

**HOCKEY MANITOBA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

MAY 5-6, 2017



AGENDAS & REPORTS

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Radisson Downtown Hotel
Winnipeg, MB

Tentative Weekend Agenda

Friday May 5th

5:00 - 7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Executive Boardroom
7:00 - 7:15 PM	Assembly - Welcome, Introductions & Weekend Overview	Terrace West
7:15 - 8:00 PM	Assembly – Novice Half-ice Presentation	Terrace West
8:00 - 10:00 PM	Minor Council Meeting Development Council Meeting Female Council Meeting	Terrace West Ambassador C Ambassador B
10:00 PM - 12:00 AM	Hospitality	Ambassador H

Saturday May 6th

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Minor Council Meeting Development Council Meeting Female Council Meeting Senior/Adult Rec. Council	Terrace West Ambassador C Ambassador G Executive Board Room
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch Break - Provided for all delegates	Ambassador B
1:00 - 3:00 PM	Council Meetings cont'd	
3:00 - 4:15 PM	Assembly Session 1. Call to Order 2. Approval of Agenda 3. Moment of Silence & Special Recognitions 4. Approval of 2017 Semi Annual Minutes 5. President's Report 6. Financial Report /Budget Review 7. Executive Director's Report 8. Director of Development Report 9. Board of Directors' Reports 10. Council Representative Reports 11. Council Reports 12. Season Opener/Fall Council Meeting 13. Nominations/Elections 14. Other Business	Terrace West
4:15 - 5:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Terrace West

Minor Council Meeting

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Terrace West

1. Welcome – Introductions
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve minutes 2017 Semi Annual meeting
4. Joint council meetings Minor, Female, Development
5. On line Registration 2016-2017
 - discuss this past seasonOn line Registration 2017-2018
 - online forms
 - provincial registration
 - player registration
 - RIS for parents
6. Provincials- this season, brief discussion on:
 - proposed revisions/changes
 - ideas moving forward
 - Changes- Bantam Playoffs AA
7. Male Bantam AAA – 2016-2017 and 2017-2018
8. Development
 - Directors Cup
 - Rising Stars
 - Novice Program / IP Program
9. 2017 Extended season - 2017- Spring/Summer Hockey proposal
10. Fall meeting
 - proposed notices on motions for Semi annual
 - workshop ideas
 - combined council suggestions
 - thoughts on what you want to see on this weekend
 - registration training
11. Eastman Pilot project update/report
12. Interlake Pilot Project Proposal
13. Midget AAA League Update
14. High School Hockey update
15. Other priorities discussed:
 - Semi Annual workshop follow up
 - Hockey Canada Meeting
 - Social Media
15. Follow up discussion Fall 2015 AGM - The top priorities identified:
 - Recruitment and Retention
 - Non Contact leagues
 - Open boundaries
 - Promote the game
16. Adjourn

Female Council Meeting

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Ambassador B/Ambassador G

1. Opening Remarks, Introductions and confirmation of credentials
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Approval of previous Female Council Minutes – Semi Annual Meeting
 - Business arising
 - Outstanding items
4. Recap 2017 Esso Cup
5. Bantam AAA Showcase (Dates, format)
6. Provincials Review
7. World Girls Hockey Week End
 - Long Game Matrix
8. Global Game
9. Hockey Girls United Week End
10. Hockey Canada Meeting - Update
11. Senior Woman's
12. MWJHL
 - Overage allowance
13. Hockey Girls United Week End
14. Hockey Fights Cancer
15. Esso Fun Days
16. Hockey Development – Update (Dustin)
17. Sports School Agreement – Draft
18. Hockey Canada Agenda
19. Development Programs Review (Dustin)
 - 2018 Winter Games
20. Reports
 - MFMHL
 - MWJHL
 - WWHL
21. Other Business
22. Elections
23. Adjourn

Development Council Meeting

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Ambassador C

1. Adoption of agenda
2. Approval minutes Semi-annual meeting in January
3. Officiating program (Harvey B, Bernie R, Esther T)
 - Officials Development Committee
 - Procedures manual update
 - Certification - Recruitment/Retention
 - Mentorship - Supervision
4. Player Programs
 - Development programs
 - i. State of the Union (Bernie)
 - ii. Specific program updates:
 - a. Just Play
 - b. IP Face-off
 - c. Female Peewee Prospects
 - d. Rising Stars
 - e. Rising Stars Plus
 - f. Director's Cup Prospects
 - g. U16 Male POE
 - h. U16 Female POE
 - i. U18 Female POE
 - j. POE Skills camp
 - k. MB Games
 - Novice ½ Ice - (Branch Staff)
5. Coaching
 - NCMP Instructional stream overview (Tony)
 - i. Regional goals - discussion
 - Dustin - Certification / Clinics update
6. Adjourn

Senior Council Meeting

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Executive Board Room

1. Opening Remarks and Chair Report
2. League Reports
3. Senior A Provincials – Wayne/Ray. L
 - Financials
 - Future Proposals
 - Wild Card League
4. Senior B/C Provincials??
5. Senior AAA Report – Doug
 - Allan Cup Interbranch
 - Allan Cup – Bautouche, NB
 - 2018 Senior AAA Teams – Allan Cup in Rosetown
6. Suspension and Procedures
 - Hockey Canada Regulations
7. Other Business
8. Adjourn

President's Report

Thank you all for attending our Hockey Manitoba 2016-17 AGM. We'll deal with council meetings, assemblies, and the budgeting process for next season. Along with their regular day to day duties, our staff has again guided us through another very busy and exciting season. A huge thank you goes to our Hockey MB staff members, board members and hundreds of volunteers throughout this province who put in countless hours providing services to our membership. These groups unselfishly commit an enormous amount of time to making the "game" better for our membership.

We continue partnerships with Cargill, WHL, MJHL, Sport MB, CanadInns, Hockey Canada, Reebok/CCM, Scotiabank and others. These corporate sponsorships have provided us with over \$125,000. Partnerships provide exposure and benefits to our branch. Again this year our branch marketing has been headed up by Scott. Sponsorships were again secured for our year ending Adult Rec tournament – The Hockey Manitoba Cup. As well as multiple divisions of male and female rec hockey, we again had the winning teams from all the Senior Leagues come together to play for the Senior "A" Championship. Killarney won for the second year in a row. Some sponsors for this event are Canad Inns, Tavern United, Budweiser and Boston Pizza. These sponsors provide budget relief and new opportunities for our membership. Thank you to Scott and others from the office for their efforts leading up to and throughout this four day event. As well, thank you to Ray Brethour and Wayne Deschower for overseeing the Senior A Championships.

Respect in Sport for coaches continues to be accessed by Hockey MB members with the support of Sport MB. This program continues to be provided at no cost to our membership thanks to Sport MB. Most other provinces pay Hockey Canada to access this program. The Respect in Sport Parent program also seems to be working out well.

Hockey Canada is still working on its new governance model. The council/congress format was tried in November and will be tried again in May. We'll see where that goes. Our own Hockey MB governance is just completing its third full year. We, as well, are still making small changes so we can better serve our membership.

Our Hockey MB website continues to receive numerous compliments. The site is very attractive and user friendly. Hats off to the staff for the work they do with this valuable communication tool.

The World Women's Legacy Fund and the Development Fund are still available for regions to access funds to "grow the game at the grassroots level" for both male and female. Hockey Canada has a new Initiation Fund in place this year and Hockey MB has matched that amount. Also the Hockey Canada Foundation has made funds available. Four MHA's from our branch were successful in their applications to these Foundation funds. We encourage the regions to take the time and effort to promote the game and access some of these dollars.

Bob Caldwell was back to head up our Coach Mentorship program again this year. Thanks to Bob and Bernie for organizing over 30 of these very valuable, free coach instruction sessions. The Breakfast Clubs are staying around 30. We have a few schools running skills academies.

Our U-16 and U-18 teams both did our province proud again this year. Congratulations to the players and thank you to the coaching staff and management.

A number of Manitobans enjoyed success on various Hockey Canada National Teams with Men's, Women's and Sledge World Championships as well as the U-18 Female, U-22 Female, U-17 Male and U-18 Male. Congratulations to all Manitobans.

Congratulations to the Winnipeg Monarchs for winning the MB Bantam "AAA" Championship and representing MB well at the Westerns in Warman SK. The Pembina Valley Hawks "AAA" Female Midget team won the league this year. The Hawks are hosting the Hockey Canada Esso Cup in Morden coming up this week. Good luck ladies. The Winnipeg Wild "AAA" Midget Male team won the league this year and represented MB in Steinbach MB, where the Eastman Selects also competed in the Western Regional TELUS Cup tourney. Neither MB team advanced. Congratulations on a great season. The Southeast Prairie Thunder travelled to New Brunswick to compete in the Allan Cup. Peguis Jrs won the KJHL

Championship and competed in the Keystone Cup hosted by Arborg this year. Neither team received medals but competed well and thanks to the volunteers of the Arborg host committee for hosting this event. OCN and Portage are playing for the MJHL Championship with the winner heading to Penticton BC. There they'll play the Western Branches for the right to move on to the RBC Cup.

Harvey Nichol was our Director of Officiating this year. The officiating program continues to be improved. Thanks to all officials for helping out at clinics, evaluations and mentoring. Thank you to all on-ice officials as well. The game can't be played without you. Good job.

Thank you to all associations that hosted our Provincial Playoffs and Rising Stars Programs. We had around 25 provincial tournaments again this year. Female PeeWee Prospects tourney will be played in a couple of weekends in Portage. That'll be followed by the Director's Cup Prospect Tourney at the IcePlex the first weekend in May. Volunteer host committees and our staff do a fantastic job of making these events enjoyable and memorable. Thank You.

Along with the sponsorship of Scotiabank, we hosted another Female Festival again this year. Thanks to our office staff and board members that helped out to make these successful events possible.

Again this season we have some challenges to work on. 1) Cooperation of Minor hockey with high school and sport schools, both male and female 2) Respect for the game at all levels within our system 3) Need for more and affordable ice within the City of Winnipeg 4) HCR challenges 5) Coach deficiencies 6) Impact of Summer Hockey 7) Retention and attraction of participants and volunteers are only a few challenges we face. Challenges and change are always difficult but pulling together will end in positive results that will benefit our entire membership.

We've just completed our second season of Parent Respect in Sport and IP cross ice games. They've both been very successful. Great job to all for helping make these important programs work. We, as a board, and I personally look forward to our new look novice program that'll be presented this weekend. Thank you to Scott, Bernie and the rest of the development staff for putting this program together. Great job.

A special Thank You to Peter, Scott, Bernie, Esther, Kyle, Ashley, Dustin, Bonnie, Trevor and Devin for their commitment and dedication to our membership and the numerous programs we run. Far too often we lay unwarranted blame on our staff and take for granted the work they do for us. We must remember they are carrying out the tasks decided upon by the membership. Thank You Staff...GREAT JOB!!!

I also need to thank my board members for pitching in and completing your assigned tasks. You're a great group to work with. Tony, for being branch rep at U-18's in Regina. Chris, branch rep at Calgary for U-16 teams. Ray for looking after "AAA" MB Senior play downs and Senior "A" provincials with the help of Wayne Deschower. Doug Maughan for travelling with Southeast Prairie Thunder to New Brunswick as our branch rep. Rick Olson for heading up the Jr B group and hosting the Keystone Cup in Arborg. Kim Davis for Jr "A". Ken for travelling to Warman, SK for Western Bantams, Dan Dekezel travelling to Prince Albert SK for Esso Cup regionals. Dale and Chris for being branch reps at the TELUS Western Regionals in Steinbach. Thank you to Dale and Ray for looking after our scholarship awards. Bert for sitting on the Esso Cup Committee, which we all look forward to hosting in Morden. And to all helping to make the events work, travelling to meetings and provincials, sitting on appeals, take a lot of time and effort. Thank You Board.

We will be handing out our Hockey MB official, volunteer and scholarship awards in conjunction with the regions again this year. Congratulations to each of you. I also want to thank the numerous volunteers for their selfless commitment, dedication and support of Hockey MB and what it stands for. Volunteers make this organization. Thank you for your continued efforts. To those of you who will not be returning next year, I thank you for your efforts and wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Our Jets and Moose are finished. We have 5 Canadian teams in the Stanley Cup playoffs this year. I find myself cheering for our MB boys, no matter what team they play for.

Brenda and I were fortunate enough to be invited to the Hockey Canada meetings in Montreal in early Jan. We also were able to attend 4 games in the World Jr Championship. We won a silver medal with a tough overtime loss to the USA.

At our Hockey Canada meetings, we're working on the IP cross ice across Canada and the Canadian Development model is being worked on as well. A consultant, Eric Sorenson, has been hired to help the Hockey Canada Board of Directors move into the new governance model. The Board is gradually moving from being an Operational Board to the new Policy Board. Many changes will be coming. I sit on 2 Hockey Canada Committees; 1) Technology 2) Recruitment & Retention. Our Hockey MB board will be travelling in late May to St. John's, Nfld for the Hockey Canada AGM.

We have to say good-bye and good luck to our good friend, Dale Fossay. He'll be stepping down from his board position after our AGM. Dale has been a long time volunteer with McDonald Minor, Pembina Valley Minor and Hockey MB. I believe he told me 27 years. Dale, you'll be missed on our board. You're always looking after the best interests of the kids. You never had an agenda of your own. All the best, friend.

It has been my pleasure and honour serving as your President again this year. It's been very busy. We continue to work on programming and tweak our new governance model. We look forward to working with everyone in the new novice program. We want to hear from you, the volunteers, how we can improve our meetings, schedules or the way we're delivering our programs. There will always be things to work on and improve. I'd like to thank everyone for their patience and support as we work for the good of all in hockey in Manitoba.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Whitehead

Financial Report

The 2016 - 2017 hockey season is winding down and initial preparation has begun for the fiscal year end of May 31, 2016. In addition to the budget, we are currently working on the reconciliation process for all membership fees and will be preparing for the year-end process and annual audit over the coming months.

2016 - 2016 Projections & 2017 - 2018 Budget

We circulated the following information to all representatives on April 28, 2017:

- 2016 - 2017 Budget/Projections
- 2017 - 2018 Budget
- 2016 - 2017 and 2017 - 2018 Notes

All representatives were encouraged to review the information prior to the Annual Meeting and forward any questions or concerns to the Director, Business Operations or Executive Director. Recommendations, if any, should have been made through the respective Council Chair in advance of the weekend. The 2017 - 2018 budget will be reviewed during Saturday's Assembly session with final adoption by the Board of Directors. As indicated the budget information includes detailed notes on all revenues and expenses, explaining variances for items to assist in the understanding and clarification of our financial forecast, budget process and financial position.

We are happy to currently project a marginal surplus of \$5,000 in 2016 - 2017, with a \$5,000 contingency remaining in place. The 2017 - 2018 budget is balanced as per branch policy, with no proposed membership fee increases. The branch remains in a strong financial position, however we need to continue to review our long-term financial goals in order to meet growing programs, improved service and increased costs in all aspects of our operations.

Investments

Hockey Manitoba continues to hold a variety of GIC's with RBC Dominion Securities and Assiniboine Credit Union. The current book and market value of these investments are as follows:

	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
RBC Pledge Investment Account	\$132,885	\$135,025
Assiniboine Credit Union (GICs)	\$500,000	\$503,921
Assiniboine Credit Union High Interest Savings	\$100,000	\$100,000
<i>Total Investments</i>	<i>\$732,885</i>	<i>\$738,946</i>

Sponsorship

We continue to enjoy solid relationships with all sponsors, including our official partners Cargill Ltd., Pro Hockey Life, CCM Hockey and Canad Inns in addition to others such as the Manitoba Moose, Tavern United, Gatorade, Esdale Printing, Budweiser, Aaltos, Funding Change and the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame. We will be reviewing extensions to our agreements with Pro Hockey Life and Cargill Ltd. moving into next season, and have already begun the process in attracting new partners. Our sponsorship revenue continues to steadily increase, and now exceeds \$140,000 annually.

Legacy Funds

We will continue to review adjustments to our Legacy Funds over the summer and will update everyone accordingly. The objective will be to ensure funds are consistently being accessed or utilized pursuant to specific development, recruitment and retention projects. The board will review in detail at the June Planning meeting.

Bingo Support

We continue to support our various regions, leagues and representative teams in Manitoba with bingo funding. Thankfully this funding has remained consistent as it provides over \$40,000 in assistance annually. A list of bingos distributed this year is available upon request.

Manitoba Lotteries no longer requires volunteers to work bingo events, and although funding amounts remain the same in 2017 - 2018, there could be a change to this process, including a reduction in funding in future years.

Sport Manitoba - Integrated Funding Framework (IFF)

Sport Manitoba made changes to its PSO funding procedures in 2015 - 2016 into what is referenced as *Integrated Funding Framework*. The annual IFF submission was completed by our staff in May 2016, with its focus on long-term planning, sport inventory and strategic priorities as identified by the Board of Directors. This year's submission is due May 19, 2017.

Due to the recent announcement of budget cut backs in the Provincial Budget, Sport Manitoba has informed all PSOs that there could be a reduction of funding support beginning in 2017 - 2018. We have been in communication with Sport Manitoba, however at this time there is no information available as to the amount of reductions that may occur. In an effort to prepare for this, we have created a \$25,000 contingency fund within our 2017 - 2018 operating budget, which would cover up to 12.5% of our total Sport Manitoba funding.

Hockey Canada Funding

Although we remain in a comfortable financial position, it is important to identify the annual funding received from Hockey Canada and its impact on our operating budget. For example, in 2016 - 2017 we received \$146,500 which represents 5% of our total revenues. This funding is a combination of branch pillar support, interest revenues from the Hockey Canada Trust Fund, revenues distributed to branches from World Junior Championships and funding to support Initiation Program initiatives.

Grassroots Funding Program

In September 2017, Hockey Manitoba announced that it would match Hockey Canada's funding of Grassroots Programs. This was initiated this season through the free delivery of the Initiation Program Face-off Festivals, parent education and initialization of the IP Mentorship program.

Hockey Manitoba continues its commitment by allocating \$40,000 of Grassroots Program Funding in 2017 - 2018. The Board of Directors, along with senior staff, are reviewing how this support can have the biggest impact at the grassroots level. It is expected that continued support at the IP level, along with newly adopted support in the Novice program (to coincide with the new Half-ice program) will be an important piece of this funding.

As always, we would like to acknowledge the thousands of dedicated volunteers across Manitoba that contribute countless hours for the betterment of the game.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Fossay – Vice President
Scott Furman – Director, Business Operations

Executive Director's Report

The season began with Hockey Manitoba hosting the 4th annual "Season Opener" which attracted over 300 people including representation from over 60 minor hockey associations. The purpose of the event continues to provide increased education and training opportunities for our membership through a series of lectures, presentations and exposure to some of the top hockey minds in the country. The 2 day event coincided with our Fall Board meeting and consisted of presentations, discussion and information sharing. The lineup of impressive presenters included Mel Davidson (Hockey Canada), Corey McNabb (Hockey Canada), Linton Sellers (Consultant), Constable Orlando Buduhan (Winnipeg Police Social Media) Ian Heather (Hockey Manitoba), Bob Caldwell (Hockey Manitoba), and Ryan Galloway (NHL Official). This has been a very valuable program to motivate our membership at the front end of the season and provide essential direction and updates on our program changes. Plans are progressing for the 5th annual event that will be held the final week of September.

Hockey Manitoba hosted 3 regional events this past year which included the, TELUS Cup West Regional held in Steinbach. Manitoba was represented by the host Eastman Selects and the Winnipeg Wild who both enjoyed good seasons but were unable to make it to the regional final. In addition to the TELUS West Regional, the Southeast Prairie Thunder hosted the AAA Senior Manitoba/Saskatchewan Regional tournament in Winnipeg. The Thunder eliminated the Rosetown Redwings in three straight games and earned entry to the Allan Cup. Manitoba also played host to the Western Canadian Junior B Championship which was played in Arborg. The town of Arborg hosted a tremendous event with the local team narrowly losing out in the Bronze Final. Finally Morden was home to the ESSO Nationals featuring the Provincial Champions and host team the Pembina Valley Hawks. The Hawks enjoy an outstanding tournament making it all the way to the final day however lost out in a hard fought bronze medal contest. Congratulations to all 3 organizing committees, for not only showcasing their organizations and communities but for acting as generous hosts for our Western and National Partners.

The only regional event scheduled to be held in Manitoba in 2017 – 2018 will be the AAA Female Midget ESSO Cup Regional hosted by the Provincial Champion which will be declared in March.

In addition to the scheduled regional programs Hockey Manitoba continued the staging of events including the IP Face-off, Bantam Showcase, Scotiabank Female Girls HockeyFest and the Hockey Manitoba Cup Provincial Championships. The IP Face-off provided the opportunity for approximately 2500 IP players in 21 different locations the chance to participate in a daylong activity in a fun, enjoyable and friendly environment at the start the season. In addition to the on ice component Hockey Manitoba offered presentations as an introduction to parents that was received very favorably. Hockey Manitoba also held 2 showcase events for female and 1 for bantam aged male players that proved to be very successful; and the Hockey Manitoba Cup Provincials in mid April saw 85 teams participate in 11 different divisions. The feedback from participants, operators and evaluators of the program and players congratulated Hockey Manitoba for providing excellent development opportunities.

For the 5th consecutive year Hockey Manitoba hosted the male Senior A Provincials over one weekend. The event consisted of a league qualifying process that allowed the male senior leagues the opportunity to earn a berth into the Sr. A Provincials. This event continues to grow and remains a highlight for Senior A hockey in our Branch.

The branch is fortunate to have an experienced staff, a mature volunteer base and strong community support in order to be able to host events and programs of this magnitude in an effort to enhance the quality of life in Manitoba. Hockey Manitoba continues to provide a healthy environment surrounded by peers and colleagues who are enthusiastic, conscientious and constantly striving to provide a positive and enjoyable experience for our members. Our sport does not remain without its challenges, which can be partially attributed in part to our enthusiastic and passionate base of associates.

Hockey Manitoba continues to be the trailblazers for the coaching mentorship program, as well as continuation of an online "Respect in Sport". We are extremely fortunate to have Bob Caldwell working alongside and leading our staff in providing direction in the delivery of an outstanding mentorship program.

This past season we maintained the registration for officials using the HCR online system. The experience gained from piloting the program 8 seasons ago has augured well for the continuation of the same format and it is encouraging to see our Branch take a leadership role in the advancement of the administrative management of the game. The 2016 - 2017 season also saw the continuation of online training for Safety and Coaching both of which were provided at a low cost as a valued added approach to the education and training of our members. This is not the case in most of the other branches throughout Canada whereby the online program is used as a revenue source to augment branch budgets.

Not only have we enjoyed a varied and successful provincial program but Manitoba trained athletes have represented their home province on the national and the international stage. Congratulations to all Manitoba athletes who were selected to represent Canada over the past season.

Registration

Hockey Manitoba has just completed the 9th year of our online player and coach registration plan whereby we were able to enlist almost the entire membership base to assist with the management of the registration program. Our records indicate that we were able to activate almost full support from our membership by enlisting over 97 % of minor hockey associations with only a limited number of remote locations being unable to participate. Hockey Manitoba still experiences limited registration challenges in some of our remote communities due to internet band width and availability and are exploring alternatives that will not directly impact the integrity of our program. This fall Hockey Manitoba is looking forward to begin working closely with the Norman Region to activate some new membership programs for interested members who are isolated and live in remote locations.

On an encouraging note, Hockey Manitoba continues to be placed in the upper portion of branches in the country for the early registration of players of the overall membership entries. We have witnessed a consistent improvement over the past several seasons which is extremely encouraging since Hockey Manitoba not too long ago had been listed in the bottom half of all branches in Canada. Congratulations to all regions and associations in contributing to this impressive improvement and to Ashley, Esther and the respective Zone Registrars for managing this aspect of our program.

Hockey Manitoba will continue to progress with the advancement and implementation of HCR training and understands and recognizes that we must continue to train new volunteers on an annual basis. With the introduction of Parent Respect in Sport and full implementation of online player registration the HCR continues to act as a player registration management tool and is an excellent resource for minor hockey associations. The online format has worked well in other parts of the country and provides a significant advantage for associations, regions and the branch to get a head start on membership data.

Hockey Manitoba successfully introduced the Respect in Sport Parent program branch wide 2 years ago year with nearly a 95% compliance and is now a mandatory requirement for all branch members. It is important that all organizations embrace the online parent registration to assist the implementation of this program to ensure our members' safety remains at the forefront. Hockey Manitoba will be offering a Respect in Sport for players this season at no cost to membership.

We will continue to review and refine other online concepts, which have included player transfers and overage approvals. This was one of our major goals that we introduced 3 seasons ago and after some initial communication and growing pains has progressed favorably.

An initial snapshot indicates that registration numbers for the 2016 - 2017 season will marginally decline but it is important to remain conscious on promoting the benefits of the game in order to attract and maintain membership stability. Geographical location, demographics and the rising cost of the game and negative internal and external publicity are certainly barriers that place limitations on expanding our membership base. The game of hockey has some challenges and a concerted effort from all stakeholders must be embraced if the game is to advance. The addition of Canlan 3 seasons back as a member of Hockey Canada has certainly assisted in the growth of our program however it has also created some additional challenges with data compilation.

Coaching deficiencies for delinquent coaches continues to be a concern and challenge for our volunteer registrars who have been tasked with managing membership entries. The removal of coaches from the roster if they have not achieved their appropriate certification only to be later added is time consuming and taxing for all registrars. Our office has done an exceptional job in managing this aspect of our program but with the introduction of Safety and the Respect in Sport online certification courses in the past few years we continue to adjust.

Despite the office, zone registrars and minor hockey associations spending a tremendous amount of time in trying to ensure that all coaches are accurately tracked the policy cannot be policed unless all associations and regions are willing to support the concept of coaching certification. The adoption of having associations pay a supplementary fee if the coaches in their respective associations failed to meet the certification deadline continues to demonstrate a measured result that the policy is effective. Fewer associations each year take advantage of this policy but rather direct their coaches to be fully certified. Although some associations registered their concerns the option to remove a coach prior to the December 1st deadline remains in effect and if a program is managed properly no supplementary charges need to be paid. We still have a number of coaches taking courses but fail to be placed on a team roster. This continues to be a significant challenge and further education needs to be a continual focus. We need to introduce a method that creates greater education and awareness for all members applicable to the value of being properly and timely certified. In addition some associations have failed to add coaches to their respective team rosters thereby exposing teams and coaches to participating as a non-member. This creates some insurance challenges and exposure for members who may believe they are registered. Hockey Manitoba will continue to exercise random audits to a select number of minor hockey association to ensure there is registration compliance in respect to this issue.

Hockey Manitoba believes that coaching education and compliance are both valuable and important and we are hopeful that we will continue to see improvement in this area of our program.

One of the six priorities of Hockey Canada, and supported by Hockey Manitoba, is the recruitment and retention of members and we will continue to identify ways and means to address this issue. This is the collective responsibility of our entire membership and the sharing of best practices of programs that have demonstrated growth is one method that should be happily shared. Hockey Manitoba and Hockey Canada have both identified recruitment and retention as one of our major goals for the 2017 - 2018 season.

It will be the collective responsibility of the Councils, staff and Board to identify a forward path as a priority for recruitment and retention. We need to be realistic and understand that there is competition for recreational opportunities and that hockey needs to strive to remain a leader in membership recruitment.

Respect in Sport

The program is the online version of Speak Out and has been endorsed by both Hockey Canada and the Red Cross. Hockey Canada allowed us to use this program initially as a pilot project 11 years ago in order to measure the effectiveness of the program. Sport Manitoba has made this program mandatory for all sports and is covering the cost therefore it is a good opportunity to utilize it. Hockey Manitoba has not offered any stand-alone Speak Out courses for 10 years and only offers the Respect in Sport Online version. The Speak Out course is no longer available as an integrated course either.

Sport Manitoba has advised us that all members that the Respect in Sport Courses are only valid for 5 years after which members are required to re-certify. Therefore beginning this year any member that certified in the 2012 – 2013 season or earlier would now be required to recertify this fall.

Hockey has nearly 60% of all registered coaches amongst all sports in the Province, however the bulk of our delinquencies are coaches that have failed to complete the Respect in Sport course, Safety or Parents Respect in Sport courses. The assumption is because it can be accessed online at any time coaches procrastinate and delay in achieving this certification.

Hockey Manitoba provided the Respect in Sport online program to parents starting in 2015 – 2016 and it was a requirement for 1 parent per family to complete the program prior to the start of the season and proved to be extremely positive. The program is currently offered in a number of associations throughout the country the most notable being Calgary with the results being very good with the goal being to expand the educational opportunity for parents.

Sport Manitoba

Hockey Manitoba has been in the current location at 145 Pacific Ave. in the new Sport for Life Building just over 7 years. The Sport for Life Center houses the administrative offices of all of the 70 plus PSO's in addition to the Sports Hall of Fame, Gym and Fitness center.

Hockey Manitoba received a grant from Sport Manitoba for the 2016 - 2017 year which has remained relatively consistent with previous seasons. The amount of funding is comprised of a base grant in the amount of \$100,000.00, with additional funds distributed through the evaluation of each PSO's "Sport Development Funding" submissions. Hockey Manitoba once again scored very high on the funding scorecard from Sport Manitoba. The next closest organization was nearly 100 points behind us. Sport Manitoba rated Hockey Manitoba as the top ranked program amongst the nearly 70 provincially funded programs once again so we should be extremely proud of our rating.

Unfortunately the Provincial Budget has advised Sport Manitoba that their provincial grant will be reduced this season, however we have not yet been informed of the direct impact that it will have on our 2017 – 2018 budget but we are anticipating a reduction on the funds we receive from Sport Manitoba.

Construction regarding the expansion of the Sport for Life Centre is almost complete and will be operational by early June. The addition is very impressive and will certainly contribute to the growth of the sporting community.

Executive Director's Notes

The Western Branch Presidents met in Edmonton the first week of February to review mutual program concerns as well as meeting with the WHL. The Western Branches met to identify and review our respective programs and remain collectively committed to program growth.

Although Hockey Manitoba and Hockey Canada continue to offer some of the best programs in the world we need to continue to grow our marketing and promotion strategy. The adoption of a new Hockey Manitoba logo 6 years ago has clearly assisted in the marketing and branding of our program. Although we have not yet maximized our branding opportunities I am confident this area has additional potential. The purchase of our new display unit 3 seasons ago certainly improved our profile and is utilized at all significant Hockey Manitoba programs and events and has assisted in elevating our visibility and branding awareness.

Competition for members and the reduction of program costs must be the cornerstone of our focus, and are important concerns that cannot be ignored if the sport is to grow. Hockey is the sport of choice for nearly 35,000 Manitobans and we need to maximize our resources, in order to not only maintain this figure but to attract new members at all levels of the system. With the exclusion of soccer the remaining 69 PSO's in Manitoba combined do not achieve the same level of membership as those that are playing hockey so it is obvious the high level of importance of the game to Manitobans is important.

One of Hockey Canada's priority goals is the retention and recruitment of members. Hockey Canada introduced a membership card 5 years ago which is an added benefit for all members of our association with the average activation rate of around 30% nationwide. Hockey Manitoba's activation rate exceeded this figure of 30% however Hockey Canada identified an activation target of 65% which was significantly higher than any branch achieved. Hockey Canada continues to review this program in order to meet the needs of our members through a strategic delivery plan. The result of this program do not warrant its continuation.

Hockey Manitoba shares a similar vision and has invested in program services for our members over the past several years with a focus on recruitment and retention. The continuation of the Female Festival and the Adult Rec. Provincials, the expansion of the IP Face-off, are 3 such programs aimed at recruitment and retention of members. With the reassignment of some staff responsibilities and additional hiring we continue to address this issue of advancing the membership experience.

Hockey Manitoba continues to demonstrate a strong growth in regards to sponsorship recruitment but feel that there are additional opportunities available to complement our success. There are extensive options available to youngsters and hockey needs to project a positive image to advance and attract new members on an annual basis. Hockey is an expensive sport, therefore any budget relief that we can provide to membership to offset annual dues should be one of our desired goals and outcomes. Our sport will always be unfortunately highlighted in the news for some of the wrong reasons but that should not discourage us from continuing to provide a positive and structured program for our members. It is unfortunate that the media appears to gravitate towards negative reporting but it is our responsibility to ensure they are aware of the significant positive and rewarding opportunities that are available through participation in the game.

The Female Festival held at MTS Iceplex in conjunction with Scotiabank continues to be one of the most positive programs that the branch has engaged in and we need to identify similar programs to enhance membership growth. Similar accolades have been received from members who participated in the 8th annual Adult Rec. Provincial Championships, the revamped Director's Cup and Rising Stars, IP Face-off as well as the Bantam Showcases. Hockey Manitoba is exploring all programming activities and will look to offer them on a more consistent basis throughout the Branch in order to be hosted in all regions.

The Dodge Caravan program attracted over 100 teams throughout the Branch which is consistent with last season with each participating team receiving \$500 for displaying a company decal on the backs of their team jerseys. This program will be offered again in 2017 - 2018 with the registration information available in the early part of June.

Challenges for 2017 - 2018

Unfortunately our resources will continue to be challenged due to program expansion and the increased costs of operation but I believe Hockey Manitoba continues to offer an outstanding opportunity and one of the most affordable member programs in Canada.

The safety of all members of our program remains at the forefront. The education and early detection of concussions is certainly a priority and continued association in providing educational information to assist members with this very serious issue is paramount. Hockey Manitoba will continue to promote this program for the best interests of our membership.

Regional issues and a global perspective continue to have a direct impact on partnership programs as an ongoing challenge for Hockey Manitoba. Support must be embraced by organizations, associations and regions to address similar concerns for the benefit of the overall good of the program. Constant communication and cooperation for the benefit of the game must be maximized if the game is to receive the by-products of a concerted effort by staff and volunteers. Changing demographics must be taken into consideration in digesting the participation and formation of teams to help service the views and philosophy of our membership. It is vital that each stakeholder thinks beyond their localized area in order to receive the greatest return.

Respect at all levels needs to remain a strong focus for our entire membership. It seems to be an eroding concept not only in our sport but throughout society and as an organization we need to address this aspect of the game. Too often respect is given lip service and has a tumble down effect on the overall operation of the game and we need to elevate our standards.

Both Hockey Manitoba and Hockey Canada have adopted new Governance structures over the past 3 years in order to maximize the productivity of each of our respective programs. Volunteers are an integral component of our program

and their contribution and voice in the decision making model will remain important. The change in structure will continue to recognize volunteer contribution and the adoption of a more development focus model will have tremendous long term benefits for the management of the sport. I believe we have made significant progress in addressing this issue under the new model.

Finally, Canada is no longer the owners of the game of hockey and we can't simply show up and they award us the gold medal. The most important person in our program is the coach and we need to provide them with the tools and resources in order to ensure the players are stimulated and are having fun. The changes that will be introduced for novice players to participate on a reduced half ice playing surface is a significant step and will clearly assist players development but in order to achieve success a consistent message of the advantages must be delivered to ensure branch compliance.

Summary

I would like to thank the President, Board of Directors, Zone Registrars, Sponsors and office staff for their strong support and help that they have provided to the Branch operation over the past year. It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to work with everyone to meet the daily challenges for the benefit of our great game. In addition I would like to thank all the volunteers who will not be returning next season. The Branch acknowledges your support, effort and unselfish commitment and your contribution to the game is appreciated. The game is clearly better from your involvement.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter Woods

Past President's Report

This past Hockey Season I was involved in numerous Appeal and Discipline Hearings. I also Chaired the Nominating Committee for the upcoming season.

I had the opportunity to represent Hockey Manitoba at three Minor Provincials. Not only is this event a fantastic experience for our minor membership but a great opportunity for the hosts to make a dollar towards their years operation. Host communities go all out in welcoming the visiting teams and their fans.

To those representatives not returning to their various positions, thank you for your efforts in promoting Hockey Manitoba. I would also like to wish Dale Fossay the very best as he steps away from Hockey Manitoba's Board of Directors. A big thank you to Dale for his many years of dedicated service. Good luck Dale! To my fellow Board members- it has been a pleasure working with you.

In closing, thank you to Peter and the entire staff at Hockey Manitoba for their continued dedicated efforts.

I hope the off season allows everyone to re-charge their Hockey batteries and come back ready to enjoy the 2017-18 hockey season.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Franklin

Chair of Hockey Development Report

Hello everyone - hoping this report finds you well.

POE coaching staffs have been set:

Female:

- U16 - Kelsey McGonigal, Todd Cook, Troy Gould
- U18 - Ashley Van Aggelen, Chris McColm, Eugene Kaminsky

Male U16:

- 2017 - Dan Eliasson, Rob Bell, Tyler Riel
- 2018-19 Winter Games - Garth Mitchell, Dan Eliasson, Brad Purdie

Newly formed Officials Development Committee:

Brendin Burnell, Ashley Desjardin, Dale Hawthorn, Karlin Krieger

This group met on Feb 25 for the first time - some goals, action items, and initiatives were put into motion....

- Policies and procedures manual
- Clinic updates
- Coach/mentorship plans
- Short term tasks - supervisions - assignments

Novice Hockey Support document has been developed and distributed. It has been welcomed by everyone with open arms! (insert smiley face here)

By the time we meet - some of our development programs will be wrapping up and we hope to spend some time assessing and planning future improvements for our Rising Stars and Prospects programs.

Hockey Development has always serviced our skating players & coaches (at least those interested in participating) with excellent support. We have created some positive changes in our officiating program as well. I feel the next priority for HDC is goaltending (branch wide programming for both players and coaches). We hope to spend some time this weekend and create an action plan in this area.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Franklin

Director of Hockey Development Report

The 2016-2017 hockey season was another year of growth for the development side of the branch.

With Chair of Development Tony Franklin in his third year we worked on many projects. Mentorship is a key component and Bob Caldwell continues to develop innovative ways to support our coaches.

We are coming out of one of the most successful years in the coaching certification program as we reached the December 1st certification deadline just over 100 deficiencies between Coach 1, Coach 2, Dev 1 and Checking. The separate Coach 1 and Coach 2 clinics were very positively reviewed across the province and will continue into the 2017-18 season. We will be hosting a High Performance 1 Seminar this upcoming July in Winnipeg where we will have over 35 coaches begin their High Performance training. The biggest challenge the coaching program will face is the new regulation for re-certification in Respect in Sport every 5 years along with the decertification of the Speak Out program.

Our U18 Female POE continues to run smoothly with our coaching staff being led by head coach Ashley van Aggelen and Dustin continuing his role as Director of Operations. After a very competitive Top-68 Spring Camp we are looking forward to the U18/U16 Female Top-40 Camp in Portage next weekend. We were very excited going into the Top-100 Spring Camp for our new Female U16 Program and the level of talent on display that weekend definitely did not disappoint. The coaching staff led by John Ferg continues to prepare for the upcoming Top-40 Camp and we are very encouraged as this program continues to develop in its first year.

With the creation of the Female U16 program were able to add the new Female Peewee Prospects program which provided 2004 and 2005 born female with the opportunity to participate in a Hockey Manitoba Development Program. The program had its ups and downs in its first season with interest level being very high in some regions, while others struggled to fill rosters. The tournament in Portage continues to be a great success with many positive comments; however the programming leading into the tournament needs to be reviewed to determine the best course of action going forward.

The Male U16 POE Spring Camp/WHL Skills Combine concluded in early April and continues to be one of the premier POE programs in Western Canada. Over 100 players took part in inter-squad games and skills testing at the MTS Iceplex and we continue to see the improved development from Directors Cup contributing to elevated competition and skill at U16. We received a tremendous amount of assistance from bench coaches across the Bantam AAA, Midget AAA and MJHL. These bench coaches are always a great asset to a successful program. The coaching staff, led by Dan Eliasson, have now selected the Top-40 athletes who are participating in the U16 Top-40 Camp this weekend in Winnipeg.

The Director's Cup Prospects program continues to operate once again with several slight enhancements along the way to provide more coach and player development. An emphasis on teaching concepts and skill development remains the priority; we continue to run Specialty Skills sessions lead by special guest coaches from our High Performance and Mentorship programs. We hope to continue to work along these guidelines with Bantam AAA & Midget AAA clubs/leagues so that the development stream is on-going for our players.

With the Novice Half Ice Motion passing at Semi-Annual in January our Development staff went to work on developing the Novice Half Ice model for Manitoba. The model, which was released in early April, provides players with a game format that allows for increased time on ice, more puck touches, increased skill development and ultimately more fun. Hockey Manitoba piloted this format in two on-ice sessions at the end of March with both Novice house league and 8A1 teams from Winnipeg. Survey results from the sessions saw that the model was received quite well by parents and kids alike. The office, along with key development people across the province, will continue to work to educate parents, coaches and MHA's as we move into the 2017-18 season.

In the second year of the rebranded Rising Stars program we welcomed in the addition of the Rising Stars Plus Spring programming. Over 350 players from rural Manitoba participated in monthly skills sessions within their regions throughout October - January concluding with the Rising Stars tournaments in Shoal Lake, Miami and Brandon. The tournaments were scouted by a Hockey Manitoba scouting staff and players were then selected to participate in the

Rising Stars Plus programming this spring along with over 60 players from Winnipeg. After a successful 6 weeks of regional skills sessions and position specific skills we now have 16 teams participating in the first Rising Stars Plus Tournament this weekend in Winnipeg. This program continues to grow and we look forward to fine tuning what has the makings of a very beneficial program.

This program will continue to be discussed this weekend regarding next year, with a number of options to talk about.

Our clinic season ran smoothly with 1625 officials registering this past season. The new Level III clinic platform was very well received with 535 Level III officials certifying and 171 officials participating in the Level III Seminar. The Level III Seminar was introduced to ensure consistency in the higher hockey leagues throughout the province.

Hockey Manitoba has created the Officials Committee and we are excited to have Brenden Burnell, Karlin Krieger, Ashley Desjardin and Dale Hawthorn join in under the direction of Chair – Harvey Nichol. Under this new committee, members will no longer have specific titles or roles as in the past, but will work together on all aspects of the program utilizing individual expertise, knowledge and strengths. The first initiative of this group was to develop the Novice High-ice Officiating Procedures which was circulated with the High-ice Guidelines earlier this spring.

Harvey Nichol has undertaken to review and begin to redevelop the Hockey Manitoba Officials Development Guide. This document, once completed, will be used in all aspects of the Officiating Program. It is anticipated that this document will be completed for the beginning of the next season.

Hockey Manitoba hosted three tournaments this season: TELUS Regionals West (Steinbach), Western Canada Jr. B (Arborg) and the Esso Nationals (Morden). Over the course of the past season supervisions were completed to ensure the best officials attended these tournaments. Unfortunately due to the lack of qualified and experienced female officials for the Esso tournament, 6 referees and 1 linesperson were required to come from out of province, identifying the need for Manitoba to continue to develop female officials.

New initiatives for the 2017 – 2018 season will see the introduction of a Level IV –V Advancement Seminar (September 8 – 10 Wpg) and the Female Bantam Showcase – Officials Development that will be run similarly to the Male Bantam Showcase that was successfully introduced last season.

Finally I would once again like to thank Esther, Kyle, Dustin, Trevor, Devin and Ashley for their work in the office and for making my job so much easier (and Peter, Bonnie and Scott for their support as well). I would also like to thank Tony Franklin for his leadership and support. The key to our programs is the people working to develop and run them. We look forward to working with regional people to move our programs forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Reichardt

(with contributions from Kyle Prystupa, Esther Thiessen, Devin Himpe and Dustin Stewart)

Chair of Senior/Adult Rec Report

Senior A Provincials

The Killarney Shamrocks repeated as HM Senior "A" Champions as they defeated Norway House North Stars in the Gold Medal game at the MTS Iceplex. Other teams competing in the provincials were: the Miniota-Elkhorn C-Hawks, Carberry Plainsmen, St. Anne Aces and the Notre Dame Hawks. I want to thank Wayne Deschouwer as well as Ray and Bertha Laing for the seamless operation at the Iceplex and PCU in Portage.

Senior AAA

The Southeast Prairie Thunder defeated Rosetown and advanced to the Allan Cup in Bauctouche, NB. Senior Director Doug Maughan accompanied the Thunder in their quest for a 3rd Allan Cup and his report is included in this booklet. Thank you to Doug for making the trip east. Once again there was issues with registration and import status at the Allan Cup, thankfully, not with the Thunder. I have been tasked to Chair a working group to modify and clarify several regulations regarding imports and other registration concerns that have arisen. The group has members from Alberta, Northern Ontario and Newfoundland/Labrador and will present our proposals at the HC meeting in May.

Adult Rec

The Hockey Manitoba Cup was once again a resounding success. Many thanks to our office staff who spend countless hours before and during the weekend tournament. This is the Shining Star in our Branch as far as Canlan Adult Rec is concerned. Hopefully HC will finally make a decision on the future face of Adult Rec.

Senior B

This past year there was a glimmer of interest in the possible revival of some form of senior provincial competition. I will be tasking the Directors to make some serious inquiries to gauge interest, if any.

Suspensions

The number of suspensions continued a downward spiral as in past years. This can be attributed to the vigilance of the League Presidents/Commissioners.

North West Hockey League

The NWHL has completed its inaugural season and although there were the usual issues for a new League starting the Executive has maintained a steady influence on the teams and are ready to move forward to next season.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Brethour

Chair of Junior Hockey Report

The OCN Blizzard and Portage Terriers qualified as the finalists for the league's Jr. A Championship, the Turnbull Trophy, which was captured by Portage last season. OCN finished third and Portage finished fifth in league play respectively this past season. The league finals began on April 8 and game six was scheduled for April 19. The Portage Terriers won the final in six games.

The Western Canada Cup 2017 event was the fifth installment of this western regional tournament and the BCHL will be the host league. The Penticton Veeps were the host team.

The RBC Cup will be hosted by the OJHL and the host team is the Cobourg Cougars. The event begins on May 13 with the championship final on Sunday, May 21, 2017.

The MJHL continues to use the four-man officiating system and implemented the four man crew in 198 regular season games (60% of league games). During the playoff season the MJHL uses the four man system for all playoff games. This policy has been in place for seven years and is very successful in the playoffs and the regular season.

The MJHL enjoyed another successful year using Hockey TV as its web-streaming and pay per view supplier. The results have been very good this season with two teams converting to HD quality broadcast and revenues were up once again. At least four additional teams will be converting to HD quality broadcasts in time for next season.

League attendance overall increased from the previous year by 3.4% with an excellent playoff season fueling the increase.

The league AGM weekend will be held this year on June 2 - 4 in Winnipeg, MB. The weekend will include the AGM along with a regular Board of Governors meeting, the league scheduling meeting and the MJHL Draft of 15 year old players.

The MJHL is launching its first ever Prospect Development Camp in July 2017 focusing on players born in 2000 and 2001. It will be a camp that helps players transition from minor hockey to Junior hockey emphasizing the increased commitment to mental preparedness, nutrition, fitness and strength training, as well as skill development.

The Raiders and the Stonewall Jets competed for the MMJHL championship in a best of seven series with the Raiders prevailing.

The Keystone Junior B League finalists were the Peguis Junior B's and the Arborg Ice Dawgs. The Peguis Juniors won the league final in six games. Arborg is the host club for the western Junior B championship that began on April 13 in Arborg, MB. The Wainwright Bisons from Alberta were the champions over the BC rep in the final.

Registration for the Hockey Canada Spring Congress has been completed and I look forward to the meetings in St. John's this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Davis

Chair of Minor Hockey – Rural Report

The 2016-2017 season is closing and it looks like the season went well, the regions continuing to do an excellent job.

This spring we held our Provincial Championships throughout the province, congratulations to all the hosts, community volunteers and everyone who worked to ensure their success. Thank you to all the people who stepped up as Branch reps at these championships. And congratulations to all teams who participated, did well, and had fun participating. Our thanks to Esther, Scott and the Hockey Manitoba staff for their work in coordinating the championships and the day to day work on our Provincials.

I attended the Western Canada Bantam Championships in Saskatchewan with the Winnipeg Monarchs. They represented the Branch very well, congratulations to the entire coaching staff and the players. The event was well organized and we saw some good hockey.

The Hockey Canada AGM is on May 26/27, if you have any suggested agenda items for the Minor Council meeting, please let Chris or myself know.

At the Semi Annual Meeting, we passed several motions. As a reminder, please ensure you update your Regional Associations on the changes.

This season, as in the past, I participated in several registration and discipline hearings.

Your board holds its annual June planning meeting to prepare for the 2017-2018 season. If you have any suggestions on agenda items please let myself or Chris know.

The Fall Board meeting will also need agenda suggestions, possible Notices of Motion, workshops you would like to see us hold, and any other items you would like discussed. Please let us know so that we can prepare the agenda with topics you feel need to be discussed.

Hope everyone has a great summer and you are all looking forward to the fall.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Gladden

Chair of Minor Hockey – Winnipeg

With another hockey season past us, now is the time to start planning for next year and how we can improve the game. With the implementation of half ice play at Novice, there are exciting times ahead for us.

The second half of the season and playoffs seemed to go well. I attended the Female Bantam Provincial series between the Winnipeg Titans and Eastman on behalf of Hockey Manitoba. There were 2 close games with Eastman winning the series.

I also attended the TELUS Cup Regional Tournament as the branch representative. The host committee from Eastman did a fantastic job and I received many compliments over the weekend for them. Unfortunately our Manitoba teams (Eastman Selects and Winnipeg Wild) did not do so well and after a very competitive game, the Regina Pats emerged as the winner over Thunder Bay. Regina will represent the West region at the TELUS Cup.

In working with the staff of Hockey Manitoba, we were able to structure a format in which Hockey Winnipeg could participate in the CCM Rising Stars program as well as improve upon our process for the Directors Cup.

I would like to recognize the work that Scott Furman, Bernie Reichardt and their team have done to prepare for the changes to the Novice program. They have put together a well thought package and spent many hours seeking the input from others as well as testing it. A job well done!

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Hall

Chair of Female Hockey Report

The Esso Cup Nationals were hosted in Morden last week. The on-ice competition was outstanding, team Pacific defeated team Quebec in the final in front of a sold-out crowd. As a member of the host committee, the week went off without a hitch. Hockey Canada support staff were fantastic, along with over 240 local volunteers.

Hockey Manitoba participated in World Girls Hockey Day, we had teams in each age category take part in the Long Game. There were a number of additional events that took place such as Jamborees, Bring a Friend and Esso Fun days. We also provided an opportunity for two Manitoba girls to travel to Toronto and participate in the Global Game.

Hockey Manitoba hosted Girls Hockey United weekend, which included the Bantam AAA Showcase, MWJHL All star game, Scotia Bank Hockey Fest and a number of exhibition games at all levels. I would like to acknowledge the office staff for their organizational skills and time committed to this weekend. I attended the entire weekend and the highlight for me was seeing all the smiles on the ice of the young girls with Cassie Campbell our past Olympian.

At the end of November, I attended the Hockey Canada Fall Congress meeting in Montreal, as usual Female Council had a full agenda. I will be attending the upcoming Spring Congress in St. Johns, we have had several conference calls in preparation for the meeting.

I participated in a number of appeal hearings since over the season, all have had their challenges.

As in past years, I attended a number of provincial tournaments, congratulations to the organizing committees and volunteers who run these events. The hard work and dedication is outstanding and most if not all run without any issues. By all accounts the sale and distribution of HMB apparel went very well, thank you to the office staff for their efforts. Lastly, thank you to Esther, Scott, Ken and Ashley who where a great help to myself and the host committees leading up to and during the provincial weekends.

Lastly, I would like thank all our council members for their hard work and dedication over the past season, this will be my last meeting as Female Chair, however I am always available to provide support to whomever takes on this role.

Enjoy the summer and I hope to see all of you back this coming fall.

Respectfully submitted,
Bert Dow

Central Plains – Minor Council Report

I would like to recognize Rod Sveistrup as the Hockey Manitoba recipient for Central Plains Region Volunteer of the Year for 2016. Rod was instrumental in re-establishing a Development Committee with the aim of providing leadership and mentorship to associations, coaches and players within our region and for that we “Thank You”.

2016-17 - “the year of change” - was another interesting and challenging season although I believe from an organization perspective it was much more focussed and successful. We believe CP has made significant progress with our minor hockey programs and we are very pleased with the how our overall organization was managed as well as the outcomes provided.

The Associations within this region continue to do really great work with the players, coaches, board members and volunteers to develop the game of hockey for the children in their communities.

I would like to “Welcome” Mike Neill to the Central Plains Board of Directors as the new Director of Development and I would like to “Thank You” outgoing Director Marc Nichol for his contributions over the past 2 seasons.

During the 2016-17 season, our region hosted numerous Hockey Manitoba events including the IP Face-off program in MacGregor in the fall of 2016, as well as a number of coach specialty clinics in several community arenas within our region.

Currently we have players from our region participating in the following Hockey Manitoba Regional programs:

- Rising Stars Plus program
- PeeWee Female Prospects
- Bantam Directors Cup
- U16 Male and Female Programs of Excellence (POE)
- U18 Female Programs of Excellence (POE)

Yet, with all the progress we have achieved, I believe that we are truly just starting a whole new revitalization of minor hockey within our region. The IP small rink initiative was successfully implemented and now with that same developmental mindset we see changes being made to the Novice program that is sure to see individual player development increase.

We have a great core of people that are working hard in their communities to see our goals achieved. “Thank You” to all the volunteers that contribute to making hockey a successful and enjoyable sport for the children in our communities.

Respectfully submitted,
John Ferg

Interlake – Minor Council Report

The 2016-17 season was a great season in the Interlake. We hosted a lot of new initiatives that brought a lot of the membership together.

In November we hosted our Initiation Jamboree in Gimli. All of our initiation teams were in attendance. I would like to thank Gimli and Area Minor Hockey for hosting and Hockey Manitoba for instructing the day.

In November we held three Novice Mixers. This event was used as a way to introduce players from different associations to one another. We had an information session for parents during the day. Thanks to Erl Mackenzie and Darren Bond for leading this. Thanks to Stony Mountain Minor Hockey, Lakeside Minor Hockey and Peguis Minor Hockey for hosting the events.

In December and January we held Development Days. We had Atom and Pee wee players from our associations attend these skill sessions. The skill sessions were instructed by Jamie Leach of Shoot to Score Hockey. Thanks again to Darren Bond and Erl Mackenzie for organizing the events. Plans are underway for next year's skill sessions to commence in October for the Atom and Pee wee aged players.

Our Novice and Atom leagues this season had a cross over component to it. We had scheduled two games for teams to play in the opposite league. Response was very receptive and will be implemented again next season.

Other notable changes include associations wanting the number of league games cut down this season to allow for more practice time and flexibility for tournament play. We also split the teams in October into their divisions allowing for more efficient use of ice, travel, funds and time. This allowed the divisions to run almost trouble free. A special thanks to Dave Underwood in scheduling all league games this season.

League playoffs in multiple occasions went the required three games and the final series went to our deadlines to determine a winner. This included a Pee wee series that had the winning team stave off elimination twice in overtime to win the series in the fifth game. Thanks to Doug Zeller for assigning referee for all games this season.

Provincials were hosted in the following associations: Stonewall - Male Atom AA, Gimli - Male Pee Wee A, Fisher River Male - Bantam C, and Stonewall/Warren - Male Bantam AAA. I would like to thank the host committee, parents and associations in hosting a great experience for these players. Congratulations to those teams that medaled at provincials and to those that won the right to attend.

Interlake had two AAA Midget teams this season compete. One in the Provincial AAA League and one in the Winnipeg AAA Midget League. Thanks to Winnipeg for allowing the team to enter, and Central Plains to joining forces to allow these players a place to play. As well we had a AAA Bantam team compete in the Winnipeg League, and a AA Bantam team compete in the Eastman League. Thanks to Winnipeg and Eastman on allowing these teams to play. On the female side we had a AAA Midget team play in the league this season and a AAA Bantam team play in Winnipeg. Thanks again to those people directly involved with these leagues. I would like to thank all the coaches and managers who directed these teams all season.

Pee wee Rising Stars had three teams formed and compete in the January tournaments. These selected players that have gone on to the Plus are being instructed by Kent Klimpke and Brad Emberly.

Female Pee wee Prospects had twenty six players try out. This team is being coached by Erl Mackenzie.

Directors' Cup roster is currently practicing and being instructed by Dwayne Swanson and Stu Bremner.

Our challenges in the Interlake remain with the retention of players and referees. This I hope will change in the future. The steps that Hockey Manitoba and the Interlake Board on educating and development moving forward will help in these areas.

Thank you to all volunteers that made a difference this season.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Charison

Norman – Minor Council Report

Norman held its fall AGM Sept.10th and discussed many topics including our Development of Officials Program and Development of Coaches. We encouraged the Associations enroll in The Season Opener and most seemed engaged. We had a very good representation.

We had 3 Face –Off festivals in the Region. Overall went well but Hockey Manitoba could have been more prepared with its presentation. HM needed at least 2 Reps instead of 1 for the presentation to parents and players. Other regions got 2-3 Reps.

The Norman Region had pretty good array of Coaching and Officials clinics. The on-line level 3 clinic has received positive feedback from our Region. I believe the Officials Seminar was well received in Thompson/The Pas. Thanks Harvey Nichol.

Norman Midget League had 7 teams and unfortunately we were not able to swing a Bantam League.

We really need our HD structure to become more active as I know there are small areas of activity, but we really need to consolidate our requests so everyone is aware. I know not all info is getting to all the members. We need to activate our Hockey D Structure to function more effectively.

I believe Norman Bantam Prospects (Director Cup Program) went, and is going pretty well, and our Pee wee Male Rising Stars started slow but we have a good group of volunteers that are making it successful. Again, a slow planning start in female with low numbers for Pee wee Prospects. But being new programs we need to get our Associations on board earlier. Possibly we need our camps earlier in fall for both Pee wee Programs. And still use the Try-out weekend end Jan. first of Feb. as final selection.

I have had quite a few inquiries for start-up of New and Old associations in Norman for next season 2017-18. So I have approached HM to look into how we can service these remote communities with a Hockey Festival Atmosphere to get Coaches/Officials Certified on weekend event.

We have coaching Invites out for our Norman Elite Programs, Male Bantam AAA and Female Midget AAA/Female Bantam AAA. With selection hopefully to take place in the next week.

Thanks to my Board Members as well as all Minor Executive Volunteers in Norman as we get through to the end of this Season.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Larocque

Parkland – Minor Council Report

PMHA has established three Advisory Committees to assist in addressing regional issues and/or realizing opportunities in governing minor hockey activities within the region. Each of the 8 member minor hockey associations have been asked to appoint a representative to these Advisory Committees. Thank you to the representatives from Hockey Manitoba that attended these meetings and were able to bring information that aided the discussions.

Following are the actionable items that each Advisory Council has recommended PMHA implement for the 2017/18 season.

PMHA Development Advisory Council

Special thanks to Tony Franklin, Chairperson for Hockey Manitoba's Development Council for attending.

- greater focus on ongoing coach mentorship and development
 - NCMP Speciality Clinics for September 2017 (Dauphin and Swan River) Evening and Week night sessions are preferred.
 - explore collaboration with MJHL coaching staff in mentorship opportunities with AAA and minor hockey coaches
- More information available in the PMHA Development Council Report

PMHA Officials Advisory Council

Special thanks to Harvey Nichol, Director of Officiating with Hockey Manitoba, for attending.

- PMHA to host a “Try Officiating” workshop. A trial workshop was held in conjunction with the Female Hockey Jamboree. Of the 6 workshop participants, 2 will be registering for an officiating certification clinic in the fall. Another “Try Officiating” Workshop is planned for the fall prior to Level I and II certification clinic dates.
- PMHA is to host 2 – 3 “Hot Stove” development sessions for officials to participate in discussions on case study/situational analysis.
- explore certification of instructors located in the Parkland region
- schedule more certification clinics in various locations and times throughout the region
- encourage collaboration between PMHA Referee-In-Chief with Hockey Manitoba’s Officials Development Committee

PMHA Female Hockey Advisory Council

PMHA hosted a Female Hockey Jamboree, inviting all female hockey players to participate in a 3 on 3 game format. Players participating were assigned by age division. While the players were on the ice, the parents met to learn more about female development programs and to discuss the 2017/18 season, specifically, rostering female hockey teams in the Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget age divisions.

More information is available in the PMHA Female Council Report.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Ransom

Pembina Valley – Minor Council Report

It was an exciting and fun filled year as Director of PVMHA. We were fortunate to see our AAA programs continue to be strong as we had coaches in place to start the tryouts and were able to ice competitive teams in the bantam male and female and midget female and male squads. After the AAA tryouts, three AA Bantam boys’ teams were also formed that competed in the AA Eastman league based out of MacDonald, Winkler and Holland.

It was also a difficult year for PVMHA. Early in the season, Adrienne Groening lost her life in an auto accident. This was a tough way for the team to start out. A big thank you to the coaches Geoff and Keith for the way they worked with the team, thanks to Mark Alderson for working towards serving this team and to the Winkler Flyers Chaplain Gary Friesen for helping out as this loss was challenging. Our region also unexpectedly lost one of our Development and Mentorship Co-coordinators Gary Smart. Gary was well liked in so many circles and volunteered endlessly in the game we all love. Gary is missed. Our executive also lost Roger Chartier who left our executive 4 years ago after his diagnosis with a brain tumor. Roger also passed away during this season. These losses made it a tough year for our executive.

Our leagues in PV worked well again this year. There are always going to be winners and losers and we are often reminded that the cornucopia of rules are always written for the parents and not for the kids. We are also excited about our AAA Midget Female team winning the league this year. Hosting the Esso Cup this month will be the icing on the cake and we are looking forward to that national event in our region.

Overall our executive worked together amazingly well. I certainly would like to thank the executive for all the efforts and extra efforts that they put forward. In particular, Shawn Dias stepped up after Gary's passing to oversee each of our development programs and invite a few more personnel into the fold to assist. I would also like to thank all the other committees for their work behind the scenes – the AAA Council, the referee in chief Josh, Shane Froebe who looked after the Discipline committee, the folks at HM who answered questions and helped out, Shawn Parago for looking after our website diligently, Past Director Jim for the input, Barb for her bookkeeping and minute organizing, the conveners Kevin Scott, Kevin Pauls, Ken, Perry, and David as well as Matt and Mark for their support and help as Vice Directors. We are looking forward to serving together going forward.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Ens

Westman South – Minor Council Report

Here we are at the end of another successful season. At the time of writing, it is -2°C outside with the wind clipping along at 52 km/h. There is actually a wind chill. If there was snow on the ground you might think it was still January. Brrr.

At this time, I would like to thank a number of people of our region who help to make things run smoothly in Westman South:

Female Council – Derek Shearer,
Development Council – Jim Bartley
Referee Coordinator – Landon White
Goaltender Coordinator – Brian Elder
Secretary-Treasurer – Frank Bennett

As well, I would like to thank:

Registrar - Bill Lawson
Chair of Minor Council – Ken Gladden
Chair of Female Council – Bert Dow
Chair of Development – Tony Franklin

I would like to thank the minor hockey executives in each of our communities. You are on the front line of program delivery and you are volunteers. Your passion for the game runs deep and our children are better people for your commitment to the game.

I would like to recognize and thank the office staff at Hockey Manitoba for the diligence and hard work throughout the year. We have added a number of new programs over the past few seasons that have positively enhanced the experience for all of our players from the Initiation level to the Senior level.

Finally, it is important to recognize the sacrifice of our parents and volunteers and thank each of you for helping to make our programs as successful as they are.

Our region successfully held 5 provincial tournaments this spring. Congratulations to all the organizers of these events. They were well run and had very positive reviews. Also, I would like to congratulate all players who participated in provincials outside of our region. All of you represented the Westman South region well.

Thanks again to everyone. Looking forward to 2017-18.

Respectfully submitted,
Guy Williams

Brandon – Development Council Report

With another season in the books, I would like to thank the Hockey Brandon Board of Directors, my fellow Hockey Manitoba Directors Myles Hubbard and Glen Parker, Brandon Referee Development Committee, Hockey Manitoba Directors Ken Gladden, Bert Dow and Tony Franklin, Hockey Manitoba Executive, Hockey Manitoba staff, Lynne Halliday and Sherry Sass for their continued support, patience and dedication.

This will be my last meeting as Development Director. That responsibility is being passed on to our new VP of Player Recruiting & Development. I will miss it; however, it remains a great passion.

Hockey Brandon did not see too many changes this past season. However, we have restructured our Board of Directors to better serve our members. Our registration numbers remain almost the same as the past few seasons. The last weekend in January we hosted the CCM Rising Stars Tournament.

During Provincials, 14 Brandon teams took part bringing home 4 medals, gold, silver and bronze. The Bauer/Canadian Tire First Shift made two stops in Brandon this past season. Our Tournament of Champions grew to 81 teams, which included a team from Rankin Inlet.

In January our Hockey Brandon office team hired Sherry Sass. Sherry brings with her extensive experience in tournament management and fundraising. She is an excellent asset to our team and a friendly face in the office.

We recently held a meeting that introduced our members to the new Novice format. Bob Caldwell and Bernie Reichardt did the presentation and the Q & A. The meeting was very informative and well attended. I look forward to the upcoming season and welcome the new changes as does our Novice Director Dennis Cullen.

Sadly leaving us this year is Brent Caswell, John Guthrie, Myles Hubbard, Jarrid St.Pierre and Curtis Storey. Their input and hard work, makes them a starting line-up that will be missed. In the next little while we will have the difficult task of finding a replacement for Glen Parker. I have lost track of the number of years he has served as our Hockey Manitoba Director. His laidback approach and methodical thought process made him well respected around the table by his Hockey Manitoba peers. We thank him and wish him the best.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Lilley

Central Plains – Development Council Report

In December 2016 the Central Plains Board filled the vacant Director of Hockey Development position to look after the majority of development in the Central Plains region along with its regional AAA programs. In a very short time we have started working on some areas that the region felt were important to develop. The past year has been very active and planning for next season is well underway. The following is a brief summation of our activities for the past season:

- In August we formed a development committee to help guide the director and give ideas throughout the year. This group met three times throughout the season.
- We ran conditioning camps for our AAA regional teams in late August along with a 2 day goalie camp ran by GDI.
- We had 6 coaching clinics throughout the year; Developing Defensemen, Shooting and Scoring, Checking clinic, 2 Season Long Hockey Planning clinics and a Referee presentation for coaches.
- We had one officials clinic in MacGregor.
- We ran 4 Peewee Rising Stars development skates throughout the season and a one day development skate for minor aged Peewee players.
- We had all 3 Regional Programs of Peewee Rising Stars, Directors Cup and Female Peewee Prospects run successful tryout camps and programs.

- We ran 2 female (Midget AAA/Bantam AAA) and 4 male (Midget AAA, City Midget AAA (With Interlake), Bantam AAA, Bantam AA) regional programs successfully this past year.
- We had GDI attached to 4 of our regional programs for goalie development along with Portage Minor running their own program with GDI throughout the year.
- Portage and Oakville ran power skating with The Rink for their associations.
- Macgregor Minor Hockey successfully ran a one day Hockey MB Initiation Festival in January.

All this work cannot be done by one person and took a team effort by both AAA Council and Central Plains Board members along with volunteers to help with coordinating ice, getting rooms booked, and finding coaches to coach our teams.

It should be noted that we made every effort to have clinics or practices for most of our programs throughout our region. We hope to continue to expand on development for our coaches, players and officials heading into the next season.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rod Sveistrup

Parkland – Development Council Report

CCM Rising Stars Program

This season PMHA had 33 players from throughout the Parkland sign up for the program. It started in October and ran through the end of Jan. Teams were chosen by geographical area. Team west was Swan River, Roblin, Russell and team east was Grand Plains, Dauphin, Ste. Rose, and McCreary. These teams practiced at least once per month. At the end of Jan each team participated in a tournament in Wpg. that included all other regions throughout MB.

CCM Rising Stars Plus Program

This program was a first time for Hockey MB. It was developed to allow Peewee male hockey players that are more skilled to compete with equally skilled players throughout MB. Teams were chosen by Hockey MB representatives. This year 16 players were chosen from the Parkland to move on to the Plus program. This program runs similar to the Director’s Cup program where practice plans are developed by Hockey MB and forwarded on to the teams. This year’s coach is Tom White. He along with some parent coaches has come forward to run the program. This program started on April 3 and runs parallel the Director’s Cup with a tournament to be held in Wpg in May.

Directors Cup Program

PMHA started its annual Director’s Cup team with a try out on Feb 20. Here we had 23 kids try out. Because Hockey MB sets the roster numbers (20 players) only 3 cuts were to be made. The head coach for this program this year is Terrance Laquette. He will be assisted by parents as well. This program started in Mid-March and will also run until May.

Overall the development programs within the Parkland have been a bit of a struggle. It has been difficult finding Hockey MB qualified coaches to run the programs as well as the extra costs that parents must pay to make the programs run.

Moving forward I see some opportunity this fall to bring some much needed development clinics to the Parkland region. These clinics we hope to start up in September and October so that they can become warm-ups to the new season.

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Boychuk

Westman South – Development Council Report

Novice Half-Ice program will begin in 2017/18 Season.

Our 2003 Born Director's Cup team is being coached; by Troy Gould and managed by Rick Korman. This six-week program will be completed on the May 5-7 weekend.

Our Rising Stars Plus team is being coached by; Al Trotz and managed by Colin Knox. This 6 week program will be completed on the May 5-7 weekend.

We will be advertising for the position of AAA Bantam Coach for the 2017/18 Year. The requirements are having or working towards High Performance 1 + Checking 1, Assistant Coaches require Development 1 Certification. We have applications for a manager for the AAA Bantam Program and will be selecting our Coaching staff and then, selecting a Manager. Hockey Manitoba will be offering a High Performance 1 Coaching Seminar this summer from July 18-23 in Winnipeg.

We are also looking for two IP Mentor Coaches that will be trained to mentor the Initiation Coaches in the region throughout the year.

AGM - I will be tabling a discussion with Hockey Manitoba to increase or set aside an extra \$50 per player to develop a slush fund to fund regions that are expected to, travel to Thompson or Norman Region for the Director's Cup or Rising Stars Plus Program. This year our region along with Brandon, Yellowhead and Parkland participated in the pre-tournament exhibition by travelling to Thompson. This added an approximate extra fee of \$500 for travel for each individual player. This did not include the cost of hotels and meals. Our Region supplied the team with a \$2500 donation to help offset this unexpected cost of the Development Program.

Rationale: My request to add the extra \$50 is to have Hockey Manitoba provide those three regions with the cost of transporting their players to the Norman Region. This would cost Hockey Manitoba approximately \$15,000 that, would be, shared equally among the players in the Director's Cup Program. It should not matter which team is chosen to travel to Norman.

For years in which Norman has to travel to the pre-tournament they would receive \$5000 to help supplement their travel on the road that usually only heads south. Province-wide standard fees are approximately \$459 per player for the 6-week program & tournament. It will be recommended that we increase it to \$505.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Bartley

Brandon – Female Council Report

Hockey Brandon had the following female teams, one team in Midget, one team in Bantam, two in Pee wee and three teams in Atom. We also had two teams in Novice that participated in some exhibition games and a yearend tournament in Brandon.

The teams all participated in the Rural Manitoba Female Hockey League. They all attended provincials and did very well. Female Hockey Tournament

Thanks to the organizing committee for all their hard work. It was a huge success with 24 teams participating. We continued with a Novice division this year, which seems to be very popular. The Dates for next year's tournament will be November 17-19.

Girls Recreation Program

This is the third year of this program continue to show success. We had 18 girls registered. The plan is to offer this again for next year. Many of the girls from this program move into the novice and atom full time leagues.

Pewee AA team

The team played in the Winnipeg Female Pewee AA league and had a great year. They made it into the second round of playoffs. From all accounts; the Winnipeg teams enjoyed having a team from Brandon.

Regional Programs

With the new boundaries for the Midget AAA league, HB will work with WS to ice a competitive midget team. The Bantam parents will be sent information in which they must show their intentions of wanting to play on a Regional Bantam team. HB supports forming a regional team if the numbers support it. 15 skaters and two goalies. If this number is not reached then those that showed interest in playing on a regional team will be allowed to try out for any region they choose. We will need to protect our HB numbers if players are needed to run a house program. They may need to try out for a double roster team. HB was able to field a Pewee prospects team, this was possible by allowing us to keep peewee players that played hockey in Brandon, but actually belong to WS for regional teams.

Hockey Brandon plans to run another Female Esso Fun Day in early September.

Jarod Franklin will be the new Female Director for HB. Good luck to Jarod in this new role.

Thank you to all the coaches, Assistants and Managers for maintaining the strength of our Female Hockey program. See you all next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Myles Hubbard

Central Plains – Female Council Report

AAA Programs

Central Plains offered both a Midget and Bantam “AAA” program within the Region for the 2016-17 season. The Midget Capitals continued to compete in the MFMHL rostering 15 skaters and 2 goalies this season while the Bantam Capitals have played within the Hockey Winnipeg “AA” Bantam league, participated in the Hockey Manitoba Showcases and attended the Rural “AAA” Provincials rostering 16 and 2. The Bantam “AAA” Capitals are to be congratulated on earning a Silver Medal at the Hockey Manitoba “AAA” Rural Provincials.

The Midget “AAA” Capitals had 4 graduating players and 3 have accepted recruitment opportunities to attend post-secondary colleges for education and play hockey. Marisa Fraser – Red College (ACAC)/Lauren Blight – Assiniboine Community College (ACHA)/McKenna Oswald – SAIT (ACAC). The 4th graduating player was offered two opportunities but has declined to attend university in Winnipeg.

Program of Excellence

Central Plains had 6 players selected to attend the U18 Spring 60 Camp. All represented the region at a very high and competitive level. Selection has not been announced for the Top 40 Camp to date. The new U16 program within Hockey Manitoba's Developmental and High Performance Stream saw 8 players who participated on Central Plains “AAA” teams

attend the Spring 100 Camp at the end of April 2017. Both the U18 and U16 Top 40 Camps will operate at Stride Place in May 2017.

- U16 – Central Plains “AAA” Assistant Coach John Ferg – selected as inaugural Head Coach
- Central Plains “AAA” Head Coach – selected as Program Evaluator
- U18 - Central Plains “AAA” Head Coach - selected as Program Evaluator

Development Programs

The Region has successfully operated a Peewee Female Prospects program through the new CP Development Committee. Central Plains hosted the Final Peewee Female Prospects Tournament in Portage la Prairie at Stride Place continuing its trend of being a prime location for Hockey Manitoba Developmental Programs such as Director's Cup, Program of Excellence Camps and various other developmental programs.

Notes:

The motion to change the boundaries for Female Hockey at the Midget “AAA” Level was passed at the January 2017 Hockey Manitoba AGM. This extends the CP boundaries for Female “AAA” Midget up to #5 Highway to the west extending all the way to St. Rose to the north in order to continue to grow female hockey and maintain a strong developmental and competitive level at the “AAA” levels.

Central Plains teams attended Provincials within both the Atom and Peewee Age Groups this season.

Continuing to be a concern at the Regional Level is the lack of ability for the Midget Capitals to actually use Midget Aged Players as Affiliate Players as they go the High School Programs in Portage and Sanford where they are not eligible to be used as it is not Hockey Manitoba sanctioned hockey. This issue has been raised previously and brought forward on numerous occasions especially from families who have daughters that do not attend these 2 high schools as it now makes it almost impossible to form Bantam or Midget teams for these players to participate on. This is also becoming a concern for the Manitoba Junior Women's League in regards to AP capabilities. It would be of great benefit if the High School teams were Hockey Manitoba sanctioned like their Male Counterparts and if they had guidelines as the “AAA” Midgets do in regards to use of Bantams at a full time level or as AP's. It is of no benefit to any program to watch players drop out of hockey because of a lack of ability to form teams. At this time there are 24 teams in the High School league, 280-300 players, with a majority not signing Hockey Manitoba Rosters. This is a huge loss to our region plus provincial association and something that should be looked into and fixed.

Central Plains will continue to promote and operate “AAA” Programs as well Development Programs as outlined by Hockey Manitoba.

Respectfully submitted,
Ferdie Nelissen

Norman – Female Council Report

Thanks to all for all the hard work from our volunteers, parents and associations by working together establishing teams, improving communication and sharing ideas on improving our programs.

Around the Norman region female player numbers appear to be increasing in most of our associations. Efforts for the upcoming season will be to work with our associations to promote female hockey and establish more teams. Again, with great volunteers and supportive associations, the growth in the number of female players and teams is possible.

There were couple of fun days for female hockey held this season with the support of Midget AAA Wild. Sessions included players from all age groups. Thanks Wild!

This season our Female Bantam and Midget AAA programs evaluations/team tryouts (Midget) were held in late August and early September when most other programs in the province are also underway. The coaching staff were able to work together to ensure we were evaluating consistently as well as keep communication out in front of the players and parents so they know what is coming up.

2016/17 Midget AAA Wild Year in Review

The Wild season began with tryouts being held over 3 weekends in Flin Flon and Thompson. Numbers were very low with 14 players and 1 goalie attending the tryouts. After the tryouts were completed, 2 players left the team leaving our program with only 12 skaters, 1 goalie. 5 AP players (1 being a goalie) were required to ice a team.

Thanks to Hockey MB and the MFMHL for granting the exemption to allow these AP'd players not to be restricted on the number of AP'd games allowed. As well, thanks to the Dauphin Female program for working with our team.

The Wild were able to pick up another player part way through the season. The season's Wild were made up of 14 players from the following communities,

- 1- The Pas, 1- Split Lake, 1- Winnipeg, 1 – Stonewall, 5 - Cross Lake, 5 – Thompson
- 5 AP's (1 - Winnipegosis, 2 - Dauphin, 1 - Flin Flon (1st year Bantam), 1 - Thompson (2nd year Bantam).

Needless to say, there is an issue with the lack of players trying out and committing in our region this past season. Thanks to the coaching staff, managers, parents who did an outstanding job to keep the team operating.

Midget Wild Team Highlights

- 5 players were named to the MASRC Team Manitoba Female Hockey team
 - I. Emily Daniels [Winnipeg]
 - II. Carlin Hamilton [Cross Lake]
 - III. Shayna Moore [Thompson]
 - IV. Rachel O'Toole [The Pas]
 - V. Carrigan Umpherville [Cross Lake]
- 4 players invited to the Top 60 U-18 Team Manitoba tryouts
 - I. Emily Daniels [Winnipeg]
 - II. Annaliese Meier [Stonewall]
 - III. Rachel O'Toole [The Pas]
 - IV. Megan Quesnel [Dauphin]
- 3 have advanced to the Top 40 U-18
 - I. Emily Daniels, Annaliese Meier & Megan Quesnel

MFMHL Recognition

- Megan Quesnel [Dauphin] - Most Sportsmanlike Player for the MFMHL
- Kali Cummings [Thompson] - Second Team All Star Team and finished 7th in league points.

Graduating Players

Our team will have 3 players that will be graduating with 2 receiving scholarships for hockey.

- Blair Bodie [Thompson] will be attending Assiniboine Community College in Brandon, MB.
- Kali Cummings will be attending Olds College in Olds AB.
- Carlin Hamilton is planning on participating in Manitoba Women's Junior Hockey League.

The Midget Wild will have 2 players that will be required to return to their home regions for upcoming season and the 3 from Parkland will now be part of the Norman region.

Upcoming Season Challenges for Midget AAA

- Next season will have a change to our region as part of the Parkland region will be joining the Norman region for the Midget AAA program. A list of eligible players will be required early to ensure invites are sent out for the upcoming season and all players/parents understand how the program is operated in Norman, i.e. where games are played, practices held, costs, structure, etc.
- Concerns with low number of players wanting to commit to the AAA programs in Norman. Efforts and plans to ensure we have enough players from our region committed to our program will be a focus over the next few months. We cannot continue the trend of looking at other regions or asking for exemptions of for unlimited games for AP players. Our goal is to have enough committed players from our region.
- A review will be completed, once again on operating the program run out of one community. Players are leaving our program as they have the desire for “more” from a program and these players miss out on many other activities, i.e. school sports. This past season our team had hockey 19 weekends out of 26 weekends scheduled. This is made up of 39 games and 10 practices. Practices hours were 12 in total with 6 hours all completed in 1 weekend.
- Financial Cost – It is costly for players and families to participate in the program. The actual hockey is not the issue but the extra costs like hotels, gas, food and time off of work is expensive. Our team is always travelling from different communities, whether playing home games or practice. Our players are required to travelling for many hours for games and practices.
- Recognition to the Cross Lake Band as they were a huge help this season sponsoring all players from their community to play on our team.

A huge thank you to Lee Cummings and the rest of his staff for stepping up with short notice when the head coach had to step down due to unforeseen commitments. Taking the lead on short notice brought some challenges and the staff, manager, parents and players pulled together to enjoy a successful season.

Female Hockey Plans for 2017-2018 Season

Once again, opening communication within our region to improve participation and support of female hockey is crucial. Our region will continue to work on sharing information on “what is happening within the region”. The plan is to hold a conference call in mid-August to discuss ideas for our upcoming season with the region’s association female contacts.

Plans to hold “jamborees” to promote and support the development of female hockey in our region will be developed and a tentative schedule will be prepared for late August.

Bantam AAA Wild and Midget AAA Wild head coach selections will take place in May. Both positions demand many hours, from the coaches as well as the players and parents. These efforts are necessary to ensure our programs are competitive and successful.

League meetings for the Midget AAA program are being planned for June and a Bantam AAA and Midget AAA pre-registration request will be sent out to determine our numbers for this program. Results for the pre-registration will determine if there is enough interest and commitment for the upcoming season, 2017/18.

Respectfully submitted,
Andre Murphy

Parkland - Female Council Report

Female Midget AAA

As you know, Hockey MB decided the Parkland Region should not have the option/right to ice our own Female Midget AAA team, and so our region divided so our players belong to certain neighboring regions for Female Midget AAA hockey. The new boundaries may only be overturned with another motion and so, we will continue to work with parents to create the conditions (#s, interest, commitment) under which we make a motion that will likely be supported to overturn this short sighted decision.

Female Midget AA

Unfortunately, this program did not come to fruition. After much legwork, players and parents chose to be dual rostered on local midget boys' teams and the local Dauphin Female Midget A team.

Female Bantam AAA

Despite our efforts, we did not form a AAA team again this past season. 12 skaters came out to register/tryout. It was terribly disappointing. Some players are playing with other regions [7 players are playing for YH and another for CP regional teams]. There is a very high probability that we ice a AAA team in 2017-18.

Female Pee wee Prospects

We are offering this program again this spring although we only have 12 participants out of a potential 23 players.

Female Hockey Pre-Season Skills Camp

The program was a success again. PMHA assumed responsibility for the program which operated on weekends throughout the month of September.

World Girls Hockey Weekend

Parkland/Dauphin was the host event for MB and it was a success. We held a number of games as part of the daylong games from coast to coast. Participants received jerseys.

Spring Female Hockey Jamboree

PMHA conducted a female Hockey Jamboree this spring that comprised of each age group (Atom-Midget) having a scrimmage for an hour, while we met with their parents to discuss female hockey issues and start planning for next year's programming, etc. We also conducted some athlete testing in the Gilbert H.S. gym for bantam and midget players. We hope to use the results of the testing to develop conditioning/strengthening programs for these players.

Key Themes:

- Players feel a commitment to support their local boys' team and participate on female teams. Doing so is a challenge (time and cost).
- Girls, as a rule, really enjoy playing and participating on a girls team
- When the team includes girls from multiple communities, it would be appreciated if practices/games could be rotated among the communities.
- Having a Bantam AAA team in the region (and Midget AAA team) would be easier from a travel/ time/ cost perspective.

Key Themes Continued:

- The lack of female goaltenders is affecting our ability to form teams, both House and AAA teams.
- The issue of female players in the Swan Valley quitting hockey early in their career and the recruitment of female players could be increased with additional programming in the Swan Valley area.

Local Female Programs/Teams

IP - Novice: No female teams formed.

Atom: Grand Plains MHA hosted a single rostered team that participated in the RMFHL in which they placed 2nd and hosted provincials where they won silver.

Pee-wee: No MHA hosted a local team.

Bantam: No MHA hosted a team.

Midget: DMHA hosted a midget A team that finished second in RMFHL play and Bronze at provincials.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Fafard

Pembina Valley – Female Council Report

Midget

- 2 Teams
- Carman in Winnipeg AA League
- Rock Lake/Manitou in RFMHL
- Great work by volunteers and parents to support these teams
- Lots of logistics and goalie challenges

Bantam

- 2 Teams
- Manitou and Carman in RFMHL
- PV Hawks Bronze at Provincials March 10-12 in Garson.

Pee-Wee

- 5 Teams Morden, Altona, Holland-RL, Carman-Somm-SL, Macdonald
- Macdonald Gold at Pee-Wee B Provincials March 3-5 in Holland
- Altona Bronze at Pee-Wee B Provincials March 3-5 in Holland

Atom

- 3 Teams Morden, Macdonald-RR, Swan Lake
- Morden Bronze at Atom A Provincials March 17-19 in Deloraine
- Swan Lake Gold at Atom C Provincials March 17-19 in Steinbach

Novice

- 4 Teams Morden, Carman, Altona, Macdonald
- Macdonald had a full-time female novice team. They played exhibition season and were single rostered!

Hockey Manitoba:

- Female Midget AAA boundaries were altered to accommodate reoccurring issues with open regions.
- Hockey Canada Mel Davidson had some interesting slides about female hockey retention and suggestions on improvement opportunities as presented at the season opener.

- Council will be discussing and analyzing what other branches are doing with regard to female retention and encouragement of more female specific teams. Clearly what is currently being done at the regions can be improved.
- Lack of female goalies in the province must change. Concern this was a by-product of girls not getting the opportunity to play goal on mixed teams. Regions and Associations very strongly encouraged to have programs in place to develop female goaltenders in the early years of development.
- Council requested improvements and documented process in scouting of U18 Team Manitoba
- Mackenzie Hutchinson from Manitou on Team Manitoba U-18 roster
- Corrine Schroeder from Elm Creek (Balmoral Hall) made Team Canada U-18
- Halle Oswald from Sanford Invited To Hockey Canada Strength and Conditioning Camp

AAA Hawks

Midget

Dana Bell was back as the Midget AAA Head Coach and the Midget Female team held their try-outs September 2nd-4th with 32 players competing for a roster spot and a chance to represent Manitoba at the Esso Cup.

The Hawks finished in 2nd place during the regular season league play with a record of 19-6-1-2 and then went undefeated in the playoffs being the crowned MFMHL and Provincial Champions.

The girls drop the puck on the Esso Cup Nation Championships April 23rd at 7:00 pm in Morden with a lot of excitement of a National Female Hockey Event being held in PV.

The team did a great job of supporting the World Girls' Hockey Weekend and on Nov 5-6 they participated in cancer care games helping to raise \$2,000 for the fight against Cancer.

90% of graduates from Midget AAA will be advancing in their hockey careers by playing hockey at post-secondary educational institutions.

Bantam

Geoff Sutton served as Head Coach for the AAA Bantam team who had their tryouts take place Sept 16th-17th with 24 athletes vying for the open roster spots.

Condolences go to the Bantam Female AAA Hawks due to the tragic passing of player Adrienne Goening. Thanks to all who have supported this team and the Goening family through these very difficult circumstances. Additional thanks to Greg Ens and the Winkler Flyers for making grief counseling available to the team.

Pembina Valley Hawks Bantam Female AAA finished with a record of 9-12-2 captured bronze at AAA provincials. A special mention goes to Coach Sutton and Graham for their leadership during this challenging season.

Programs

Female Peewee Prospects roster announced. This program was open to 1st and 2nd year Peewee players and is similar to last year's bantam prospects. 6 weeks of skills and final tournament.

World Girls Hockey Weekend

In October 2016 the International Ice Hockey Federation and Hockey Canada teamed up to host the sixth annual World Girls' Hockey Weekend. This event was aimed to celebrate and grow the Female Game from coast to coast and unite Canadians through grassroots programming that is led by local communities, MHAs and families. From girls and women trying out the sport for the first time to just a simple celebration of the game, Canadians from coast to coast were encouraged to take part. Dozens of countries across the globe participated in the weekend as each puts their celebration efforts on display. The Female Midget AAA Hawks Thanksgiving Classic tournament this year in Morden was

a registered event with Hockey Canada/IIHF to assist the International Ice Hockey Federation and Hockey Canada hosting the sixth annual World Girls' Hockey Weekend. All female hockey players in PV were invited to attend and received free admission and free beanie/toque.

Congratulations to Jim Mutcheson on his retirement from the PV Board of Directors on behalf of female hockey in Pembina Valley I would like to thank him for his numerous years of service on the board and appreciate the guidance and support he has shown me personally as well as his unwavering support for female hockey in Pembina Valley.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Alderson

Westman South – Female Council Report

Female Provincials

6 medals for Westman South

Atom – A-Delorraine - Gold

B-Westman Falcons – Gold

C-Oak Lake – Silver

Pee Wee- A-Souris –Gold and Westman Falcons-Silver

Bantam- A-Westman Falcons-Bronze

AAA Bantam-Lost in Bronze medal game

Female Pee wee Prospects

30 girls attended Female Pee wee prospect evaluation and a team of 15 skaters, 2 goalies and 3 alternates was selected. Kary Kirkup, Wayne Clyne and Dan Averil are coaching this program. Program consisted of skills sessions in Hartney, Reston and Oak Lake. Final tournament is April 28-30 in Portage.

AAA Bantam Wildcats

Bantam Wildcats had a successful season but they lost in the bronze medal game at rural provincials. Seven skaters and two goalies were selected to U16 POE Top 100 from this year AAA Bantam Wildcats and one skater from the AAA Midget Wildcats. Troy Gould was selected as the Video Coach.

AAA Midget Wildcats

Midget Wildcats had a successful season. They will be hosting the Female Jamboree again this fall. Eight players were selected to the U18 Top 60 and five players to the Top 40. Four out of five graduating players are going on to play at a college/university level.

Respectfully submitted,
Derek Shearer

Hockey Winnipeg – Female Council Report

It has been another year of new experiences for me and I would like to thank all the members of Hockey Winnipeg Female Council and Hockey Winnipeg staff for all their help and support this year. I would also like to thank our dedicated group of volunteers, coaches and managers that have helped run all of our programs this year. Congratulations to all the teams on the great season!

We started our year with the 8th Annual Skate & Educate program for 5-8 year olds that have not played hockey before. There were over 100 girls registered for the event in August. There are now a few area associations running similar programs. This was another great boost to the grassroots level of the Female game. We also held the Novice Jamboree in October, there were 400 girls playing at the Iceplex over a 6-hour day. It was great seeing all those smiles! We will be aiming to have this event fall on the Girls Hockey Weekend (Thanksgiving Weekend) in the upcoming season.

Again this year we had the rural teams come into the league including the Peewee AA Brandon Wheat Kings up to Midget AA levels. The rural Bantam AA teams did not participate in the Hockey Winnipeg playoffs, as they went to the rural provincial playoffs. After a shortened semi final and final series the Winnipeg Titans emerged as the City Champions as Bantam AA and competed in the Provincial Playoffs on the 17 and 18th of March against the Eastman Selects. The Selects took the series in two games. It was a great series despite the outcome. We will get our trophy back next year! The addition of the rural teams helped to ensure the quality of play for all levels.

At the other end of the spectrum, our Midget AAA Avros had their tryouts in May with 35 girls trying out for the team. The final roster for the Avros for the 2016/2017 season was 18 players. The girls had a great season together, and finished in 3rd place in the MFMHL. They ended the season in the semi finals against the provincial champion Pembina Valley Hawks. This year there are 6 graduating players that are going to be heading from the University of Saskatchewan (1), University of Manitoba (3), York University (1), and the University of Prince Edward Island. Congratulations to the team!

Hockey Winnipeg is happy to announce that Ashley van Aggelen and Todd Cook will be returning as the coaching staff for the 2017/2018 season. With a moratorium placed on the number of teams by the MFMHL, Winnipeg will only be entering one team in the league for this season. The tryouts for the team will be held May 29-June 2 at the Ice Plex.

We held the All Star Day for the girls on the 28th of January. Special thanks to Mike Stevenson and the Seven Oaks Arena and to all members of Female Council that came out to support the event. We made some adjustments to the event in order to bring it more in line with the Male All Star Day and it appeared to be a success .

I look forward to another year of working with the great members of the female council and the other members of Hockey Winnipeg.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Campbell

MWJHL – Female Council Report

Since the last meeting in January the MWJHL has been very busy with the following events and an interesting Motion (Pilot) as well as our league continues to evolve.

The MWJHL resumed regulation and season play in early January.

We hosted the IX Lieutenant Governor's Tournament with 12 teams and the Lt. Governor who did us most proud. This Tournament's purpose is to host a weekend Tournament, invite out of Province teams and create a growth in Junior Female hockey. Which we did with 5 teams from out of Manitoba. Also the Champions of the LG IX is the Northern Stars of the MWJHL.

Later in February our season ended and the Playoffs began with all 7 teams in the mix. A best of 3 series begins for every series match up and the Medal games ended with the Bronze going to the Polar Ice and they (Ice) also received the Benson Cup for the first place finish in the season; this year we had 123 players registered for 7 teams;

The Gold medal winners were the Silvertips - their first Provincial title in our young 13 years of history. The Silver Medallists were the Northern Stars.

The MWJHL also participated in the Alberta Showcase (Junior Female) with the Western Predators being the rep; the drive to grow Junior Female hockey is alive...with B.C, Alberta and ourselves, Manitoba, now participating.

We recently hosted our final wind up (April 4) and all individual and team awards were presented. We are also proud to say that we have seven scholarships from the League and our sponsors as well as the one Darci Instance Foundation Award which was awarded for the first time.

Recently there were two meetings held to discuss an Over Age clause for the league which is not new to the league. It was the feeling of grad players, coaches, managers and executive that we feel we can strengthen the league and address goalie shortages by doing so. As a result we forwarded the O.A motion to the HM Board for permission to have this motion approved in May, 2017 under By-Law 13. We are proposing that a team may have up to 2 skaters O.A and 1 goalie if they choose. This is a one year pilot program.

Recently we held a successful Prospects Camp for graduating players from Midget and High School ranks and we are also entering a U19 squad of 1st year players from our league and players from the Midget/ high School ranks for the Duluth Tournament at the end of May.

Our AGM will be hosted Wednesday June 7, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Kirk Koppers

Senior AAA Report

This past season we had two teams register to play in the category of "AAA Senior Male". The teams registered were the Ile des Chenes North Stars and the Southeast Prairie Thunder.

The teams agreed to play a best of five series with the winner advancing to host the team in inter-branch play from the Saskatchewan Hockey Association (SHA).

The Southeast Prairie Thunder defeated the North Stars in three games earning the right to host the Rosetown Red Wings (SHA). The series was played the weekend of March 24, 2017 with the Prairie Thunder defeating the Red Wings in three games.

The Prairie Thunder advanced to the 2017 Allan Cup in Bouctouche, New Brunswick. The Allan Cup represents the best Senior AAA teams for across Canada. The Prairie Thunder advanced from round robin play to play in the semi-finals against the Lacombe Generals a rematch of the two finalists from the 2016 Allan Cup hosted in Steinbach, Manitoba. Unfortunately our team could not advance beyond this game and were eliminated from competition.

We congratulate the Prairie Thunder on their season and on representing our Branch at the Allan Cup.

Next year the Allan Cup is to be hosted in Rosetown, Saskatchewan and we anticipate that our Branch will be well represented once again.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Maughan