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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to thank the membership of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association for the opportunity to serve as President of the OWHA for the past year. After 25 years in Female Hockey and at least 17 with the OWHA it seems time to allow others to come forward and for myself to spend more time on my own personal affairs. This tenure with the OWHA started out as being the representative of the Metro area and lead to the start of registration both manually and within the computer, the later starting in the 1979-80 season.

Most jobs for the volunteer are not hard, just time consuming and there are lots of areas for volunteers to assist the OWHA. You do not have to assume an elected position if you do not wish to do so, there are many, many small jobs to be done, so if you wish, please let the Executive know your willingness to assist.

I would also like to thank all of the Executive for their assistance in making it a very successful year. Even with the insurance costs escalating, the Executive and all Members of the OWHA just worked harder and we went from 411 to 557 teams for the 1993-94 season. This growth has had its headaches as more teams mean more problems and although we tried to stay on top of all the situations the volunteer hours were not enough and some situations slipped through the cracks. I know the Executive has been blamed for not answering letters, phone calls, etc., but the time was just not there and all of our membership should know everything was done to fulfil their duties to the best of their ability.

We have embarked on a project to set a Strategic Plan in place and we are going to need the assistance of every member to ensure that we continue to grow and be the best possible. Female Hockey is one of the fastest growing sports and we would like to have it continue to grow, but it must be a positive experience for all participants or we will lose sight of what a great sport it really is. Ontario is the leader in most aspects of Female Hockey and it is important that our views continue to be heard at the Ontario Hockey Federation, Female Council of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association and at various levels of Government. Again, I reiterate, if you have any time available and would assist with Female Hockey in Ontario, ask how to get involved.

Time flies when you are having fun, I know my involvement with Female Hockey has flown by, but I enjoyed it all.

Good Luck and Good Sportsmanship!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association has moved into a new era. This a very exciting time as new opportunities are developing at all levels of the game. Female hockey is gaining a very positive public image with its solid focus on fun, friendship and fair play. Our athletes are both skilled hockey players and positive role model people.

Our players continue to impress newcomers to the game with their tremendous ability, dedication and team play. Their sincere love of the game and support of each other makes the female side of hockey unique. This is a very precious commodity in many aspects of society and in many sports today as winning often has become more important than the way the victory has been attained.

At this time, when individual rights are stressed in so many aspects of our society, team sports such as hockey are tremendously valuable in teaching youngsters the true joy of helping others. It is important to take time to look at the individual needs and/or wants of each participant and also the collective needs of female hockey in our community, our province, our country and the world. Sometimes the two objectives are in direct conflict and we face heated debate. There is no perfect solution to player movement and realizing that is the first step to a workable solution. It is a chronic problem that plagues male hockey and many other sports.

We are extremely pleased with the dramatic increase in the number of teams, especially at the younger age levels. We sincerely congratulate the skilled veterans involved in the various aspects of hockey and extend a warm welcome to all new participants and volunteers. Everyone in the OWHA is an equal part of the organization and should feel very proud of their contributions to the fastest growing sport!

Since our association was formed in 1975, we have stabilized a provincial structure that encompasses the entire geography of Ontario at all ages and levels of competition. The OWHA is the only body in Ontario that has this type of mandate. We are the only organization in the world that is structured for the female players and has the positioning to move forward as member's needs dictate.

This structure, which has received ongoing financial and moral support from the provincial government, has been the catalyst to our overwhelming success. Together, people who believe in what they're doing and take proactive steps to move forward, can overcome overwhelming odds and scepticism.

Communities that formerly frowned on the idea of girls playing hockey have become active supporters and females in many new areas are now able to play for fun. A Canadian society that previously felt that hockey was no place for females has rallied behind "their" National Women's team and have become solid believers in the female side of the game.

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

What an incredible season ! The excitement of "OWHA WEEK" at the new Hockey Hall of Fame last August was only a sign of things to come as we experienced many changes and new opportunities in 1993-94.

As you have read through this season's Annual Reports one topic is consistently mentioned, the extraordinary growth our sport has witnessed over the past twelve months. All female hockey administrators province wide must be congratulated on their tremendous efforts in promoting our sport. Female hockey is now considered the fastest growing sport in Ontario. It is almost impossible to fathom the amount of volunteer hours spent each season to provide a place for our players (young and young-timers) to play. Thank you to each and every hard working volunteer (coach, manager, trainer, administrator, & parent), your efforts do not go unnoticed.

I also must take this opportunity to acknowledge the OWHA Executive Committee for the monumental effort it has taken just to keep up with the welcomed but unexpected growth. Predictions point to similar increases in registration over the next couple of years. Faced with this exciting prospect, coupled with certain government funding cutbacks, we should all look forward to the results of the strategic planning process. This summer is an opportune time to take a look at "who we are" and "where we want to go". The results of this process will enable us to capitalize on every valuable opportunity that waits in our future. Thank you to the Ministry of Culture, Tourism & Recreation for their generous financial support towards our strategic planning.

At the time of printing, we are all anxiously awaiting the decision by the CAHA on the location of the 1996 World Championship. What a boost for all female hockey in Ontario if our province is fortunate enough to be selected as host. We only have to look at the amazing growth of our sport since the 1990 Ottawa games to understand the impact an event of this magnitude would have on our development.

It has been a busy season. While the requests for Initiative Meetings were down, the requests for certification clinics has increased dramatically. New associations should appear in Cambridge, Markham, Clarington and Owen Sound. Plans are underway for an extensive trip through northern Ontario to promote our sport. Thunder Bay, North Bay, Sudbury and Sault Ste Marie are working hard to provide girls hockey programs. If you know of any communities that would support a female hockey program please do not hesitate to contact our office. It just takes a group of enthusiastic people to start a new team or association.

Through my report when I use the pronouns "we", "us" and "our", it is important to understand that they refer to every member of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association, not just the OWHA executive committee. There appears to be a misperception by some that people only join the executive for their own selfish reasons. Please let me reassure you that there is much too much work to be done, too many hours to devote to projects &/or committees and even more hours on the telephone for anyone to want to join just for an ego boost. It is very disheartening to see hard working, well-intentioned volunteers criticized for what they didn't do. A great deal of time and energy is demanded from people who also have full-time jobs. As our sport matures, the OWHA executive is constantly working to improve all aspects of female hockey in Ontario.

"We" have the greatest team sport in Ontario for girls and women and if "we" all work hard together all of "our" dreams for female hockey in Ontario will come true.

VICE-PRESIDENT, ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS

This has been a very busy year for myself and everyone involved in female hockey. It started off early in the season when we introduced a new method of registration for the teams by registering through each of the regional directors. This was introduced to spread out the work load of registration across more volunteers to ease the overall work load on a few. Through registration we have found we have an overall growth in female hockey of 35% this year in both players and teams and a 100% growth in our referee program.

On top of all this we had some severe challenges caused by the male side of the program, namely the OMHA when for the first part of the season they were not part of the system by not being members of the CAHA. This gave us problems in all areas from registration, to playing games, to finding officials but we all worked together which ultimately brought us all closer together as an association.

With the increase in registrations we have had an increase in activity in girls hockey and have issued 142 sanctions for exhibition games, tournaments or league play. This sanctioning is a necessary step all teams must take before playing outside the OWHA in order to protect all our members with the accident and liability insurance of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. Teams have received sanctions this year to play teams in all parts of the USA and as far away as Calgary. We in the OWHA ensure for you our members that these teams are also properly sanctioned by their own hockey body.

The provincial championships which took place over three weekends this year displayed some excellent hockey and is felt went over very well. They were a success due to the efforts of the many volunteers and you the membership who worked together. With all the keen efforts on everyone's part they can only become even better.

I would like to thank the general membership this year for all of their assistance and understanding as we are volunteers, and that at times we do not always get things done right away. I would also like to thank all of the volunteer members within the OWHA for their assistance in this my first year as Vice President.

I would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and very pleasant summer.

VICE-PRESIDENT, PROMOTION & COMMUNICATIONS

This has been a different year for me. I thought that it started out slowly but it soon picked up, as usual. It was different, in that being Treasurer for 12 years, I knew exactly what I would be doing each day and what was to be done by certain dates. Promotions and Communications was vastly different.

To start off with, I was extremely lucky to have Suzanne Essex on board to take charge of the newsletter. She had it and me all organized before we knew it. Suzanne is a very organized person who brought to W.H. I.N. some new ideas and we tried a new format. Because of the costs of the printing and the mailing, we have tried to cut the costs where possible. Some of the ideas helped.

For next year we are still trying to cut down the costs of mailing which proves to be the biggest cost and the stumbling block to more issues. What we are looking for is a major sponsor to help defray the costs of either printing or mailing. The other major item is help from the membership, with correct mailing list of executive and contact people.

We are also looking for any bits of information no matter how small from the membership to be placed in the newsletter. We do put the scores of the games, but how about human interest pieces? This is, after all, a newsletter from the membership of the OWHA about whatever is going on in the membership of the OWHA. Please do contact the office with your written bits of information or news or human interest or scores, whatever, and we will do our best to see that it gets into the newsletter.

We hope that our communications has improved within the association. It was very hard this year, with the membership growing as fast as we did. I am sure that we have missed someone, and if it was you, I do apologize. We will try better next year. Our registration was great this year, and we welcome all new faces and players to the OWHA.

Have a good summer, and see you in the fall.

**"WITHIN EVERY DIFFICULTY,
THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY"**

VICE-PRESIDENT, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

This has been a year of transition. Plans included regional working committees.

Operational in 1993-94 were:

- a) Referee Committee - Central and Central East
- b) Coaching Sub-committee - Eastern

Plans for the future include:

- a) Safety/Trainers/Risk Management - Western
- b) Administrators - Central West

The Referees Committee is a fully functional committee which has regular meetings and has developed and has begun implementing a five year plan for the development and expansion of the referee program which includes both supervision and instruction. The Coaching sub-committee is still at a beginning stage but has met over the past season and discussed issues and concerns. Plans for future meetings have been scheduled and recommendations for future considerations have been drafted. Due to time limitations, both the administrators and safety/trainers/risk management sub-committees experienced difficulty in becoming an active and working group. Priority will be given to these two sub-committees in the upcoming season.

Associations were sent a memo early in the Fall with two dates (November and February) describing the purpose of the initiative programme and the proposal outline. Unfortunately the response was poor but this could be due to communication difficulties and time constraints. I would like to pursue the "Initiative" program next season and work on encouraging our members to submit proposals.

There was considerable interest expressed initially but only two teams evolved - an Eastern Regional Intermediate "AA" team and a Central West Regional Intermediate "AA" team. I would like to thank those people (players, coaches and parents) who supported and were willing to become actively involved in this project. A written evaluation will be submitted to the Executive Committee in June.

A Course Conductors' seminar will be held at the Ontario Sports Centre on June 3rd to 5th. This is an opportunity for our coaches who have Intermediate credentials to become qualified to instruct Coaching clinics during the 1994-95 hockey season.

As Vice-President of Planning and Development, I am cognizant of the importance of developing a plan of action which will meet both the present and future needs of a growing organization. In these times of economic and financial constraints, it is crucial that we work together in a positive and constructive manner. My main objective for the 1994-95 season is to have all the sub-committees fully operational. To accomplish this objective, it will be necessary to have people volunteer their time and expertise to working on these sub-committees. If any members have an interest in becoming involved please contact the OWHHA office.

In closing, I would like to draw your attention to the Mandatory Coaching Certification Policy which will be in effect for the 1994-95 season. This policy was deferred for the past season to give an opportunity for coaches to become certified. Again, I would like to thank you for your support and hard work this past season.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Due to the dramatic increase in the number of teams and the difficulty in the gathering of information from across the province it has been difficult for the OWHA to have information available on a timely basis. To streamline the process, I've offered my services as OWHA registrar.

Several things were done to try to improve the process and the ability to service the members.

- We distributed the workload among the Regional Directors to verify the data before the actual registration.
- We made improvements to some forms.
- We established a new internal paper flow procedure.

For the first time in many years the actual registration was completed before the season ended. Information was available much faster and was more accurate. By this time, all team contacts should have received a computer printout showing exactly how they were registered, and the OWHA numbers for their team and every participant. We found that players were often trying to register without obtaining releases from their previous teams. Also, some teams were not registering at the proper level. Several tournaments received roster lists for the teams competing in their tournament before the event.

Although there were several strides made in providing more accurate and timely data, I still feel that we can make many more improvements. I have tabled some recommendations to change the Registration By-Law to achieve these improvements. I am also suggesting some improvements to the process and paper flow. An improved registration process will lead to quicker and more accurate information for tournament directors, team contacts, coaches, voters, et cetera. The biggest problem is receiving incomplete and/or illegible registration information from our members. I must stress that we can only be as accurate as the information we receive. During the past season, 10% of our teams did not show who their voting person was and 7% of our teams did not show who would be the team contact. Of all 557 teams registering there was only about five registration forms that did not require some type of follow-up.

I plan on staying on as registrar. I am looking forward to working with as many of you as possible to help improve the registration process in particular and the communication process in general.

Many thanks to all of you who helped in the process during the past season.

**ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS BY AGE CATEGORY**

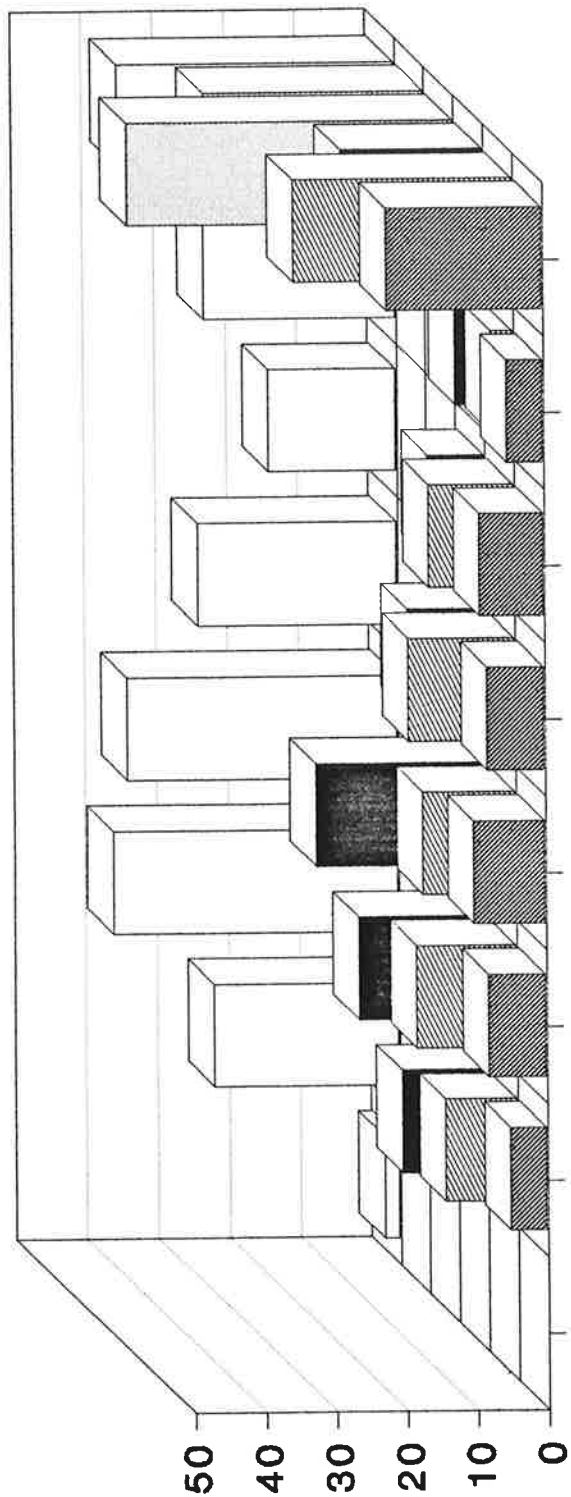
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AGE GROUP	NOV	ATM	PW	BTM	MID	INT	SRD	SRC	SRB	SRA	SRAA
NOVICE	391	39	12	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
ATOM	0	542	33	1	10	0	2	0	0	0	0
PEEWEE	0	0	640	46	11	0	8	5	0	0	3
BANTAM	0	0	0	447	100	15	19	8	6	0	1
MIDGET	0	0	0	0	292	77	40	11	11	3	8
INTERMEDIATE	0	0	0	0	0	97	112	36	49	21	30
SENIOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	490	245	409	228	66
TOTALS	391	581	685	494	414	189	672	305	475	252	108

-----HOUSELEAGUE-----

AGE GROUP	NOV	ATM	PW	BTM	MID	INT	SR	SRR	COL	OTHR	TOTL
NOVICE	322	138	39	5	1	9	0	0	0	26	984
ATOM	0	404	101	39	6	12	1	0	0	1	1152
PEEWEE	0	0	343	112	27	55	6	0	0	2	1258
BANTAM	0	0	0	168	86	87	14	0	0	0	951
MIDGET	0	0	0	0	99	73	57	0	0	0	671
INTERMEDIATE	0	0	0	0	0	98	48	6	0	3	500
SENIOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	429	418	0	47	2332
TOTALS	322	542	483	324	219	334	555	424	0	79	7848

O.W.H.A. Distribution of Teams



Tyke Novice Atom Pee wee Bantam Midget Inter. Senior
1993 - 1994

CATEGORY

AA/A B C D Rec H.L.

O.W.H.A. Player and Team Distribution

Category	Players			Teams		
	1992/93	1993/94	%Diff	1992/93	1993/94	%Diff
Senior AA	86	108	26	5	6	20
Senior A	245	252	3	16	16	0
Senior B	449	475	6	27	31	15
Senior C	244	305	25	16	20	25
Senior D	440	672	53	27	46	70
Intermediate A	96	76	-21	5	5	0
Intermediate B	75	53	-29	4	3	-25
Intermediate C	107	60	-44	8	4	-50
Midget A	134	134	0	8	9	13
Midget B	131	169	29	8	12	50
Midget C	95	111	17	6	8	33
Bantam A	141	118	-16	10	8	-20
Bantam B	149	212	42	10	15	50
Bantam C	161	163	1	11	11	0
Peewee A	132	152	15	9	10	11
Peewee B	145	185	28	10	13	30
Peewee C	252	349	38	17	24	41
Atom A	147	122	-17	10	8	-20
Atom B	153	198	29	10	14	40
Atom C	155	261	68	10	18	80
Novice A	70	78	11	5	5	0
Novice B	181	147	-19	12	10	-17
Novice C	29	166	472	2	12	500
Subtotal	3,817	4,566	20	246	308	25
Senior Recreational	442	424	-4	26	31	19
Senior House League	600	555	-8	39	39	0
Intermediate H. L.	168	334	99	11	27	145
Midget House League	205	219	7	13	18	38
Bantam House League	118	324	175	8	28	250
Peewee House League	369	483	31	27	38	41
Atom House League	343	542	58	23	40	74
Novice/ Tyke/ Other	271	401	48	18	28	56
Sub Total	2,516	3,282	30	165	249	51
Grand Total	6,333	7,848	24	411	557	36

CENTRAL EAST REGIONAL REPORT

This my first year as Regional Director, although I have previously been involved in Girl's hockey.

I doubt if anyone could complain about the OWHHA if you were to follow around an Executive Member or Regional Director for a week, or just try and get them on the telephone. I certainly was amazed and frustrated many times during the season, but for the help of **Jim McInnes**, our hard working Registrar who had our team lists done in a very short time.

Tournaments in Peterborough, Cobourg, Newcastle, Grafton and Colborne had to be monitored. A couple of tournaments were not monitored due to short notice. Playdown games also had to be monitored. My thanks go to each of the following:

- **Suzanne Essex, Doug Nicholls and Wally Wells** for helping out when I was not available, or while I was attending another game.
- **Nan Spencer** for a job well done putting together the Sr. AA Provincials in Oshawa and also for monitoring the Newcastle tournament.
- **Durham West and Oshawa Girl's Hockey Associations**, being new to the OWHHA this year, for being so well organized and a treat to work with too!
- **Michelle Rosenberg** of Peterborough, who has undertaken a big goal by trying to establish a Sr. AA team out of Peterborough.

Congratulations to all the teams from Central East who participated in the Provincials and congratulations to the Winners!

Last, but not least, I thank my husband for his understanding and support for the countless hours that I am on the phone or in a hockey arena. Without his understanding, it would make it impossible to be involved.

CENTRAL EAST "AA" UPDATE

As some of you are already aware, plans are well underway for the 1994 entry of a Central East "AA" team into the Central Ontario Women's Hockey League (COWHL). Based out of Peterborough, this new team will be a regional effort and will represent areas such as: Peterborough County; Victoria County; Northumberland County; Hastings; Durham and Newcastle. Home ice has already been confirmed for next season and is scheduled for Sunday afternoons between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Kinsmen Civic Centre.

One of the rationales for attempting to establish a "AA" team east of the greater Toronto area is to create opportunities for players in the "Central East" to play at the highest calibre available without having to drive to Toronto two to three times per week to play on a "AA" team. Currently, there are approximately eight to ten players residing in the "Central East" area who are playing the COWHL and approximately ten other players who obtained a Senior "A" provincial title for Peterborough in the 1992/93 season. It is our hope that with the advent of a Central East "AA" team, some of these women will choose to play "locally" in the COWHL.

In addition to attracting local talent for the 1994/95 season, it is also hoped by the organizers of this project that showcasing "AA" hockey in the Peterborough area will serve to inspire and motivate younger girls to more fully develop their skills knowing there exists an opportunity to play top calibre hockey in their own area.

With home ice secured, the next challenge has been to assess the number and calibre of potential players not only for 1994/95, but also for future seasons. In order to roughly determine the "talent pool", a two-part Evaluation Camp was held in Peterborough on March 13, 1994. Included at the camp were a two-hour scrimmage game. The camp proved to be a huge success both in the number and calibre of players that attended.

In total, 33 players ranging in age from 13 to 34 participated in this event and another six expressed a desire to try out but were unable to attend on the 13th. Representatives from the entire Central East was very strong with almost one-third of the players coming from outside the Peterborough area.

I am pleased to say that the overall quality of both potential and present and future "AA" players was quite high, with approximately one-third of the 39 prospects having already played at either the university of "AA" level. Thus, judging by the results of this camp, it would appear that not only can the Central East ice a competitive team next season, but that the depth of talent for future years also looks very promising.

As a final step, the organizers of this Central East project will be submitting a "Proposal for Acceptance" at the COWHL's Annual General Meeting some time this May.

**"A GREAT LEADER DOESN'T TREAT
PROBLEMS AS SPECIAL, SHE / HE
TREATS THEM AS NORMAL"**

NORTHERN REGIONAL REPORT

The 1993-94 season again brought a lot of changes in the Northern Region. Firstly, in late September I was appointed as Regional Director for the Northern Region. This was an extreme pleasure for me to have the opportunity to meet and work with the OWHHA Executive as well as the various team contacts throughout our Region.

The Northern Region is probably the fastest growing area and also has the most potential for the future development.

Our past season had 50 plus teams in our Region, with many doing extremely well in Ontario tournaments as well as USA tournaments. We also had a very good representation in various levels in the Ontario Provincials.

Hopefully in the upcoming season, our area will be visited by some of the development people as well as Executive members of the OWHHA.

Our area is starting to host very competitive tournaments in different levels. Thunder Bay will host their 3rd Annual tournament in the first week of December, with teams from both Manitoba and the USA (Minneapolis) and many other associations are planning tournaments for the new season.

I hope everyone has a safe, healthy and prosperous summer and will be back for 1994-95 season of bigger and better developments in girl's hockey for the Northern Region.

WESTERN REGIONAL REPORT

This past year has been a very busy one for the OWHHA and Female Hockey. The Western Region had a strong positive growth in the established areas as well as the new areas.

Tournaments were held successfully in Sarnia, London, Wallaceburg, Parkhill and Stratford, our thanks go out to the many volunteers who helped make these events a success.

Congratulations to all those who participated in the Provincial Championships at Meadowvale. I found it to be a very busy two weekends.

Sarnia held a Under 18 camp for the Ontario Team which was one of four camps this spring, the attendance was great with approximately 60 girls at each camp.

I would like to thank everyone in the region for their co-operation and support and also a special thanks to the OWHHA Executive who were there when I required assistance.

I have enjoyed my first year as Western Regional Director and look forward to the upcoming season.

EASTERN REGIONAL REPORT

The Eastern Region is probably the most dynamic in the province -- although I am biased. It is the second largest territorially, to the Northern Region, and largest in terms of numbers of teams registered (116 teams out of approximately 560 total teams). I feel that the large number of House League (63) and the Miniblades development program contributed to the region's successes at the Provincial Championships (10 out of 20 titles contested).

The region is also very active. Regional associations hosted 13 tournaments, several for the first time. Associations have started to host development sessions (coaching, refereeing and training) specifically for those involved in women's hockey. A team from Russia made a stop for exhibition games and, with help from local people, proceeded to participate in the Brampton tournament. (This is the second year in a row that they have visited the region.) A preliminary selection camp for Team Canada was held in Kingston in the fall, and a preliminary selection camp for the Canada Games team was held in Kanata in the spring. Team Canada and Team Finland held their pre-World Championship training camps in Ottawa, and the exhibition games were attended better than most of the actual games in Lake Placid.

The success of these tournaments and events is due solely to the extraordinary talents and dedication of the people involved in women's hockey. Showcase events like those mentioned above are the reason that women's hockey is growing in interest and acceptance. Through the efforts of volunteers throughout the province, thousands of players are now enjoying hockey.

In my mind, the most encouraging that I was this season are: (1) a marked increase in the number of players giving back to hockey as coaches, referees, trainers and volunteers; and (2) the growth of teams in smaller communities, at all age and competitive levels.

As I stated at the beginning, the Eastern Region is dynamic and has even more growth and accomplishments in it's future.

**"WE GAIN WHAT WE WANT THROUGH
THE HELP AND SUPPORT OF OTHERS"**

CANADIAN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association continues to derive its official affiliation to the International Ice Hockey Federation through the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. We are represented at the Board level by the Ontario Hockey Federation and are supported by the Ottawa District Hockey Association and the Thunder Bay Amateur Hockey Association. The OWHHA also has a delegate on the CAHA Female Council.

REGISTRATION - WOMEN'S HOCKEY 1993-94 - CAHA

		<u>SENIOR</u>	<u>INT.</u>	<u>MIDGET</u>	<u>BANTAM</u>	<u>PEEWEE</u>	<u>ATOM</u>	<u>NOVICE</u>	<u>INIT.</u>	<u>H.S</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
BC	PLAYERS	969	17	51	92	466				1595	
	TEAMS	46	1	3	6	31				87	
ALB.	PLAYERS	1055	168							1223	
	TEAMS	54									65
SASK.	PLAYERS	114	91	117	89					411	
	TEAMS	6	7	9	7					29	
MAN.	PLAYERS	219	42	281	31	163	113	51			900
	TEAMS	12	3	17		11	3				46
ONT.	PLAYERS	2803	538	614	799	1193	1071	685	40		7743
	TEAMS	179	39	46	62	85	80	53	2		556
QUE.	PLAYERS	1394	690								2084
	TEAMS	82	46								126
N.B.	PLAYERS	73	47	2	23	37	45	103		103	433
	TEAMS	4	2								12
N.S.	PLAYERS			4	19	40	59	96	31	245	494
	TEAMS									17	17
P.E.I.	PLAYERS	77		128							215
	TEAMS	7		6							13
NFLD.	PLAYERS	40		57	41	59	48	64	60		369
	TEAMS	2		4					6		12
TOTAL	PLAYERS	6754	1317	1234	1209	1673	1802	999	131	348	15467
	TEAMS	403	90	85	80	109	114	53	2	23	959

Please note that Ontario's numbers include only OWHHA registered teams and players, not female players currently playing on male teams. Some other province's numbers include females playing on male teams.

Total CAHA Registration 1993/94 season:

British Columbia	42,936	2,791	Ontario	170,195	10,917
Alberta	53,346	3,446	Quebec	94,718	6,286
Nova Scotia	14,419	351	New Brunswick	16,399	964
Manitoba	25,029	1,610	Nova Scotia	14,419	351
Prince Edward Island	4,596	301	Newfoundland	11,345	705
Newfoundland	11,345	705	Western Hockey League	368	16
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>				<u>466,707</u>	<u>29,565</u>

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP - WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

Gold Medals - Team Quebec

Silver Medals - Edmonton Chimos, Alberta

Bronze Medals - Toronto Senior Aeros, Ontario

- Congratulations to Val Burrell who was invited to Manitoba and did an excellent job officiating.
- The 1995 National Championship will be held in Summerside, PEI. in March 1995.
- There are plans to hold an Under 18 National Championship in 1997.

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

There are currently major changes taking place at the national level as negotiations continue in regards to a merger of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association and Hockey Canada. Details are complex and include a proposed new name of "Canadian Hockey Association". Much of the structure of the current CAHA would remain intact, but there would be an expanded Board of Directors. All hockey programming in Canada including the Olympic programs and men's world championships are to become part of the overall mandate. The change is currently scheduled for late spring/early summer 1994.

Insurance continues to be a major issue in many areas. The potential of liability suits and the amount of money involved make insurance a critical necessity. Risk management is a must for all members. Material is circulated and much information is available through the OWHHA office. All teams are urged to educate players, team staff, parents and others involved on the importance of risk management and safety.

Minor Hockey Week will be January 21 to 28, 1995 with the slogan "Facing Off for the Future".

Congratulations to Fran Rider who has become the first woman in 32 years to win the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association's Order of Merit. Fran was presented with the well deserved award at the CAHA Annual General Meeting on May 23, 1994.

NOTES:

- Congratulations to Laurie Taylor who did an outstanding job officiating in Lake Placid. Laurie and Diane Michaud from Quebec were selected to do the lines with Karen Kost from Alberta attending as a referee.
- Congratulations to Deb Maybury and Marina Zenk who travelled to Japan to officiate at the Asian Qualifying Championship in March (China won and advanced to Lake Placid). Deb attended as a referee and Marina did the lines.
- Canada has been awarded the 1996 World Championship with British Columbia, Quebec, New Brunswick and Ontario submitting bids as host province. Sincere thanks to all organizations and individuals rallying to support an excellent Ontario bid out of the City of Kitchener. Bids are currently under review and we hope to know the status of our bid by late spring or early summer.
- Planning is currently under way for future world championships and the Olympic program. We anticipate a coach selection process for Canada's 1996 Women's World Championship team to begin in the summer. We do not know the criteria at this time, but we encourage anyone interested to contact the OWHHA to put their name on file.
- Planning is currently under way for some type of international competition in the 1994/95 season involving a select Canadian team.

WOMEN'S WORLD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The third official World Championship was held in Lake Placid, USA from April 11-17, 1994. Canada played exceptional hockey, going through the event undefeated and capturing the gold medals for the third time. It is great to see the calibre in other countries continue to improve even though it is going to become tougher to stay on top, especially as we move towards the 1998 Olympics in Japan.

We congratulate all 20 players and the dedicated team staff. Special congratulations to the 9 Ontario players and everyone who worked with them as they developed their outstanding skills and exceptional approach to the game.

Team Members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Manon Rhéaume	Lac Beauport, PQ	Laura Leslie	Montreal, PQ
Judy Diduck	Edmonton, AB	Hayley Wickenheiser	Shaunavon, SK
Nathalie Picard	Asbestos, PQ	Lesley Reddon	Mississauga, ON
Marianne Grnak	Toronto, ON	Andria Hunter	Peterborough, ON
Nancy Drolet	Drummondville, PQ	Geraldine Heaney	Toronto, ON
Karen Nystrom	Scarborough, ON	France St. Louis	Montreal, PQ
Cheryl Pounder	Mississauga, ON	Therese Brisson	Montreal, PQ
Cassie Campbell	Richmond Hill, ON	Angela James	Toronto, ON
Danielle Goyette	St. Nazaire, PQ	Jane Robinson	St. Jerome, PQ
Stacy Wilson	Salisbury, NB	Margot Verlaan Page	Kitchener, ON

Team Staff:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Head Coach	Les Lawton	Montreal, PQ
Assistant Coaches	Melody Davidson	Castor, AB
	Shannon Miller	Calgary, AB
Team Doctor	Dr. Maureen Grace	Ottawa, ON
Physiotherapist	Karen Decker	Halifax, NS
Equipment Manager	Todd Jackson	Ottawa, ON

Final Team Standings:

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Canada	5	0	0	37	7	10
USA	4	1	0	41	10	8
Finland	3	2	0	40	8	6
China	1	3	1	17	34	3
Sweden	3	1	1	22	17	3
Norway	1	4	0	12	33	2
Switzerland	1	4	0	10	30	2
Germany	0	5	0	6	46	0

There was no intentional body checking allowed in the 1994 or 1992 World Championships, but there was body checking in 1990. A lobby by some countries to have body checking put into future world championships was unsuccessful. For at least the next four years, there will be no intentional body checking.

ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION

The OWHA officially liaises to the CAHA through the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) with the support of the Ottawa District Hockey Association and the Thunder Bay Amateur Hockey Association. The OWHA is unique as we administer to all ages and levels of female hockey in the province of Ontario.

The OHF was formed five years ago and has been struggling to attain unity and operational stability. It remains difficult as there are long standing jurisdictional and personality differences within the male hockey organizations. All groups have much to offer both our province and our country if strengths could be pooled.

At the beginning of the 1993/94 season, the situation became critical as the Ontario Minor Hockey Association chose to operate outside the structure of the CAHA. This created severe difficulties within male hockey and also within female hockey. The OWHA was unable to utilize OMHA referees or play exhibition games against OMHA teams. Thanks to the hard work of Ivan Locke and Melanie McFarlane, we were able to schedule special clinics in areas previously serviced by OMHA officials. In addition, many current OWHA officials travelled to various communities to avoid the cancellation of games.

Negotiations among the OHF, CAHA and OMHA resulted in an agreement to bring the OMHA back into the system as affiliate members of the OHF. The future structure is currently under review.

While the OMHA was outside the CAHA structure, the Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario was formed in some areas that were previously OMHA territory. The Alliance was formed by individuals and participants who wanted to stay within the system. Even though the OMHA has returned as affiliate members, the Alliance continues to operate and has one vote on the OHF Board.

Other voting members of the OHF are the Ontario Hockey Association (2), the Metropolitan Toronto Hockey League (2), the Northern Ontario Hockey Association (2), and the Ontario Hockey League (1). The OWHA has one vote out of nine votes.

We sincerely thank Mr. Justice David Watt who has faithfully served as volunteer President of the OHF. Justice Watt has tendered his resignation, but members have approached him to reconsider. We hope President Watt will continue with the OHF but, whatever his decision, the OWHA sincerely thanks him for his exceptional work and dedication to the players in the game.

The OWHA will continue to work with other organizations in Ontario for the good of the game and the people involved. The OHF situation is a constant reminder of the special position of the OWHA. We must continue our unity and our collective efforts for the participants.



ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association has maintained our affiliation with the OHA. Each organization appoints a member to sit as a voting member on the other's Board of Directors. We thank the OHA's 1993/94 delegate, Mr. Don Yeck for his support.

The OHA formerly acted as the Branch liaising to the CAHA, but now sit as voting members on the OHF. They initiating the new structural process in an attempt to improve the overall hockey programming in Ontario. The OHA coordinates most of the junior and senior hockey in Ontario with the exception of Ottawa and Thunder Bay territory.

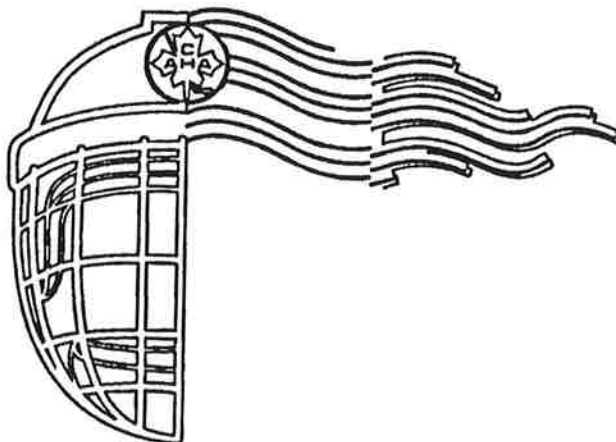
A key to the success of the OWHHA has been the ongoing, sincere support of the OHA, their President Mr. Brent Ladds, and their Board of Directors. Brent and various Chairmen and Board members have given us support and advice on a regular basis with delegates sitting on committees when requested. We have been listened to, allowed to move forward according to the direction of our members and we have received strong support in lobby efforts as needed.

It was only with the support of the OHA that we were able to move ahead with the establishment of National Championships and the First World Tournament. We sincerely thank Brent, Don, Chairman Al Morris and the many others who have helped over the years. We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of former Chairmen Colin MacKenzie and Cliffe Phillips who passed away in April 1994. Both men made outstanding contributions to hockey and were true supporters of the OWHHA.



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HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE FOR ONTARIO



The OWHA liaises to the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation through the HDCO. Our grant money and overall access to the provincial government is channelled through this organization.

Returning voting members include the Metropolitan Toronto Hockey League, Ontario Hockey Association, Ontario Hockey League, Ontario Minor Hockey Association, Ottawa District Hockey Association, Ottawa District Minor Hockey Association, Northern Ontario Hockey Association, Thunder Bay Amateur Hockey Association and the OWHA. This season, the Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario was added as a voting member. The Hockey Hall of Fame and the International Centre of Excellence have been added as affiliate members.

The HDCO continued operating the very valuable Penalty Free Sweepstakes in spite of the loss of its major sponsor. Sincere thanks to all teams supporting this program which rewards good sportsmanship. Congratulations to the following winners:

Jofa Hockey Gloves

Leaside Angels	Pee Wee	Toronto	OWHA
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Pizza Pizza Team Party

Stoney Creek Sabres	Novice	Stoney Creek	OWHA
Oakville Hornets	Novice	Oakville	OWHA

Two issues of Ice Times, the HDCO newspaper were printed and distributed throughout the arenas in Ontario. We received very positive feedback on the female hockey content.

Financial support for the 10 players from Ontario to attend the National Women's selection camp was available on a one-time basis through the Elite Athlete Assistance Program. This grant category has now been discontinued and replaced by ongoing financial support of the Canada Games Program.

The structure and operations of the HDCO are currently under review. The OHA has made a proposal that would involve major change and a planning session will take place in late June 1994. Increasing government and Ontario Sport Centre cut-backs are having a major impact on the organization and may have a substantial impact on the OWHA.

We sincerely thank the Honourable Anne Swarbrick, Minister, Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation for her valued attendance and exceptional speech at our provincial championships. She has stated her sincere support of the OWHA and has publicly spoken highly of our organization.

Special thanks to Rita Wyczynski our former Ministry Consultant and welcome to John Smythe the new Consultant for hockey.

Sincere thanks to Mr. Barrie Davis, Chairman, the Board of Directors, and the staff -- Wayne Dillon, Scott Farley, John Panethere, Sharon Doyle and Shelley Paige.

HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association has a tremendous working relationship with the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto. We have become part of history as last August's "OWHA Week" at the Hall was the first special event week in the new building at BCE Place.

Our 1993 week featured discounted rates for OWHA members and their families, special skills clinics, coaching seminar, HTCP level 1 clinic, expanded displays on female hockey and the OWHA and other exciting events.

This year's OWHA week will be August 29 to September 4, 1994. Tentative plans include: discounted rates for OWHA members; autograph signing by members of our National Women's Team; shooting clinics with Ron Ellis; HTCP level 1 clinic; coaching seminar with Ron Ellis and Tony Crisp (International Centre of Excellence); goaltending clinic; and enhanced displays.

One very special focus of the week will feature the official release of Brian McFarlane's book "Proud Past, Bright Future" which is the history of women's hockey. We have booked the entire Hall on Tuesday August 30th for private reception to celebrate the history of women's hockey with Brian and officially announce the release of the book.

Throughout the season, the Hall has shown an ongoing involvement in female hockey. Letters advertising discounted rates for teams attending tournaments in the Toronto area were provided to tournament hosts. The Hall provided complimentary access for a visiting team from Russia when they ran into financial difficulties. Ron Ellis attended many special events, opening ceremonies and clinics where he provided exceptional technical and moral support. President David Taylor accepted an invitation to the Senior Provincial Championships in Oshawa and was on hand to present MVP prizes following the championship game.

President Taylor, Chairman Scotty Morrison, Ron Ellis, Phil Denyes and the entire staff at the Hall have been tremendously supportive of our organization. We sincerely thank them for their dedication and active participation in the promotion and development of female hockey.

JOIN US FOR

"OWHA WEEK"

AT THE

HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 4, 1994

MARKETING

The OWHA has put much emphasis on marketing as we face potential Ministry grant cut-backs and increasing operating costs in a society of widespread economic instability. Our marketing committee has been working on long term planning and identifying potential corporate support.

We sincerely thank Nothers Awards for their ongoing support of our Sportsmanship awards at sanctioned tournaments. It is greatly appreciated as it's a positive approve in rewarding clean play. Congratulations to the many teams who have won these awards during the season.

Josten's continues to be the officials sponsor of our highly coveted provincial championship rings. Several designs are available to anyone who is participant on a championship team.

We are currently involved in negotiations with several potential major corporate sponsors. The recent acceptance of women's hockey as a full Olympic sport has opened many government and corporate doors.

The OWHA has secured the services of Clay Melnike who is a professional marketing person. We first retained Clay's services when he was available for assistance through the Ontario government. He has since left the Ministry to become Executive Director of the Ontario Curling Federation. An offshoot of our Strategic Planning process is the involvement of Clay through his company, Marketing Minds International.

A major project we're currently working on is Brian McFarlane's book, "Proud Past, Bright Future". The book which is the history of female hockey in Canada will be a major promotional tool. We've secured Clay's services to assist in the final negotiations with the publisher in regards to the book. There is an excellent working relationship among all partners including Brian and we hope to offer some profit sharing opportunities to our member teams through this book.

Other major areas of involvement include the Hockey Hall of Fame, our bid for the 1996 World Championship, our provincial championship and our general operations.

We are moving forward as our central operations have become a business while our sport continues as a great game played for fun, friendship and fair play.

"HEALTHY ASSOCIATIONS ARE ABOUT SHARED IDEALS, SHARED GOALS, SHARED RESPECT, AND A SHARED SENSE OF VALUES AND MISSION"

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The provincials were held at only 2 locations this year -- Oshawa and Mississauga. The Senior AA Provincials were held in Oshawa in February and were won once again by the Toronto Aeros who represented Ontario in the Nationals. The Provincials were held on two weekends in Mississauga. The first weekend had Novice, Atom, PeeWee and Intermediate playing April 8, 9 and 10, and on the second weekend April 22, 23 and 24, seen the Bantam, Midget and Senior play.

The following teams were gold and silver medal winners.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Gold</u>	<u>Silver</u>
Senior AA	Toronto Aeros	Scarborough Firefighters
Senior A	Sarnia	Mississauga
Senior B	Brockville	Toronto
Senior C	Honeywood	Kingston
Senior D	Welland	Durham West
Intermediate A	Ottawa	Kingston
Intermediate B	Brantford	Burlington
Midget A	London	Peterborough
Midget B	South Grenville	Sarnia
Bantam A	Ottawa	Brantford
Bantam B	Cornwall	Stoney Creek
Bantam C	Sudbury	Stoney Creek
PeeWee A	Ottawa	London
PeeWee B	Kingston	Ottawa
PeeWee C	Brockville	Sudbury
Atom A	Brantford	Mississauga
Atom B	Orangeville	Peterborough
Atom C	Ottawa	Brockville
Novice A	Ottawa	London
Novice B	Brantford	Brampton
Novice C	Oakville	London

As can be noted above, we did not have a Midget or Intermediate "C" championship as there were not enough teams, we therefore gave "C" teams the option of moving up and playing in "B".

CANADA WINTER GAMES - ONTARIO SELECTIONS CAMPS

This has been a very busy year, 93-94, for the OWH, for selection camps.

For the Ontario selections for the Canada Winter Games, we held 4 preliminary camps starting with the first one in Kanata April 30 the second one in Pickering/Ajax on May 1, and the third one in Brantford May 7, and the last one in Sarnia on May 14. We started out with 40 girls per camp, but because of the overwhelming response that we had, we expanded the camps to 60. We were still trying to work girls in the night before the camps started.

From these camps we picked players to go to camp in June which is a mini-final camp. We intend to carry a few extra players until December at the latest. By then the team should be down to the final cut. These girls then have to be registered with the Canada Winter Games by the 9th of January, 1995. The Canada Winter Games are being held in Grande Prairie, Alberta from February 19 - March 5, 1995.

Our coaches were picked from the applications that were sent in. Head coach is Ken Dufton with Bruce Mullen and Cathy Phillips as the assistant coaches. We feel that all three of these people will bring their own experience and knowledge of the game to the girls. With these three people on board, Ontario should have the winning combination.

These games should be a real learning process for the girls. As we look ahead to the Olympics in '98, some of these girls I am sure will be there. To help them along we wanted to get the best instructors that we could find, and what could be better than the World and National players from Ontario. We invited some of these girls to come help on the ice, and we send our thanks out to Angela James, Nathalie Rivard, and Lesley Reddon.

When you put all these people with such talent and hockey skills in one place, you could feel the excitement, and this was the feeling that we wanted to transmit to the girls -- the winning feeling.

We hope that all the young ladies that came away from these camps will have a very positive feeling about their hockey careers, and about the future. With these names and the talent that we have seen, we hope to be able to start a data base, that will be able to use for future selection camps.

Now that we have the coaches, instructors, evaluators, and the players, we needed some place to host the camps. When we started looking we found some hard working people to host the camps. The committee would like to thank the hosts, who gave up many hours of the evenings and their Saturdays and Sundays to be there for us. From Kanata Bruce Mullen and Doreen Howes, from Pickering/Ajax Art Carefoote, from Brantford, Betty Solomon, and from Sarnia, Bryan Chappell. I would also ask these hosts to take our thanks home to their helpers in each area who gave up their time.

We also need to thank the referees, 2 for each camp, who did the games for free. They were very happy to give something back to the game they love.

The special people we all should thank, and in some cases it is yourselves, are the parents who drove these girls all over the province to get them to the camps. We do thank the parents for being so patient.

I would like to thank the committee that has worked so hard to get these camps and the June camp off the ground; Fran Rider, Melanie McFarlane, Pat Nicholls, Doug Reddon, Doug Nicholls, Doreen Howes, and Cindy Clapp who took on the job of secretary as a volunteer and it became a full time job.

The June camp is being held at the Tomkin Arena in Mississauga, where the girls will be put through the drills for a 2-1/2 day camp. Pat Nicholls is setting up this camp.

We intend to put together the very best team yet to go to the CWG. We are striving to win the gold, but definitely intend to have fun also. We hope that all the girls come out of all the camps with some new drills to work on, some new friends and some good memories. That's what it is all about.

Good Luck Players!



**"WE ACHIEVE TO THE DEGREE THAT
WE OVERCOME THE NEGATIVE"**

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - ONTARIO SELECTION CAMPS

As you all know by now, Canada is a 3-peat at the World's in Lake Placid, and Ontario had our share of glory.

In the fall of 93, Ontario held preliminary camps and a final camp on Thanksgiving weekend in Barrie. From the preliminary camps we picked 43 girls to go to the camp in Barrie. From this camp we picked 20 names to go to the CAHA for their consideration for the final Canadian camp. The names of the final team members that came from the final camp Kitchener are:

Angela James	Geraldine Heaney
Margot Verlaan Page	Cheryl Pounder
Karen Nystrom	Marianne Grnak
Andria Hunter	Cassie Campbell

We also had a goalie from Ontario selected, Lesley Reddon. Lesley is going to school in New Brunswick, and was selected from that Province to go. We felt quite proud as she is still an Ontario player.

Canada can be proud of their participation as fans at Lake Placid. We all should be very pleased at the large support of the fans that turned out to cheer for the girls.

I would like to thank the committee, Doreen Howes, Fran Rider, Melanie McFarlane, Doug Reddon, Doug Nicholls, and Pat Nicholls, for all the help that they gave in setting up the camp. A very special thanks to Cheryl Stock, her family and all the Barrie people, who sponsored or gave help in many ways to the final camp in Barrie. They all put in many long hours to keep it running smoothly. Thank you.

We are now looking forward to the Olympics in 98. We feel that we should have a good chance of putting some more Ontario hockey players on the team for the Olympics. With some of the younger girls coming along, we see a lot of talent in Ontario.

As the skill level of our players is improving we must focus on providing the best coaching possible. The Canada Winter Games is one example of a program that demands a very high level of certification for participating coaches. At this time we are very limited in the number of qualified coaches interested in the National program for the seniors and the Canada Winter Games. The OWHHA has identified a need to set up a program that will recognize interested coaches, with extra encouragement for females, and start to help these people achieve the necessary qualifications for these programs. Of course, we need the funds to do this also. Both the Canada Winter Games and the National Selection camps are in favour of setting up a program in the near future. We hope that enough people will come forward to show some interest in pursuing higher coaching qualifications. We are pushing the female aspect to provide role models for our young players who may also aspire to coach nationally or internationally. Anyone interested please forward your name to the OWHHA office.

Don't forget to congratulate our Ontario girls that are 3-peat champs. We are, and we know that you are - very proud of them.

Congratulations and thanks to these very special players !

REFEREE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Referee committee met on a regular basis from August on during the entire hockey season with meetings scheduled the second Tuesday of every month. The committee deals with all areas of concern relative to referees and the officiating of games. The committee membership is comprised of Angela James, Ivan Locke, Melanie McFarlane, Rick Morpew, Doug Nicholls and Fran Rider.

The committee started off this season scheduling 8 clinics, more than we have ever had, but to meet the need early in the season. We also assisted associations early in the season to schedule referees for league games and tournaments, all due to the turmoil which existed within the OMHA. We have reviewed and updated our 5 year plan for the development and expansion of our referees program which includes both supervision and instruction, upgrading our officials and preparation to participate in both National and International events. We are proud to report that Laurie Taylor went to the Nationals, Deb Maybury and Marina Zenk both officiated the Asian Championships in Japan and Val Burrell officiated in the Nationals in Winnipeg.

During this season, the referees committee reviewed all concerns which have been expressed by members of the OWHA relative to officiating. We have also scheduled referees for the Senior AA Provincials, both Junior and Senior Provincials in Mississauga and at the request of the CAHA for international exhibition games.

Our officiating program has enjoyed significant growth this year more than doubling its membership with a current registration of about 200 referees which includes a number of new young girls who are joining the program. As mentioned above, our senior and more experienced referees are being recognized by the CAHA in receiving both National and International assignments.

COACHING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

The membership of this committee consists of Beth Duff, coach of Kingston Kodiaks, Chairperson, Doreen Howes, Regional Director; Sandra Hefford, Manager of Kingston Kodiaks, Secretary,; Cara Philliben, Ottawa Mini Blades; and Nancee Cruickshank, President of Cornwall Girls Hockey Association. The issues and concerns which were discussed at their meetings were: the need for more women to become involved in female hockey; the need for more female coaches; the need for all coaches, especially female coaches to acquire more qualifications; the initiation programme to be more widely used; and the need to develop a communication network among coaches (area to area; region to region). Recommendations made by this committee were: a) encourage retired female players to come back and coach; b) set up a "female only" seminar weekend (coach level, basic skating - adult mini-blades); c) try to get more females taking the Instructor's course so they would be able to conduct OWHA clinics; d) make a female coaching video; e) encourage associations to incorporate the Mini-Blades program with their Novice team. This sub-committee plans on meeting to work on the implementation of these recommendations in the upcoming weeks.

CERTIFICATION CLINICS

As with all facets of female hockey in Ontario the growth in the number of certification clinics hosted by OWHHA member associations also grew this past season. It is very encouraging to see the interest and demand from our members to host certification clinics. Administrators appear determined to provide the best for their players.

Many local associations are designating one person to look after the "development" of their coaches, trainers, referees and administrators. Responsibilities may include assisting their coaches, referees and trainers in seeking the required certification and liaising with the OWHHA to host certification clinics.

Please encourage your director of development to contact our office (fax or letter) to be added to the list of mailings for clinic information and development updates. If you require more detailed information on the HTCP (Trainers), NCCP (Coaching), NRCP (Referee), IP (Initiation) programs please do not hesitate to call.

Plans are under way for Initiation Program clinics to be held in the fall in the Newcastle, Gloucester, Scarborough and possibly Hamilton.

Thank you to the 1993-94 clinic hosts and we look forward to working with you again in 1994-95.

1993-94 CERTIFICATION CLINICS

HOCKEY TRAINERS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



Locations: Hockey Hall of Fame, Stoney Creek, Ottawa, Barrie, London, Willowdale, Mississauga

of Participants: Level I 142

NATIONAL COACHING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (NCCP)

Locations: Brampton, Barrie, Leaside, Ottawa (2), Peterborough, Mississauga

of Participants: Coach Level 107
Intermediate Level 38



NATIONAL REFEREES' CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (NRCP)

Locations: Willowdale, Mount Hope, Peterborough, Oshawa, Barrie, London, Cobourg, Ottawa, Brampton, Niagara Falls, Warkworth, Mississauga

of Participants: Junior (Level I & II) 168
Senior (Level III & IV) 18

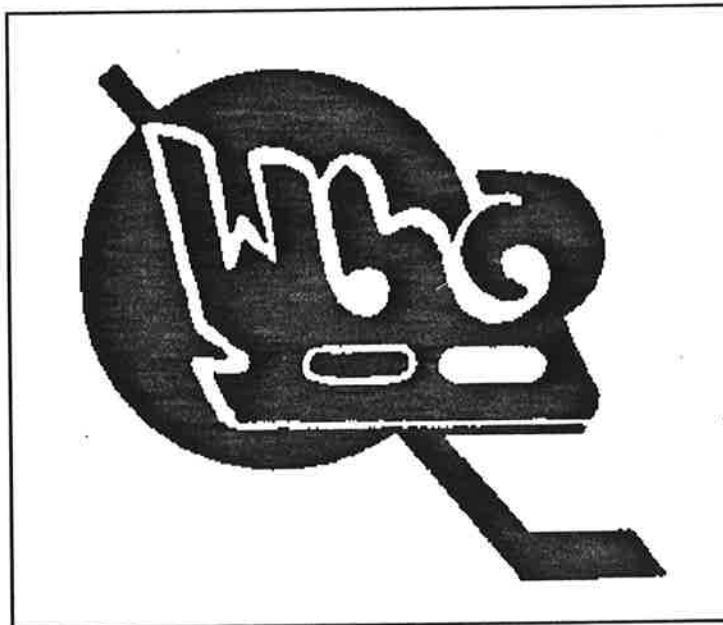


SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

Fifty-six tournaments were sanctioned during this past hockey season in another successful year. The process of applying for a sanctioned tournament was simplified to some degree this past season but we are still experiencing difficulties such as team lists not being submitted two weeks prior to the tournament date and tournament reports not being submitted seven days after the tournament.

As the number of tournaments continues to increase (33% this past season), it is crucial that the process be efficient and guidelines be adhered to. Consequently a sub-committee will review the present procedures this upcoming summer and have a refined tournament package ready by September 1st. Associations may contact Melanie McFarlane, Development Coordinator, for their tournament package or pick them up at the September meeting.

If you have any suggestions as to how to improve the tournament sanctioning process please put them in writing and send to Sue Rawson, Vice-President of Planning and Development. In closing, I would like to thank the tournament convenors for their support and hard work during the past season.



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<u>REGISTRATION</u>	- Jim McInnes
<u>SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS</u>	- Sue Rawson
<u>NEWSLETTER</u>	- Suzanne Essex
<u>OPERATIONS MANUAL</u>	- Suzanne Essex
<u>CAHA FEMALE COUNCIL</u>	- Carl Noble - Fran Rider (alternate)
<u>HDCO BOARD</u>	- Joan Dewdney - Doug Reddon (alternate)
<u>OHA DELEGATE TO OWHA</u>	- Don Yeck
<u>ODHA</u>	- Frank Champion-Demers
<u>HDCO TECHNICAL</u>	- Sue Rawson
<u>HDCO REFEREES</u>	- Ivan Locke - Angela James (alternate)
<u>OWHA REFEREE-IN-CHIEF</u>	- Ivan Locke
<u>OWHA DIRECTOR OF REFEREES</u>	- Ivan Locke
<u>OHF DEVELOPMENT</u>	- Sue Rawson
<u>OWHA DIRECTOR INITIATION</u>	- Patty McGarry

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