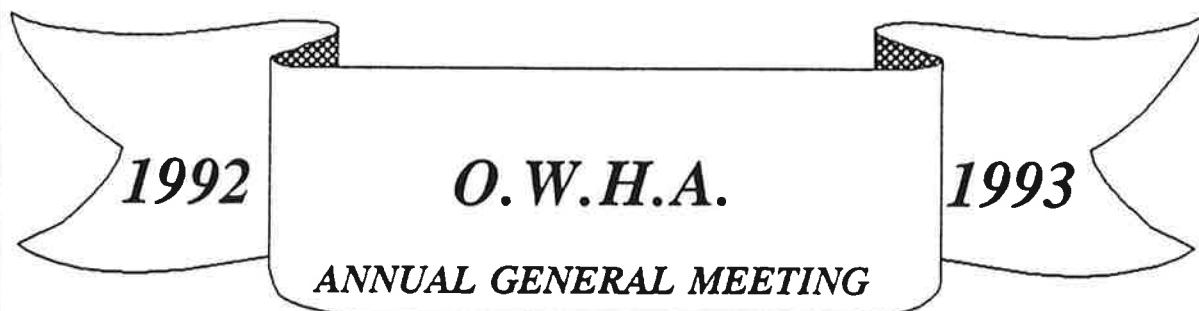


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Congratulations to everyone on an outstanding season! There are now a tremendous number of girls and women playing hockey in many parts of Ontario. Opportunities have never been better in our own province, in Canada and in the rest of the world.

We welcome all newcomers to the OWHHA and thank those who have returned. Many people in our organization have led the way in this fast growing sport. Our house leagues are succeeding in providing great recreational hockey opportunities in many communities. The initiation programs are excelling in introducing new participants to the game. Our competitive teams provide highly skilled participation for members interested in moving into a high performance level.

A major goal of the OWHHA and our many friends throughout the world was realized with the full acceptance of women's hockey into the 1998 Winter Olympics to be held in Nagano Japan! As soon as the announcement was made we saw a tremendous impact- potential federal and provincial government funding opened up, corporate sector interest increased, media interest and approach improved, existing participants gained a new level of pride, potential participants and their parents sought opportunities to enrol in female hockey. As a sport we had gained world-wide public credibility. We sincerely thank the dedicated individuals in the OWHHA and throughout the World who worked to make our Olympic dream a reality.

Sincere thanks and congratulations to the Russell Women's Hockey Association who hosted an International Friendship Tournament in February. Team Unified was a combined team of national players from Russia, Latvia, and the Ukraine. Russia extended an invitation to Canadian teams to visit their country.

It is now our responsibility to double our efforts to keep hockey in perspective. Our athletes who attain high performance levels should be encouraged, supported and praised. Our athletes who choose to play at a recreational level or who may be one stride below elite level should be equally supported. Good sportsmanship, fair play and the development of the person must remain at the forefront of all OWHHA activities.

Collectively, we in the OWHHA face many problems. This is unavoidable and can be positive as long as we clearly define the issues, meet them head on, discuss them openly, reach a decision and leave with unity and total support of these decisions. In spite of our tremendous success we still face many age-old problems including lack of ice time, poor ice time, shortage of players, teams, and leagues in some areas, financial difficulties and, surprisingly some attitudes that girls and women should not be playing hockey at all.

It's important to identify a few of the current issues we're facing. Safety and Risk Management are a responsibility of everyone in the game. Playing rules must be understood and supported. Participants must realize that checking from behind is not allowed and is now penalized by at least a minor penalty and a game misconduct.

Unfortunately, injuries do occur in a sport such as hockey and some catastrophic injuries seem difficult to avoid. Insurance, and in particular, liability insurance has become a major factor in our game. We've expressed serious concern with the cost of CAHA insurance for the 1993/94 season. In spite of our protests, the fee will be \$20.00 per participant. We realize this is very costly and difficult, but we have no choice. We cannot afford to play without insurance and we believe our affiliation with organized hockey is important.

Another major issue facing all of hockey and many sports is the sometimes self-centred individual "wants" within a team atmosphere. To benefit all players there must be some give and take in a sport like hockey. More and more we see those who have the contacts and finances, bringing lawyers into meetings and challenging rules and policies in the courts. At the recent CAHA meetings delegates from across the country voiced their concerns as administrators in a volunteer based structure are being confronted with lawyers and expensive court battles.

Within the OWHHA, we must seriously address player movement, recruitment and tampering. It is a very difficult issue - sometimes with a fine balance between the needs/wants of an individual players vs the needs/wants of a team/association/league. What is our best approach? Let us make sure the cure is not worse than the ailment.

As we grow, we welcome new players, coaches and volunteers to the OWHHA. It is important, through this growing process, to bring in new members to the benefit of all. We need not sacrifice existing programs to build new ones.

Effective leadership through the 90's and into the 21st century is important. As we're evolving into a society where volunteer time is at a premium, we should encourage all interested individuals to take a part. Female hockey will be the winner with strong unified associations and leagues that address the issues, resolve them and move forward together.

The OWHHA has a clearly defined mandate, outstanding players and dedicated volunteers. We've been successful in our efforts to service grass roots needs and also in providing national and international pro-active leadership. Together, we will continue to prosper and give our athletes the positive hockey experiences they deserve.

Sincere congratulations to everyone. Continued good luck and good sportsmanship.

VICE-PRESIDENT, ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS

This has been a very busy year for myself and female hockey in Ontario. Male hockey as well as some of our own people have created many time problems since they fail to operate within the bounds of rules, regulations and protocol. Rules and regulations are there for everyone to read and try to follow. If interpretation is required there are people who will give the intent of the rule and assist in reaching a solution to their problem. Bypassing the proper protocol has a tendency to give a false position of the O.W.H.A. to other organizations with which we must work to make female hockey a positive experience.

On the statistical side, we have again had an increase of players in the O.W.H.A. which shows a positive operation of female hockey in Ontario. This increase also reflects in our sanctioning of teams moving out of the province for tournaments and exhibition games. We had 108 teams who applied for sanction to play out of the province as well we had 4 Associations apply for sanction to play in cross border league play. This sanctioning is necessary to protect all of our members with accident and liability insurance of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

C.A.H.A. accident claim forms submitted through me for this season has reached 22 claims. Whether this is up or down is hard to determine as claims used to be forwarded to the O.H.A., but in dollar value, we have almost doubled the amount claimed from the C.A.H.A. insurance for the previous season.

I had the privilege to attend the Under 18 Nationals as well as the Senior Nationals and we do not have to take a back seat to anyone on the ability, sportsmanship and deportment of our players from Ontario. In the Under 18 Nationals the Red Team captured Gold and the Blue Team won the Bronze, while at the Senior the Toronto Aeros won the Gold and so doing were the least penalized teams during the championships. As in all good teams these teams were both together on and off the ice, and deserve the accolades they received.

The C.A.H.A. Female Council is looking at ways to improve these championships in conjunction with the World championship participation and the upcoming Olympic competition. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas they could put them in writing and submit them to the O.W.H.A., for inclusion in our discussions.

I would like to thank the general membership for their assistance and understanding that we are just volunteers and that at times we do not get things done on the spur of the minute, and to the volunteers within the O.W.H.A., who I was involved with in this position, Many Thanks. Those persons are Jim and Beulah McInnes, Elizabeth McAlpine and Fran Rider for her excellent direction.

VICE-PRESIDENT, PROMOTION & COMMUNICATIONS

With today's economy the OWHA is placing increased focus on the marketing aspect of our organization. To this end we have enlisted the help of Mr. Clay Melnike, MCTR Marketing Consultant to assist us in developing a marketing plan. We realize that government grant cutbacks are a possibility and as always we are attempting to secure alternative sources of revenue for the OWHA. Ideally the OWHA hopes to attract major and minor sponsors who want to see female hockey in Ontario thrive as never before. We have an excellent product and we know sponsors would benefit greatly from an association with our fast growing sport. Presently the OWHA has corporate arrangements with Nothers Awards & Identifications Ltd. (Nothers Sportsmanship Awards) and Jostens Canada Ltd.(official provincial championship rings). Negotiations with potential corporate sponsors are on-going. If you , as an association or as an individual have any ideas, please let Fran Rider, OWHA Executive Director, know so we may proceed maybe even at a faster pace.

For our marketing purposes a demographic survey of the OWHA is being prepared and we will ask for the cooperation of our members in completing the survey. The results will be valuable marketing tools for our member associations as they continue their marketing efforts.

The OWHA is working closely with the new Hockey Hall of Fame & Museum and plans are in the works for a special OWHA week. It is an incredible experience to walk through the new displays which include recognition of female hockey, past and present. We encourage our members to plan a visit with your team or family when you are in the Toronto area. Please watch for news about our special week at the HHOF.

The NHL recognized female hockey by including our sport in its celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Stanley Cup. Invitations were extended to delegates to attend a private dinner and reception with the Governor General of Canada, Ray Hnatyshyn and also a private viewing of a Hockey Hall of Fame and Museum display at Rideau Hall in Ottawa.

A special thankyou to all the Canadian National Team members and Senior AA players who have actively promoted girls hockey throughout the past season. The players have given of their time at clinics, promotional and charity games and events. They are role models for our younger players and do a great job of it.

In an attempt to increase communication, we sent out a Team Bulletin. I would suggest to next year's executive that a monthly update, finances permitting (3 or 4 pages max.) be sent to all team contacts to inform them of any pertinent information they need to know to properly run their team and that a NEWSLETTER be sent out 4 times a year with tournament results, rule changes, constitution changes, etc. In this way teams will be more informed of what is happening in the OWHA.

1992 - 1993 OWH A TEAM & PLAYER REGISTRATION

CATEGORY	TEAMS	PLAYERS
Senior "AA"	5	86
Senior "A"	16	245
Senior "B"	27	449
Senior "C"	16	244
Senior "D"	27	440
Intermediate "A"	5	96
Intermediate "B"	4	75
Intermediate "C"	8	107
Midget "A"	8	134
Midget "B"	8	131
Midget "C"	6	95
Bantam "A"	10	141
Bantam "B"	10	149
Bantam "C"	11	161
Peewee "A"	9	132
Peewee "B"	10	145
Peewee "C"	17	252
Atom "A"	10	147
Atom "B"	10	153
Atom "C"	10	155
Novice "A"	5	70
Novice "B"	12	181
Novice "C"	2	29
	246	3817
Senior Recreational	26	442
Senior H.L.	37	579
Intermediate H.L.	11	168
Midget H.L.	13	205
Bantam H.L.	8	118
Peewee H.L.	27	369
Atom H.L.	23	343
Novice H.L.	18	271
	163	2495
College Teams	2	31
GRAND TOTAL	411	6343

VICE-PRESIDENT, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The gradual phasing in of mandatory coaching certification, approved by our membership at last year's Annual General Meeting, has generated a demand for N.C.C.P. Coaching Clinics in our Association. This season, at Coach Level Clinics in Brampton, London, Sarnia and Ottawa, 133 coaches were certified. Twenty-five coaches participated in our first Intermediate clinic in May. Next season, we hope to hold more clinics in various parts of the province. We extend our appreciation to our own three coaching instructors, Deb Adams, Wayne King and Doug Rollins, as well as instructors from the O.M.H.A., M.T.H.L., and the O.D.H.A.. Melanie McFarlane has worked tirelessly to ensure the success of our clinics.

During the season, Deb Adams, Wayne King, Doug Rollins and Bev Mallory were authorized to be a Coaching Sub-Committee, to develop coaching policy and to plan coaching clinics.

Initiative Meetings were held in twenty communities where interest in starting Girls' Hockey programs had been expressed. New Female Hockey Associations have already formed in most of these centres. Thank-you to our Regional Directors for their follow-up help, to our member teams and associations for assisting and encouraging the new clubs, and to Margot Page and other senior players for their willingness to give clinics in the new centres.

Participation on the H.D.C.O. Technical Committee has enabled our Association to share technical wisdom and experience with other hockey associations in the province.

The Development Committee has co-ordinated the preparations of Five-Year Plans for most technical areas of O.W.H.A. activity. The Regional Director's Job Description has also been a project of the Development Committee. Thank-you to Lorie Springall for her work on this document.

The O.W.H.A. Development Committee this year consisted of: Jim Martin, Melanie McFarlane, Margot Page, Sue Rawson, Fran Rider, Lorie Springall, and Bev Mallory, Chairman.

CENTRAL WEST REGIONAL REPORT

Once again this past season has been a busy and exciting one. Tournaments were held successfully in Stoney Creek, Burlington, and Brantford, our thanks go out to the many volunteers who helped make these events such a success. One area I think we need to look at is the doubling up of tournaments of the same category ie. Midget A, on the same weekend, both centres lose out as teams have to make a choice whereas they could be going to two tournaments.

The Senior Provincials were held in Brantford this year and our thanks go out to everyone involved for helping to make these Provincials such a success.

Initiative meetings were held this year in Niagara Falls, Hamilton and Durham and with the interest that was shown in these areas and with the energetic people involved we should be looking at a reasonable increase in the number of teams in this region.

As this was my first year as regional director I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people from the various organizations for their co-operation and I would also like to thank the members of the OWH A Executive for their assistance, direction and patience. It certainly has been an experience and I look forward to being able to serve the Central West region for another season.

METROPOLITAN TORONTO REGIONAL REPORT

This is my first year as Regional Director for Metropolitan Toronto. In spite of my many years around women's hockey, never could I have imagined what the job was about!

When I moved back to Toronto in 1977, my neighbour told me his daughter played hockey for Newtonbrook in North York. I indicated I had refereed hockey for several years. My mistake - the next thing I knew I was back in hockey, but this time with our young ladies. As Newtonbrook teams became part of the North Metro League I moved into the league and continued to referee for 13 years. Many of you within the greater Toronto area know me mostly for the black and white sweater I wore on the ice, but that is the rewarding life of a referee. It was nice to hear from parents "Are you our ref tonight?" When I said no, they were disappointed. I wish that was always the case.

Also, when you handle discipline, it's interesting to hear from people that say "It's never nice to hear from you. How many games is my player suspended for?" That continues today with the OWHA.

There are seven Regional Director's for the OWHA. Metropolitan Toronto is the smallest region geographically but is one of the most active in organized hockey. Our main Associations are Scarborough, Leaside and Newtonbrook. All held very successful tournaments this year which I attended. Our main league is the North Metro Girl's Hockey League. With over 60 teams, in all divisions, with teams as faraway as Orangeville and Oshawa, the weekends and, sometimes the weekday's were busy attending games. Very few problems occurred throughout the year that couldn't be dealt with by the leagues and association's themselves and little intervention was needed from the OWHA - only assistance.

Newtonbrook ran the Senior Recreational Division this year. We see this as one of the fastest growing areas of hockey in the Metro and surrounding area. Many of our women who have played many years of hockey eventually want to play once a week in the same rink on the same day so they may do other things with their life.

My delight is the call from a mother of an 11 year old asking "Where can I play hockey?" My most rewarding call was from a lady looking for a team who said "I have taken power skating and would like to play hockey which I have never done. By the way, I have to tell you I am 52 years of age. Can you find me a team?" The answer, of course, was yes.

My frustration, when I received these calls, was the lack of options I had to direct these people into hockey programs within such a major metropolitan area. To resolve this, with the help of Fran Rider, we had several meetings with the City of Toronto to see how we can assist the City with the existing recreational hockey program offered through the Parks and Recreational Department. Much of this program is within the inner City in areas where resources are scarce. The OWHA is continuing to work with the City to bring these girl's into OWHA programs and give them the opportunity to participate in tournaments and enter the Provincials.

With the assistance of Bev Mallory, hockey startup program meetings were held in both Etobicoke and North York. In both cases we have champions who are willing to put their energies into starting girl's hockey programs. On ice sessions have been held in Etobicoke with the intent of establishing both house league and competitive teams. The North York Girl's Hockey Association is in the process of incorporating and, by the fall of 1993, expect to have a competitive Atom team and grow from there.

It has been an extremely busy and active year. Don't think your Regional Director's don't work. Besides attending games, going to tournaments and dealing with queries from our teams the average executive meeting, all held on weekends, goes for 10 hours and often spills into a second day. I have enjoyed the year and look forward to the upcoming season.

CENTRAL EAST REGIONAL REPORT

Once again, another hockey season is quickly drawing to a close and it gives us the opportunity to look back for a moment and reflect on the past year.

The season started early this year in the Central East Region with registrations and carried on with the first of 11 tournaments in November. The region hosted 11 tournaments during the season covering all ages from Novice to Senior and varied from 1 to 3 days. I had the opportunity of attending most tournaments in the region and enjoyed all levels of hockey from all ages.

Late in the season in late February and early March we had two very successful initiation meetings, one in Pickering and the second in Oshawa. Oshawa will be a much stronger organization as a result, while in Pickering, Ajax we will have a new very strong organization called Durham West Girls Hockey. This organization will be 250 to 300 strong in its first season with teams from Novice to Senior and will play out of both Pickering and Ajax.

I found the later part of the year, chairing the Ontario Winter Games and attending both the Senior AA Provincials in Wallaceburg and the Provincials in Mississauga. All this I found very satisfying and rewarding.

I would like to thank everyone in the Region for their co-operation and support, and wish you all a safe, happy and very pleasant summer.

WESTERN REGIONAL REPORT

This past year has been a very busy year for the O.W.H.A. and female hockey in general.

The Western region was no exception with strong positive growth in many new areas. Initiative meetings were held in Goderich, Chatham, Windsor, St. Thomas, Dorchester. New associations or teams were founded in Windsor, Wallaceburg, St. Thomas, Chatham, Belmont, Dorchester, Goderich, Huron Park, Wingham, Durham, and London.

The formation of the new Blue Water Hawks combining the Lambton County and area centres, the younger age group growth of the Sarnia Starfires, and the steady growth of the London Devilettes are very positive signs for the Western Region.

The Western Region was well represented at the Provincial Championships. Congratulations to all participants.

This year as well I was appointed Chairperson of the categorization committee. The committee received positive feedback province wide, with few negative comments.

After five busy but enjoyable years as Western Regional Director, after much thought, I have decided to step down to make way for new people and fresh ideas. I would like to thank all the many people whom I have had the opportunity to work with.

I hope that in my 15 years involvement in female hockey I have contributed in some small way to make it enjoyable for many girls who would otherwise may never have had the opportunity.

NORTHERN REGIONAL REPORT

Registration in the North increased again this year with a total of 26 teams, ranging in divisions from Novice to Senior B. Initiative meetings were held by the OWHHA in Sudbury, Iroquois Falls, Minden, Sault Ste Marie, and North Bay during the 1992-93 campaign and players were attracted to join new organizations in Timmins, Cochrane, New Liskeard, and the Tri-Counties. Existing organizations in Sudbury, Huntsville, North Bay, and Parry Sound all boasted higher registration numbers as well.

Congratulations go to the 9 players from the Northern region who attended the Ontario Under 18 Try-Out Camp for the Junior National Championships. Those players were: Sara Hall (Sundridge), Alison Thompson (Gravenhurst), Lisa Brunet (Cochrane), Lorianne Coursol (Worthington), Lise Beauchamp (Val Therese), Melissa Junkala (Val Caron), Christine Nelson (Sudbury), Liane Mayer (Cochrane), and Tamra Jones (Espanola). The North is proud of all of these players. Both Tamra (Forward) and Liane (goalie) played for the Ontario Blue team and helped capture the Bronze medal at the first ever Junior Canadian Championships. Excellent Northern representatives!

Also this year Thunder Bay held its first annual tournament in November hosting teams from both Canada and the United States. Huntsville held its 16th Annual tournament, including the 2nd annual "Youngtimers Game", which once again featured Mabel Boyd, 72 years of Mississauga, and Mickie Walker, 75 years of Bala, Ontario. Huntsville's largest tournament in the North involved 24 teams again this year.

With the cooperation and support of the OWHHA, Sault Ste Marie looks forward to starting up a female hockey program for 1993-94, and North Bay looks forward to increasing interest in their program for next season. The entire Northern region is anxiously awaiting the 1993-94 campaign as interest (and acceptance) rises in female hockey. We strongly encourage those who may still believe that we're a "way, up there", to please circulate news about women's hockey and help keep us in touch with all of the exciting, upcoming events. We may seem far away, but our hearts are as close to the game of hockey as yours are. We complete another successful season in the North, and look forward to 93-94.

CENTRAL REGIONAL REPORT

This season was again a very busy one in the Central Region. Most of the activity for the first ever Under 18 National Championship took place in the Central Region. Congratulations to all of the athletes that took part in the programs and to those athletes on the red team that won the gold medal and to the members of the blue team that captured the bronze.

Two of the largest women's hockey tournaments are held each year in the region, Mississauga, during the Christmas Holidays and Brampton, held on Easter weekend. Tournaments also took place in Stouffville and Orangeville. Congratulations to the tournament directors and their committees for jobs well done. The majority of the provincial championships were held in Mississauga again this year and I congratulate all the teams that took won the gold and silver medals in these championships.

Activities in the region included supporting the new Central West Girl's Hockey League that began operations this year. Central region teams from Brampton and Mississauga took part in this new league and were very successful. Many of the teams from this region continued to take part in the North Metro Girl's Hockey League. Aurora Ladies joined the N.M.G.H.L. this year, and this helped in the demise of the long standing York Peel Ladies Hockey League. Caledon Queens left the York Peel League last year to join the N.M.G.H.L.

Even with the loss of four senior teams this year the region still showed an overall growth of six teams, growing from fifty-six teams to sixty-two. Most of this growth was due to starting a new organization in Orillia with two house league teams. and the continued growth of the Barrie organization.

I have enjoyed my years as a member of the Executive of the O.W.H.A. but find that it is time to pass on the reins to someone new. Thank you all for the support that you have given me over the past seasons. I hope that you will show the same support to your new Regional Director next year.

EASTERN REGIONAL REPORT

Once again, another hockey season is quickly drawing to a close and it gives us an opportunity to pause and reflect on the past year as a new season will soon be upon us. As a novice Regional Director I would like to extend a special thanks to all those associations and volunteers who assisted and advised me throughout the season.

The Eastern Region has had a very successful and busy season. Twelve tournaments were held throughout the region, many of which I had the pleasure of attending and monitoring.

The Ontario Winter Games were held in Cornwall on March 11th to 14th where the Midget "A" Provincial Championships were hosted. No one will forget the snowstorm of the century!

The Women's Nationals were held in Ottawa on March 25th to 28th. Congratulations should be extended to Heidi Sprung and her committee who did a super job!

The Ontario Under 18 teams (the Ontario Red team and the Ontario Blue team) were represented by several players from the Eastern Region. Congratulations to those who participated in the Under 18 Nationals in Montreal on February 18th to 21st.

Congratulations to all those who participated at the Provincial Championships in Brantford on April 16th to 18th and in Mississauga on April 23rd to 25th. I am pleased to report that the following Eastern teams were medal recipients at the 1992 Provincial Championships.

Romeks
Kingston Kodiaks
Gloucester

Bantam "C"
Midget "A"
Intermediate "C"

The Eastern Region is both geographically large and diverse in organizational size. Consequently communication and the need to work together is crucial. I believe that this year we have made an excellent start to get to know the concerns and views of the associations within the region and we will continue to improve in the upcoming season.

In closing I would like to wish you all a safe and relaxing summer and I hope to have the pleasure of working with you during the next hockey season.

CATEGORIZING

It was a pleasure this year to serve as chairperson of the categorization committee and have the opportunity to work with a very sincere and devoted group of individuals.

Last spring we were given a mandate by the general membership to re-categorize to the best of our ability. We proceeded on moving in excess of 70 teams, giving each move very serious consideration. Our plan was to move teams where they would be fairly competitive. Appeals were accepted and considered very seriously. In some situations teams were in the lower end of their division, but could not be moved down due to the lower calibre in that grouping. Our feeling was to have everyone play at the highest calibre possible there by improving the level of play province wide. This proved successful and the level of competition at the provincial championship in most cases was very close.

We received very positive feed back from across the province, with very few negative comments.

I feel very strongly that this process should be continued until a better method is found.

NEWSLETTER

It has been a pleasure to be the editor and publisher of the Women's Hockey Information Newsletter for the past two and one half years. I feel that it has been one of my major accomplishments to produce this document and getting information to the team contacts on a timely basis. I think that the membership should play a larger role in the newsletter by contributing more input to this publication. I also feel that more effort has to be put into the marketing of the newsletter to make it self supporting instead of a drain on limited resources. Advertisement rates are available from the office for anyone who would like to put ads in the newsletter or would like to sell space to any interested parties.

COMPUTER

There were no additional monies spent on the computer or computer supplies during the past season. Unfortunately, the data base has not yet been completely updated by the registrar. When this is completed team lists will be prepared for each team.

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

All the Provincial Championship Trophies are completely up to date and are in good condition. The C.A.H.A. Achievement Plaque in the office is still to be updated. All unused trophies have been returned to the O.W.H.A. office.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Provincials were held in four locations, Wallaceburg, Cornwall, Brantford and Mississauga.

The Senior AA Provincials in Wallaceburg were dominated by the excellent play of the Toronto Aeros who eventually went on to win the Nationals in Ottawa the end of March.

The Midget A Provincials were part of the Ontario Winter Games in Cornwall on a very snowy weekend in March. The Kingston Kodiaks were victorious in a very exciting final. Thanks to Doug Nicholls and his committee for the excellent job of organizing this event.

Brantford Lady Blues hosted the Senior A, B, C, D Provincials April 16, 17, 18 and featured many close games. Thanks to Larry Devuyst and his team for organizing this event.

Finally the last group of Provincials were held in Mississauga April 23, 24, 25. A special thank you to the executive members and their families for all their assistance on the week-end.

Recommendations

If you have 7 or 9 teams in a division have a semi-final even though it means playing 6 games on the week-end.

Play the Provincials on the second weekend of April provided it is not Easter weekend.

The following teams were the gold and silver medal winners:

Category	Gold Medal	Silver Medal
Senior AA	Toronto Aeros	Guelph
Senior A	Sarnia	Orangeville
Senior B	Peterborough	Brockville
Senior C	Kanata	Burlington
Senior D	Peterborough	Windsor
Intermediate A	Mississauga	Junior Aeros
Intermediate B	Gloucester	Glanbrook
Intermediate C	York Region	Baltimore
Midget A	Kingston	Stoney Creek
Midget B	Leaside	Brampton
Midget C	Orangeville	Cobourg
Bantam A	Mississauga	National Capitals
Bantam B	Romecks	Stoney Creek
Bantam C	Orangeville	Scarborough
Pee wee A	Mississauga	London
Pee wee B	Bluewater	Stouffville
Pee wee C	Scarborough	Stoney Creek
Atom A	London	Kingston
Atom B	Mississauga	Cornwall
Atom C	Oakville	Orangeville
Novice A	Scarborough	National Capitals
Novice B	Sarnia	Brantford

ONTARIO WINTER GAMES

The OWHa was just accepted into the Ontario Winter Games in 1985, making this years participation our 5th anniversary in participating in the games. As in previous years it was our Midget A division which admirably represented Women's Hockey.

The 1993 Winter Games were held in Cornwall this year, from March 11-14 and will be well remembered by everyone first of all from the good competition from everyone and second from the severe snow storm which hit Saturday afternoon and evening. Teams from Thunder Bay, London, Stoney Creek, Mississauga, Peterborough, Kingston and Ottawa-Nepean all successfully qualified to represent their regions, and Cornwall as a host team all exhibited good sportsmanship and fair play.

In the games themselves the eight teams were split into two pools of four teams with everyone playing a round robin in their pool. The two pools ended up as follows:

Pool A	Pts.	Pool B	Pts.
Stoney Creek	5	Kingston	6
Ottawa-Nepean	4	London	4
Peterborough	3	Cornwall	2
Thunder Bay	0	Mississauga	0

The teams played a Quarter Final cross over round with Stoney Creek, Kingston, Peterborough, and Ottawa-Nepean emerging to play in the Semi-Final Round. Coming out of the Semi-Final Round Peterborough played Ottawa-Nepean in a very closely fought Bronze medal game with Peterborough emerging successful with a 2-1 victory.

The Gold Medal Game had Stoney Creek playing Kingston another very close game. Stoney Creek opened it up very fast and took a 3-0 lead but Kingston continued to fight back scoring the winning goal with 3:10 left in the third period and the final goal at 0:10 left to win the game and gold medal with a 5-3 score and giving Stoney Creek the silver medal.

Sincere thanks to the Ontario Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation, the City of Cornwall, the Cornwall Girls Hockey Association, the sponsors and volunteers who worked hard to put on an excellent event. We look forward to the 1995 Ontario Winter Games which will be held in Niagara Falls.

SAFETY/ TRAINERS/ RISK MANAGEMENT

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association in conjunction with the Brampton Canadettes held two Level 1 Hockey Trainers Certification Program clinics during the Brampton tournament. Thirty-nine participants took advantage of the convenience of having the clinic run during the tournament and received their Level 1 certification.

As certification is now mandatory the OWHa encourages one member of each team to attend an HTCP clinic. (some equivalencies may be allowed) Presently, two members of the OWHa are certified as HTCP instructors, Sue Lock and Amy Ramsay. Please contact the OWHa office if you wish to host a clinic.

The OWHa continues to stress the practice of good risk management to help everyone involved in hockey create a safe and more enjoyable game. The Hockey Development Centre for Ontario has a booklet available "Risk Management for Hockey" with valuable information for hockey participants to help reduce risks.

"Risk management is the process of identifying and controlling the risks that you are exposed to and acting upon those risks to minimize or eliminate them. Risk management also means to think about safety in whatever situation you or your association find yourself"

We can all work to reduce the risks, on and off the ice. Please contact the OWHa office for a copy of "Risk Management for Hockey" or for clinic information.

Just a reminder to continue sending in the HDCO Injury Report Form. According to the HDCO, OWHa response to the survey has been on par with our brother associations, good for the first year but hoping for an increase next season. It is the HDCO's hope that the form will become second nature to team officials. Anytime an injury occurs take a couple minutes to fill in the information and forward the form along with completed CAHA insurance forms to the OWHa office.

The Hockey Trainers Certification Program contains a policy and a series of guidelines regarding the types of hockey injuries for which a medical doctors (M.D.'s) "Written Permission to Play" is required. The OWHa strongly endorses this policy. If there is any doubt, even the slightest, about whether a player should be returning to play hockey following an injury, team officials should ask that a medical doctors written permission to play be provided.

REFEREE COMMITTEE REPORT

The referees committee has met numerous times during its second full year of operation. The committee's function is to deal with all of the issues relative to referees and its membership is comprised of Deb Adams, Angela James, Ivan Locke, Melanie McFarlane, Doug Nicholls, Fran Rider and Wally Wells.

During this season the Referees Committee has reviewed concerns expressed by members of O.W.H.A., scheduled referees for Senior AA Provincials, Ontario Winter Games, Senior Provincials in Brantford and Provincials in Mississauga. This year we recommended officials to the C.A.H.A. to officiate in the Nationals in Ottawa.

The Referees Committee has completely rewritten the O.W.H.A. Referees Handbook this year to bring it up to date with current times. This will be ready for issue for the 93-94 hockey season. We have also developed a 5 year plan for the development and expansion of our referees program which includes both Supervision and Instruction, upgrading our officials and preparation of our officials to participate in both National and International Events. The Committee arranged for both a Junior and Senior Clinic at Seneca College and a Junior Clinic in Mount Hope.

Our officiating program is gaining a lot of strength as we currently have about 90 registered referees including new young girls who are joining the program. Our senior more experienced referees are consistently receiving both National and International Recognition.

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

There were many highlights during this hockey season but two stand out the most. They didn't take place at the exciting Ontario Winter Games, Senior Nationals or OWH A Provincials.

The first one took place after a long day of meetings which followed a hectic week. As I was loading my car a young girl and her parents were getting out of their vehicle at the hotel. I asked the novice if she was in town for the hockey tournament. She answered "yes". When I asked her how her team had fared that day she got this blank look on her face, "I forget" she said, "I think we won" as she looked to her mother for the answer. That was the best answer she could have given me. It made my day, week and season. She didn't care if she won or lost, it wasn't important to her. She quickly put the game back into perspective and reminded me just what all the hard work is for the players.

The second was an example of the emotion that is so common in our sport. It didn't take place at an arena but in the boardroom. What I saw was a volunteer, choked up with emotion, speaking with the combined excitement about girls hockey finally becoming a reality in his community and the frustration about how he wished it had only happened years earlier. Then perhaps his daughter would have had the privilege of representing her home town at a provincial championship rather than travelling to neighboring centers. It came straight from the heart.

What an exciting time for our game. We all have the chance now, mind you not without a lot of hard work, to create opportunities for thousands of girls across Ontario to enjoy the sport of hockey. Most of us understand the "true spirit" of our game (forget the politics) and that should be all we need to encourage us as administrators, coaches, referees, trainers and parents to provide the best opportunities possible for our players "young and old", "beginner to elite".

Likewise for local associations, the workload for the OWH A has increased substantially as girls hockey continues its remarkable growth. With the retirement of three experienced OWH A executive members there will be a very large void to fill. If you have an opportunity, please say thanks to Frank, Don and Jim for their tireless and unselfish efforts towards the development of girls hockey in Ontario.

Two years ago, when I first joined the OWH A as development coordinator, I was astounded by the number of hours and amount of effort each volunteer executive member put into their respective roles. It was incredible to witness the marathon meetings, the length of the agenda and complexity of the political issues that surround hockey. It was also comforting to see our sport in such capable and experienced hands. Which brings me to my final point. From where I sit, I feel at times, too much time is being spent criticizing volunteer administrators (team, league & association) for decisions that are made solely in the best interest of our game. Our sport can't possibly achieve its maximum potential unless everyone is skating up-ice together, as a team. We need to constantly remind ourselves of why we are in this game.

Female hockey can, should and will lead by example.

1992-93 OWHA CLINICS:

National Referees Certification Program

<u>Date</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Sept 19, 1992	Level I & II	Seneca College	33
Sept 19, 1992	Level II & IV	Seneca College	7
Nov 21, 1992	Level I & II	Mount Hope	31

National Coaching Certification Program

<u>Date</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Sept 12 & 13, 1992	Coach	Brampton	31
Nov 7 & 8, 1992	Coach	London	37
Dec 5 & 6, 1992	Coach	Sarnia	38
Jan 8 & 9, 1993	Coach	Ottawa	27
May 8, 15 & 16, 1993	Intermediate	Brampton	25

Hockey Trainers Certification Program

<u>Date</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Participants</u>
April 9, 1993	Level 1	Brampton	22
April 19, 1993	Level 1	Brampton	17

SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

Forty-two tournaments were sanctioned this past hockey season in another successful tournament year. Although the process for sanctioning tournaments may seem frustrating, please keep in mind that the procedure is for the benefit of the host as well as all participating teams. The sanction acts as a guarantee that O.W.H.A. rules and regulations will be followed concerning player discipline, playing rules, player and team eligibility, etc.

The process of applying for a sanctioned tournament will be simplified this upcoming season. Sanctioned Tournament packages may be obtained at the Annual General Meeting in May; the September Meeting; from Regional Directors and the O.W.H.A. office. Additionally, a Sanctioned Tournament package will be enclosed in the September O.W.H.A. registration package.

Tournament convenors may complete and submit their applications to the Tournament Sanctioning Committee and receive their permit immediately. Hopefully this will provide earlier listings of tournaments and will assist teams in planning their activities well in advance as well as help tournament organizers to attract the desired number of teams.

In closing I would like to thank the tournament convenors for their understanding and support during the past season.

DISCIPLINE REPORT

The 1992-93 season was a very busy one for your Discipline Committee. The number of suspensions handed down to players and coaches this year almost tripled last year's statistics. This may be the result of the new penalties introduced by the CAHA, or it may be the result of a lesser emphasis on sportsmanship by players and coaches alike.

At your Novice - Intermediate Provincial Championships this year, seven (7) coaches and three (3) players were suspended for a combined total of twenty-one (21) games. These statistics were quite typical of the past season.

As your Discipline Committee, our concern is to make the players, coaches and volunteers aware that the O.W.H.A. will not tolerate the behaviour of those who choose to lose the perspective of the game. Our sport provides all of us with the opportunity to have fun, learn new skills and make many friends. In an attempt to help our members maintain this true perspective of the game, your Discipline Committee has revised the Minimum Suspension Guidelines for the upcoming season, and is also reviewing the current Discipline Policy (which we all know is far from perfect). We encourage the members to provide input to the Executive, and we thank those who found the time to do so over the past year.

As an optimist, I would like to end on a positive note. At your Senior A-D Provincial Championships this year, there were NO SUSPENSIONS handed down! This is certainly a bright spot in the dark world of discipline! Congratulations to all of the players and coaching staff of those senior teams. We hope that your example is followed by other member teams in the future. Good luck to all teams and volunteers next year, and of course, Good Sportsmanship.

CAHA INITIATION PROGRAMS

The Initiation Program is directed at new players with the objective of skill development through fun. With a positive introduction to hockey, players will want to continue playing the sport.

The program was designed to be adopted to the needs of the individuals and Ottawa created a very successful Mini Blades program 3 years ago. This year the Mini Blades ran successfully in Ottawa and Newcastle for the full season.

The city of Toronto supported an instructor training clinic that was well attended with Patty McGarry and Rick Sennett providing direction.

The program has been very successful with organizers keen to share ideas with anyone interested in starting in new areas.

UNDER 18 - NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Montreal, Quebec - February 18 - 21

The inaugural Women's Under 18 National Championship was held at Concordia University, in Montreal this February. Six teams from five provinces competed for this championship. Ontario was well represented by two teams at the invitation of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. The Red team went undefeated in the round robin games and defeated Quebec in the gold medal game. The Ontario Blue team won three games in the round robin, losing to the Ontario Red and Quebec teams and won the bronze medal by defeating Alberta in a close two to one game.

It was interesting to note that the outcome of the three championship games resulted in the teams being in the same order as they were at the end of the round robin. The Ontario Red team players held the first six positions in the point list and held eight of the top ten positions. Ontario also did well in the All - Star team selections by placing four players, Jessica Audet, Lisa Hanlon, Jayna Hefford, and Cheryl Pounder on the team. They are joined by Virginie Bilodeau, of Quebec and Hayley Wickenheiser of Alberta. Amanda Benoit of Ontario was chosen as the Most Valuable Player in the National Championship.

Round Robin Games

Saskatchewan	7	Prince Edward Island	1
Quebec	5	Ontario Blue	3
Ontario Red	11	Saskatchewan	0
Alberta	3	Ontario Blue	5
Quebec	10	Prince Edward Island	0
Alberta	0	Ontario Red	7
Alberta	3	Saskatchewan	1
Ontario Blue	8	Prince Edward Island	0
Ontario Red	3	Quebec	2
Alberta	6	Prince Edward Island	6
Ontario Red	2	Ontario Blue	1
Quebec	5	Saskatchewan	0
Ontario Red	12	Prince Edward Island	0
Alberta	1	Quebec	4
Saskatchewan	1	Ontario Blue	4

Championship Games

5th Place	Saskatchewan	7	Prince Edward Island	3
Bronze Medal	Ontario Blue	2	Alberta	1
Gold Medal	Ontario Red	4	Quebec	1

Round Robin Standings

	Games Played	Wins	Losses	Ties	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
Ontario Red	5	5	0	0	35	3	10
Quebec	5	4	1	0	25	5	8
Ontario Blue	5	3	2	0	19	9	6
Alberta	5	1	3	1	13	23	3
Saskatchewan	5	1	4	0	8	24	2
P. E. I.	5	0	4	1	7	43	1

CANADIAN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

The Ontario Womens Hockey Association is officially a member of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association by virtue of our affiliation with the Ontario Hockey Federation. Both the Ottawa District Hockey Association and the Thunder Bay Amateur Hockey Association support the OWHA's position as a truly united organization administering to the needs of female hockey at all ages and level of competition in the entire province.

The CAHA is the official organization for hockey in Canada and receives financial support from the federal government. The CAHA is also a member of the International Ice Hockey Federation.

The major concern facing the CAHA is the insurance issue, particularly liability insurance. As everyone is aware, law suits are now a major concern in many aspects of daily life. In hockey major catastrophic injuries are rare, but do occur and a landmark court case this past year resulted in a 3.7 million dollar judgement in favour of a boy paralysed in a hockey game. This case is under appeal.

For the 1993/94 season the CAHA will be charging \$20.00 per participant for insurance and \$5.00 per volunteer. In female hockey, this will include liability, Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Major Medical and Dental. All members of the CAHA must take this coverage on a named insured basis. If teams choose not to take this coverage they will not be part of the CAHA. The Quebec Ice Hockey Federation may not take the CAHA insurance and will make its plans known in June 1993. The OWHA and many others expressed very serious concerns with the \$20.00 fee but we were unsuccessful in having this assessment changed.

This was a rule change year and there is a new CAHA rule book for the 1993/94 season. A video has been produced and we encourage all associations, teams and leagues to communicate the changes to the players. Please note the new equipment requirements.

The NRCP and NCCP programs are being looked at in respect to service to female hockey. An updated code of ethics for athletes, coaches, parents, officials, and spectators was approved, as was a recommendation to establish a code of ethics for volunteers.

The CAHA mission statement has been widely circulated and reads as follows "We dedicate ourselves to the advancement of amateur hockey for all individuals through progressive leadership by ensuring meaningful opportunities and enjoyable experiences in a safe sportsmanlike environment".

The site of the 1994 National Championship has not been determined but Manitoba has first right of acceptance. The CAHA voted to allow each province to enter a representative team at the discretion of their Branch.

Plans are under way for the 1995 Canada Winter Games to be held in Grand Prairie, Alberta. Discussions continue on future Under 18 National Championships, but there will not be one in 1993/94.

The OWHA congratulates TBAHA President Lou Salatino who received the 1992/93 CAHA Volunteer of the Year Award. We congratulate William Saloman of Thunder Bay a Meritorious Award winner and Colin Patterson of Cranbrook, B.C. the Gordon Jukes Award winner. We also congratulate Dr. Bill MacGillivray, acclaimed as new Chairman of the Board of the CAHA and we thank Frank Libera who becomes Past Chairman.

ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association has continued its affiliation with the Ontario Hockey Association. We sit as voting members on their Board of Directors and the OHA designates a voting member to sit on the OWHA Board. Sincere thanks to Tom Lundy who has been our OHA representative for the 1992/93 season.

We congratulate Al Morris, the incoming Chairman of the OHA and thank Lloyd Parkhouse who moves to Past-Chairman. As always, we continue to appreciate the support of OHA President, Brent Ladds.

REGISTRATION - WOMEN'S HOCKEY 1992-93 - CAHA

COLLEGE

		<u>SENIOR</u>	<u>REC</u>	<u>/JUNIOR</u>	<u>INTER.</u>	<u>MIDGET</u>	<u>BANTAM</u>	<u>PEEWEE</u>	<u>ATOM</u>	<u>NOVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
BC	PLAYERS	585	263	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	848
	TEAMS	32	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
ALB.	PLAYERS	874	0	0	0	28	0	31	16	47	996
	TEAMS	46	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	3	54
SASK.	PLAYERS	114	0	0	0	60	15	105	0	0	294
	TEAMS	6	0	0	0	4	1	7	0	0	18
MAN.	PLAYERS	176	0	0	0	272	0	141	0	0	589
	TEAMS	8	0	0	0	17	0	9	0	0	34
ONT.	PLAYERS	2042	442	31	446	565	569	898	798	551	6343
	TEAMS	128	26	2	26	35	39	63	53	37	411
QUE.	PLAYERS	1404	0	817	0	0	0	0	0	0	2221
	TEAMS	78	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	121
N.B.	PLAYERS	100	0	0	0	75	12	39	141	0	367
	TEAMS	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	8
PEI	PLAYERS	37	89	42	0	0	63	0	0	0	231
	TEAMS	2	8	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	17
NFLD.	PLAYERS	0	0	0	0	41	41	45	47	105	279
	TEAMS	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	5

ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association is a member of the Ontario Hockey Federation - an organization that continues to struggle for unity and stability. This is our official channel to the CAHA.

The history of the OHF dates back to June 1989 when an interim 3 year structure was put in place, allowing members time to collaborate and restructure the Branch. Efforts to do this failed with the problem reverting back to the CAHA with a resolution approved at the May 1992 AGM. A new structure with a 20 member Board was approved. The OWHA would have 1 vote on this OHF Board.

The new structure was immediately viewed with debate, uncertainty and hostility. The Honourable Justice David Watt was accepted as volunteer Chairman. It appeared to Judge Watt and others including CAHA representatives that the CAHA had violated its own regulations in the formation of the OHF. The impact meant that the OHF could be viewed as "illegal" with all decisions of the Board "null and void".

A constitution and by laws was drafted and circulated for review. On February 7, 1993 the OHF met to approve the documents. The voting structure accepted for this process was one vote per organization - OHA, OHL, OMHA, NOHA, MTHL and the OWHA. When this structure was announced, the OMHA submitted a letter and officially left the Board table. The Constitution was then approved with the OHA, MTHL, and NOHA given 2 votes each and the OHL and OWHA given one vote each.

Although the OMHA is not currently a member of the OHF, their insurance coverage will be valid until the end of the 1992/93 season (the end of August '93) as a result of both a CAHA decision and a court injunction. The OMHA had launched legal action against the CAHA President, Murray Costello, the OHF Chairman, Judge David Watt and the OHA.

At the May 21-25 1993 CAHA AGM, Justice David Watt gave the OHF report and noted that the OMHA have not returned to the OHF for membership. In light of this situation, the CAHA has undertaken the task of establishing an office in the greater Toronto area. The office will serve two purposes in the initial stages. It will become the conduit through which all Branch business will funnel to the national body, and will provide a base for the organization dissemination and delivery of CAHA development materials and programs lacking substantially across the OHF during the past several years.

The OWHA sincerely hopes the situation in OHF territory improves. We've seen good organizations and people embroiled in territorial, structural, and financial battles to the point where personal conflicts and hostility prevail. The team work must come back to the Board level for the sake of all the participants in this great game.

We sincerely thank the Honourable Justice David Watt for his dedication and interest. We urge our brother organizations to resolve their differences and provide positive leadership for all players.

HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE FOR ONTARIO

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association continues to be one of the nine member organizations of the HDCO. Others include the MTHL, NOHA, OHA, OHL, OMHA, ODHA, ODMHA and TBAHA.

The HDCO is our link to the provincial government's Ministry of Culture, Tourism, and Recreation. We have received strong support from the government since our organization was first formed in 1975. Grant monies have given us help in specific areas and are instrumental in the overall operation of our organization. Although we have received some funding for the 92/93 season, we've yet to hear the results of our request for supplemental funding. In addition, we've heard no word on our grant requests for the 93/94 season, but we have heard that serious cuts may be made. The OWA continues to push for fair allocation of funds for female hockey.

Congratulations to all teams who participated in the 1993 Esso Penalty Free Sweepstakes. Prize winners included Leaside Wildcats novice (Bauer Precision In-Line Skates), Barrie Discount Car & Truck Rental Juniors (Pro Level Aluminum Hockey Sticks) and Stoney Creek Sabres Novice (Tickets to Semi-Final Doubleheader - Nationals '93). A record number of 4723 entries were received with 397 identified as OWA. We sincerely thank the sponsors, the Sweepstakes spokesperson Paul Henderson and supporter Ron MacLean for their involvement in this very worthwhile program as it rewards fair play and good sportsmanship.

The HDCO continues to facilitate areas of mutual interest including the HTCP safety programmes under the strong direction of John Panethere. Technical meetings provide an opportunity for delegates to meet regarding safety, coaching and referee policies and procedures. The newspaper Ice Times is also produced through the HDCO and circulated to arenas in Ontario.

The OWA was deeply saddened to lose two good friends. In December, the Executive Secretary of the HDCO and also a secretary of the OWA, Deb Jenkinson, passed away suddenly as a result of complications during childbirth. In late April, former Ministry of Tourism and Recreation Deputy Minister and on-going strong supporter of the OWA, Bob Secord, collapsed and died at a volunteer recognition evening in Flamborough. Our sincere sympathy and best wishes are with the families and friends of these two good friends.

The OWA sincerely thanks HDCO Chairman Barrie Davis, the Board of Directors, staff Wayne Dillon, Scott Farley and John Panethere and support staff Sharon Doyle and Shelley Paige for their hard work. We also extend a special thank you to our MCTR sport consultant Sam Besse for his support of the OWA which included attending our provincial championships.

We look forward to a continuing positive relationship with the HDCO and the MCTR with Minister Anne Swarbrick.

OWHA AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY 1992-93

HISTORY:	Suzanne Essex	INSURANCE:	Carl Noble
EMPLOYEE SUPERVISION:	Joan Dewdney	NEWSLETTER:	Jim McInnes
ODHA LIAISON:	Frank Champion-Demers	REGISTRATION:	Liz McAlpine Jim McInnes
SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS:	Sue Rawson	OHA/OHF:	Fran Rider Carl Noble
CAHA FEMALE COUNCIL:	Carl Noble Fran Rider (Alternate)	HDCO BOARD:	Fran Rider Joan Dewdney (Alternate)
HDCO TECHNICAL:	Bev Mallory	HDCO COACHING:	Wayne King
HDCO REFEREES:	Ivan Locke	HDCO TRAINERS:	Sue Lock Amy Ramsay (Alternate)
OHF DEVELOPMENT:	Bev Mallory	SENIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:	Frank Champion-Demers Carl Noble Fran Rider
REFEREE-IN-CHIEF:	Ivan Locke	DIRECTOR OF INITIATION:	Patty McGarry
OPERATIONS MANUAL:	Suzanne Essex		

OWHA COMMITTEES 1992/93

AFFILIATION:	Fran Rider, Chair Frank Champion-Demers	CATEGORIZING:	Jim Martin, Chair Carl Noble Regional Directors
DEVELOPMENT:	Bev Mallory, Chair Lorie Springall Sue Rawson Jim Martin Margot Page	DISCIPLINE:	Lorie Springall, Chair Regional Directors
FINANCE:	Joan Dewdney, Chair Don Hind Suzanne Essex Doug Reddon	MARKETING & PROMOTION:	Don Hind, Chair Wally Wells Joan Dewdney Doug Reddon Clay Melnike, Advisor
UNDER 18 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP:	Jim McInnes, Chair Carl Noble Frank Champion-Demers Pat Nicholls Doug Reddon	ELITE MANUAL COMMITTEE:	Bev Mallory Jim McInnes Doug Reddon Deb Adams
PROXY:	Sue Scherer, Chair	COACHING SUB-COMMITTEE:	Bev Mallory Deb Adams Doug Rollins Wayne King
ONTARIO WINTER GAMES:	Doug Nicholls, Chair Jim McInnes Cheryl Stock Rob Alexander Dick Mulligan Sue Rawson	PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP HOSTING:	Wally Wells, Chair Ron Jefferies Jim McInnes Beulah McInnes Larry Devuyt Brenda Howard Jann Bower Liz McAlpine Vonnice Jeffries Don Hind
SAFETY/RISK MANAGEMENT/ TRAINERS:	Ron Jeffries, Chair Sue Locke Amy Ramsay J.C. Empey	REFEREE COMMITTEE:	Doug Nicholls, Chair Ivan Locke, Referee-in-Chief Deb Adams Angela James Wally Wells
NOMINATING COMMITTEE:	Frank Champion-Demers, Chair Betty Solomon Pat Nicholls		

*The OWHA President is an ex-officio voting member of all committees

**The Development Coordinator served on Development, Finance, Marketing and Referee Committees