team in each tournament. At tournaments involving 30 or more teams, two sets of awards are given.

As soon as you know your tournament dates, you can now apply to the OWHA for Tentative Approval, which will start your listing in the OWHA Newsletter. Early listing will assist teams which like to plan their season's activities well in advance, and it should also help tournaments to attract the desired number of teams. The fee for Tentative Approval is \$50.00, which will be deducted from the Sanction Fee.

TROPHIES AND AWARDS REPORT

All O.W.H.A. trophies were brought up-to-date prior to the 1991 Provincial Championships. All team names have been engraved and placed on the respective trophies. Three trophies were refurbished during the 1990 - 1991 season. The Midget "A" will be upgraded after this year's Provincial Championships. Jim Martin has provided these upgrades to us free of charge. Thank You, Jim.

Four Provincial trophy winners posted bonds and took their trophies home with them. Provincial winners are permitted to take the trophies with them after the provincial championships provided that they post a bond and that the trophies are returned prior to the next years competition.

New Provincial banners were purchased this year from Nothers of London. This change was necessitated since our previous supplier was having problems in keeping the colours consistent throughout the banner. A new provincial attendance certificate was also produced this year.

CENTRAL REGION REPORT

This past year was a very busy year both with hockey in general and the region in particular. Much of the Canada Games activity being held in the region as well as the Ontario Winter Games being located in Barrie took up a lot of time.

The two largest tournaments in the province are both held in the central region as well as four other tournaments. Congratulations to the committees in Brampton, Keswick, Mississauga, Orangeville and Stouffville for a job well done.

There were also thirteen sets of Provincial qualification games that were played in the region. Congratulations to the teams that made it to the Championships. The Central region was very well represented and won six divisions and came second in six more. There were fifty three teams registered in the region again this year. I watched as many of these teams as was possible, as often as possible.

My first year as Director passed very quickly and I feel that there are many things that can be done to improve women's hockey in the region. I think that I will be much better prepared for next year if I am elected as the Regional Director for another term. I have participated on many OWHa committees in an effort to help solve some of the problems that we experience in the region. Recategorization and Provincial Playoffs are two of the areas that I feel require improvement. We have made great improvements in the recategorization of teams over the past few years but there are still problems to be resolved, especially with the notification of changes to the various teams and tournament directors. We probably have more playoffs for Provincial Championship qualification than any other region, and I feel that there are several alternatives that can be used to improve the timing, expense and quality of these playoffs. I certainly enjoyed my year as director and hope that I will represent you again in the coming year.

*Jim McInnes,
Central Regional Director*

CENTRAL EAST REGIONAL REPORT

We are now looking at a very busy hockey season drawing to a close and it gives us the opportunity to sit back and reflect on the past year.

Activities in the Central East region began early in the hockey season with registration and a regional meeting which was held basically in the center of the region on a Saturday morning but attendance was very poor.

The Central East region has been very active this year with league play going on and Peterborough starting off the tournaments with the first of the year which was very successful. The region hosted 10 tournaments this year, most of which were very successful and were enjoyed by all ages from both house league and competitive hockey. In one instance we had two tournaments the same day with basically the same category and obviously one of them had to change. This problem needs to be addressed in future years. These tournaments varied anywhere from 1 day to 3 days. With myself, from these tournaments in our region plus others, I monitored a total of 15 tournaments, and watched a number of different teams play.

I found the latter part of the year very busy, but also very rewarding as I worked with the Ontario Winter Games, the Senior AA Provincials and later the Provincial Championships held at Meadowvale. I also monitored a good number of the Provincial playdown games from Atom to Senior all of which took place prior to Provincials.

I wish you all a very pleasant summer and hope I have the pleasure of serving you through the next hockey season.

*Doug Nicholls
Central East Regional Director*

CENTRAL WEST REGIONAL REPORT

As we wind down another season, it is gratifying to reflect on our accomplishments.

In January, the Stoney Creek Girls Hockey Association hosted "Winning the Big One with Cathy Philips". I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the committee and the many volunteers who made this event such a success. Over \$4000.00 was raised for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Best wishes to Cathy as she continues along her road to recovery.

Kitchener and Guelph have started girls hockey programs. Woolwich and Guelph now have Senior teams. We welcome these Associations and teams to the OWHA.

Many thanks to all of the individuals, teams, leagues and Associations who went out of their way to help, encourage and accommodate these teams as they went through their first season. We wish them every success in their future endeavours.

Central West now has 50 teams registered.

I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation during the Provincial playdowns. We had some very close races.

Our region did very well at the Provincials and captured several championships. Probably, our best showing ever! Congratulations to all involved.

Again, it has been a honour to serve as your representative to the OWHA Executive.

*Jim Carmichael
Central West Regional Director*

EASTERN REGIONAL REPORT

With the end of another busy hockey season I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Associations and volunteers that have worked all season to make it a success.

Once again we have seen an increase in women's hockey participation. With the addition of a new association in Smiths Falls and more girls playing in the younger age groups. We can look forward to even more participation in the future.

I would like to congratulate all those that played in the playdowns and those that advanced to the Provincials Championships. This year's Provincials were a great success.

With the addition of women's hockey to the Canada Winter Games along with the World Championships and Ontario Winter Games there are all levels of play for the girls to aspire to .

The OWHHA Executive has worked hard this season to provide all associations and teams with the opportunity to play and participate in this great game for the sportsmanship and fun. I look forward to working again next season with great anticipation.

*Peter Kelly
Eastern Regional Director*

WESTERN REGION REPORT 1991

Another fulfilling season has drawn to an end in female hockey with very positive growth throughout Ontario and the country.

Again it has been a pleasure to have served on a board with so many dedicated, hard working volunteers, giving freely of their time for such a great cause.

As chairperson of the Marketing Committee this past year, we have begun to take some positive steps that could have long range benefits to the association. But there is much to be done.

I would like to congratulate all the Provincial winners, runners-up, and participants. I thought this year's Provincials were very well organized and we received many positive comments from our membership.

In most of the southwestern region we had moderate growth, with new teams being formed in Windsor and Thamesford. The immediate London area had a thirty percent increase bringing the Devilette Association to over 300 girls.

I would like to congratulate Parkhill and London on their first ever girls tournaments and the continued success of Sarnia, Wallaceburg, and Thedford.

As we prepare through the summer for our upcoming season, a lot of emphasis must be placed on team work and harmony on our executive right down through our entire membership because it is proven that team work wins.

*Jim Martin
Western Regional Director*

METRO TORONTO REGIONAL REPORT

When I was asked to return this year as acting Regional Director for Metro Toronto, I had no idea that I would be moving from Mississauga in such a short period of time.

As a result I apologize to the Metro Region for being unavailable to attend some of your tournaments and Provincial playdowns and wish to thank Doug Nicholls and Jim McInnes for filling in for me.

Congratulations to the Leaside organization for a well run House League Tournament. The calibre of play speaks well for the coaching the girls are receiving in their respective organizations.

I see the Women's World Championship will be held in Finland next year. Hopefully Fran's dream of the Olympics in 1994 may become a reality.

I wish you all a happy and safe summer and hope to see you next season.

*Bill Starr
Metro Regional Director*

OWHA AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY 1990-1991

COMPUTER:	<i>Doug Nicholls, Chairperson Jim McInnes Carl Noble</i>	HDCO BOARD:	<i>Fran Rider Bev Mallory (Alternate)</i>
HISTORY:	<i>Marilyn Holmes Frank Champion-Demers Marion Sanderson</i>	HDCO TECHNICAL:	<i>Bev Mallory</i>
INSURANCE:	<i>Carl Noble</i>	HDCO SUB COMMITTEES TECHNICAL:	<i>Peter Kelly (Coaches) Ivan Locke (Referees) J.C. Empey (Trainers)</i>
MONTREAL CUP	<i>Carl Noble</i>	OHA BOARD:	<i>Fran Rider</i>
NEWSLETTER:	<i>Marion Sanderson Jim McInnes</i>	OHF BOARD:	<i>Fran Rider</i>
ODHA LIASION:	<i>Peter Kelly</i>	HDCO SAFETY COMMITTEE:	<i>Fran Rider</i>
ONTARIO WINTER GAMES	<i>Jim McInnes, Chairperson Don Hind Peter Kelly</i>		
PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:	<i>Don Hind, Chairperson (all Provincials)</i>		
REFEREES:	<i>Doug Nicholls, Chairperson Ivan Locke, Referee-in-Chief Deb Adams, Referee Coordinator</i>		
REGISTRATION:	<i>Carl Noble Annie McAlpine</i>		
SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS:	<i>Bev Mallory</i>		
TROPHIES/AWARDS:	<i>Jim McInnes</i>		
OPERATIONS MANUAL:	<i>Jim McInnes/Chairperson Frank Champion-Demers J.C. Empey</i>		
CAHA FEMALE COUNCIL:	<i>Carl Noble</i>		

OWHA COMMITTEES 1990-1991

CANADA GAMES:	<i>Bev Mallory, Co-Chairperson</i> <i>Jim McInnes, Co-Chairperson</i> <i>Deb Adams</i> <i>Carole Bass</i> <i>Doug Nicholls</i> <i>Jim Carmichael</i> <i>Peter Kelly</i>	MARKETING/ PROMOTIONS/ PUBLIC RELATIONS	<i>Jim Martin, Chairperson</i> <i>Joan Dewdney</i> <i>J.C. Empey</i> <i>Mayor McCallion</i> <i>(Advisor Only)</i> <i>Professor Ratushny</i> <i>(Advisor Only)</i>
DEVELOPMENT:	<i>Bev Mallory, Chairperson</i> <i>Deb Adams</i> <i>Peter Kelly</i> <i>Jim Martin</i> <i>Marion Sanderson</i>	PERSONNEL/ INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS:	<i>Frank Champion- Demers, Chairperson</i> <i>Joan Dewdney</i> <i>Don Hind</i> <i>Bev Mallory</i> <i>Carl Noble</i>
DISCIPLINE:	<i>Peter Kelly, Chairperson</i> <i>Carole Bass</i> <i>Nancy Boyd</i> <i>Jim Carmichael</i> <i>Don Hind</i> <i>Jim Martin</i> <i>Jim McInnes</i> <i>Doug Nicholls</i>	PROVINCIAL HOSTING COMMITTEE:	<i>Jim McInnes</i> <i>Don Hind</i> <i>Jann Bower</i> <i>Carole Bass</i> <i>Jim Carmichael</i> <i>Beulah McInnes</i> <i>Brenda Howard</i> <i>Doug Nicholls</i> <i>Liz McAlpine</i>
FINANCE:	<i>Jim Carmichael, Chairperson</i> <i>Joan Dewdney</i> <i>Don Hind</i> <i>Doug Reddon</i>		
RECATEGORYING COMMITTEE:	<i>Carl Noble, Chairperson</i> <i>Carole Bass</i> <i>Nancy Boyd</i> <i>Jim Carmichael</i> <i>Don Hind</i> <i>Jim Martin</i> <i>Jim McInnes</i> <i>Doug Reddon</i> <i>Peter Kelly</i>		

NOTE: *The President was an ex-officio member of all committees*
The Development Coordinator was appointed to the Development Committee