



Macdonald Minor Hockey Association 2024 AGM ANNUAL REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Keith Pitura) ...

to be presented at the AGM.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Eric Boyd)

This season my main responsibilities were chairing the Team Formation Committee as well as Chairing the Discipline Committee. I also helped Keith with whatever he needed a hand with, as well as the whole board with anything people needed help with.

Team Formation

Teams were formed by the Committee after we received the scores from our third-party evaluators. The Committee did our best to make teams based on these scores as per our policy. We had some difficulty in a couple of age groups, with goalie shortages and player shortages in some age groups. We, as a board, are always trying to improve issues we see arise and work hard to try and correct them for the future.

I would like to thank the Team Formation Committee members for their hard work at the start of the season as it's a very busy time of the year for us.

Discipline Committee

This season our Committee was a little busier than usual. We had to handle issues with alcohol use, suspension from the leagues, as well as issues with kids on teams. Our Committee had lots of meetings and discussions on various issues that came about.

Thank you to the Committee members for their work on the Committee.

I would also like to thank the parents, coaches, managers, and everyone involved in hockey for their hard work during the season.

Finally, thanks to the Mac board for all their hard work before and during the season. Without everyone's help, hockey would not happen for the kids.

Thank you to everyone and I'm looking forward to next season.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Mark Smith)

1. Bank Balance

- a. MMHA Chequing Opening Balance was **\$14,113.93** and our anticipated closing balance is **\$59,646.53**, MMHA shows a net profit this year of **\$45,533.60** once all known expenses are paid by the end of May.
- b. MMHA Provincial account balance is **\$8,232.38**
- c. MMHA Square POS account balance is **\$0.00**.
- d. MMHA Savings account balance is **\$5,003.83**

2. Addressing The Income

- a. Our Hockey Winnipeg Registration budget amount was **\$11,000.00** and we only used **\$5,538.00** resulting in savings of **\$5,462.00**.
- b. Our R.M.Ice contract came in under budget leaving us with a surplus of **\$8,893.00**, this is due to us not requiring us to purchase as much extra ice as for MMHA teams to compete in playoffs.
- c. Our ice contract with Domain was down due to a couple of weeks of warm weather saving us **\$4,500.00**.
- d. Our Provincials events paid us **\$11,610.50** covering the cost of ice and refs.

3. Fee Setting

- I. It is important to note that fee setting is based on many variables that can change significantly between the time of registration and the end of the season. This process is intended to account for as many variables as possible, but also designed for our association not to incur a deficit.
- II. Although there was a slight increase in ice costs this season, it remains to be our largest expense for the association using 70% of our revenues.
- III. The board of directors will assess the needs of the association and assess our financial position for the upcoming year.

4. Financial Review

- a. In the interest of transparency of accounting practices, the MMHA board hired BDO to conduct a financial review of the 2022/23 season. The report in its entirety is attached.
- b. The MMHA board plans to retain the services of BDO each year going forward to ensure accuracy and transparency of its accounting practices for its membership.

5. Financials For Provincials

- a. This season MMHA hosted the U13 Female and U15 Female Provincials. The U15 Female event showed a **\$394.10** profit while the U13 Female Provincial event showed a **\$4429.04** profit totaling **\$4823.14** profit for the two events combined.
- b. Balance Sheet - Available at AGM

6. 2022/23 Season Income Statement / Balance Sheet

- a. Available at AGM

7. 2022/23 Financial Ledger

- a. Available at AGM

REGISTRAR'S REPORT (Morgan Secord)

Registration for MMHA opened July 17th. We had our last player register on December 13th. The Hockey Canada Registry had issues with improper Respect in Sport Activity leader expiry dates, and issues with coaching certifications. At the December 1st deadline we still had deficiencies in coaching certifications from several coaches but the issues with HCR prevented enforcement. Respect in Sport parent and activity leader were still enforced and mandatory to complete. MMHA had 29 teams rostered. We had 391 players (392 last year). This number does not include our Mac players who played high school or AAA. We rostered the U15 AA Twisters, 14 of 17 players were Mac players (last year it was 12 of 19). We had 114 bench staff this year (113 last year).

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR REPORT (Cheryl Russell)

TeamLinkt is up and running and seems to be working well as Mac Hockey's team management app and communications platform. Teams and Officials were activated on the app early in the season allowing information sharing on rosters, schedules, availability and more. Commencing next season, we are confident that we will be able to archive current contact information for our membership so that we are no longer dependent on the HCR (Hockey Canada Registry) for contact details each year. This will eliminate some of the frustration around outdated contact information recurring and members not receiving communications after messaging being directed to incorrect or outdated contacts.

Child Abuse Registry checks were submitted to Child & Family Services for all coaches and bench staff working with our players. This is a necessary check for safety reasons mandated by Hockey Manitoba that is completed every year.

Mac Hockey will once again be participating in the 2024-25 atoMc U11 Hockey Sponsorship Program. McDonald's Canada has been an ongoing sponsor of Macdonald Hockey since 2011 and has made a significant investment in kids' community hockey.

We have also recognized our many generous sponsors on our sponsor banner located on the Mac Hockey website. These sponsors were kind contributors to the U11, U13 and U15 Female Provincial Tournaments, U9 Playoff Tournament, and U7 Faceoff Festival; all hosted by Mac Hockey.

Please write to communications@macdonaldhockey.ca if there are team pictures or items of interest you would like to see shared with the membership on the website or through our social media channels. We are always open to comments/feedback on the Mac Hockey related media you receive. All information is shared with the membership through the TeamLinkt platform and/or posted on the Macdonald Hockey website.

MACDONALD ICE CONVENOR REPORT (Ray Agostino)

U7 (6 teams)

Sept. 30th & Oct. 1st - Evaluations (2 groups x 2 hr each) = 4 hrs

Oct. 7th – 22nd Ice: 3 Sat's x 2 teams each ice for IP development = 6 hrs (PV Jamboree on Oct. 29th)

Nov. 4th -Dec.16th & Jan. 6th -Mar.9th Ice: Games - Sat.'s 8:00am-10:15am @ Oak Bluff (17 weeks x 2 hrs per/week) = 34 hrs

Practices Weekdays
Monday 5:30 Sanford (2 teams)
Tuesday 5:45 Oak Bluff (2 teams)
Thursday 5:45 Oak Bluff (2 teams)
18 weeks @ 3hrs per = 54 hrs

U9 (6 teams): 6 Co-ed teams

Ice: Games – Mix of Saturday and Sunday games: 1-hour slots, all at Sanford + 2 games in Oak Bluff (due to provincials in Sanford) = approx.. 64hrs

Practice Weekdays
Tuesday 5:30 Sanford (2 teams)
Wednesday 5:45 Oak Bluff (2 teams)
Wednesday 6:00 Sanford (2 teams)
18 weeks @ 3 hrs per = 54 hrs

2nd half ice – in Domain (3 ice slots for 6 teams at 11 weeks) teams split ice or alternated weeks = 33 hrs + Playoff Weekend (Mar.7-10) in Sanford= 11 hrs

U11 (6 teams): 4 co-ed teams & 2 female teams

Ice: Games – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday games (1.5 hours @ Sanford, Starbuck, Oak Bluff)

Practice Weekdays
Mon 6:45 Sanford (1 team) & Mon. 6:00 Starbuck (1 team)
Tues & Thur. 7:15 Starbuck (2 teams)
Wed 7:00 Oak Bluff (1 team) & Wed 7:15 Sanford (1 team)
18 weeks @ 6 hrs per = 108 hrs

2nd half ice – in Domain (3 ice slots for 6 teams at 11 weeks) teams split ice or alternated weeks = 33 hrs

U13 (6 teams): 5 co-ed teams & 1 female team

Ice: Games – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday games (1.5 hour @ Sanford, Starbuck, Oak Bluff)
Monday 815-945pm slot at Oak Bluff for city of wpg league (AA females used)

Practice Weekdays

Wed. 8:15 Oak Bluff (1 team)
Tues 645 Sanford (1 team) & Tues 7:00 Oak Bluff (1 team)
Tues & Thur. 8:00 Sanford (2 teams)
Thur 6:00 Starbuck (1 team)
18 weeks @ 6 hrs per = 108 hrs

2nd half ice –in Domain (6 ice slots for 6 teams at 11 weeks) = 66 hrs

U15 (3 teams): 1 co-ed teams + 2 female teams

Ice: Games – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday games (1.5 hour @ Sanford, Starbuck, Oak Bluff)

Practice Weekdays

Tues, Wed & Thur. 8:30 Starbuck (3 teams)
Mon @ 8:00 in Sanford (2 teams) * alternate weeks
Wed @ 8:15 in Sanford (1 team) * alternate weeks with U18
18 weeks @ 5 hrs per = 90 hrs

2nd half ice – did not pick up any extra as they had alternating ice the entire season.

U18 (1 team) – A1 team (playing out of the City)

Ice: Games (Hockey WPG) Friday, Saturday, and Sunday games (1.5 hour @ Sanford or Oak Bluff) + Monday 815-945pm slot at Oak Bluff for City of Winnipeg league

Practice Weekdays

Tues 9:15 Sanford + Wed @ 8:15 in Sanford
* alternate weeks with U15
18 weeks @ 1.5 hrs per = 27 hrs

2nd half ice –did not pick up any extra as they had alternating ice the entire season.

Ice Rationale

- Picked up 2 extra 1hr slots for practices on Wednesdays in Sanford that we purchased from ringette only for the 2023/24 season.
- Sold some Friday and Sunday evening slots to Jr. B Swarm
- PV has imbalance of games within age groups and with tiers in each age group. This is hard to plan for when the number of games being played changes every season. PV needs to implement a set number of games each year play the same amount in each age level and gender. Playoff structure is different every year and how many rounds there will be is decided last minute and different for each age.
- Lost 1 U18 team at last minute due to numbers that can't be predicted. On average, this team would have used approx. 50 hrs of ice that was planned for in Sept. when ice contracts are made.
- Had to rent a few hrs of ice in Rosenort to get playoff games in (hosted provincials on 2 weekends)
- Burned ice was down this year by 30% but still had some, especially in the second half primarily due to tournaments along with Domain ice being used in second half for most teams.

October – none (from 1 in 2022/23)
November – 5.5hrs (from 12 in 2022/23)
December – 8.5 hrs (from 12 in 2022/23)
January – 19.5 hrs (from 24 in 2022/23)
February – 21 hrs (from 32.5 in 2022/23)
March – 16.5 hrs (from 19 in 2022/23)

- Geographical location will play a role and weather systems influence our league. This can't be planned for, but we know ice will be burned and games will have to be rescheduled throughout the year so extra is needed.

Suggestions:

- If numbers stay relatively the same (number of teams), think it would be safe to keep the same ice for next season. If Ringette can't sublet us any ice, we may be in a shortage situation, especially if we go up in numbers.
- Keep working with ringette and best utilize our local rinks before booking in Rosenort.
- Continue to be creative on how we utilize ice. ½ ice doesn't mean sharing with a team of the same age. Do U11 teams need full ice? Would they prefer more often but shared in Oct-Dec? U13's?
- Are we getting too big for set ice and look at rotating schedule like we do in Oct? Do we do a draft of ice like in some parts of the city? Keep status quo (easier for families to plan when they know their practice day and time for the entire year)?

REFEREE-IN-CHIEF REPORT (Nathan Brigg)

1. Referee Numbers

- a. This year Macdonald had a total of 48 Certified Referees.
- b. 9 Level 3's (18+), 12 Level 2's (15-18), 27 Level 1's (12-15), 7 Female, and 12 NEW Officials.
- c. The continued interest in officiating is extremely exciting and bodes well for Macdonald Hockey going forward.

2. Programs

- a. U11 Mentorship Program: All U11 games require a mentor. This program helps younger officials learn from more experienced referees. The mentor is not supposed to make calls, instead help support the referees assigned to the game and deal with any interactions with coaches, players, and fans.
- b. U9 Mentorship Program: We introduced a similar mentorship program for new referees in U9. We ran this until the Christmas break this year. We plan to expand this program next season.

- c. Referee Retention Program: We also introduced a program designed to incentivize level 2 and 3 referees to continue on as referees for our association. We refund clinic fees for Level 2 and 3 Officials who work over 10 games in our association during the hockey season. This year we had 17 referees qualify for a refund.

3. Clinics

- a. Macdonald was not chosen to host a clinic this year as we have in years past. We will re-apply again next season.
- b. If anyone is interested in reffing next year, please reach out and I will help walk you through the process.
- c. To be a referee you must be at least 12 years old before December 31, 2024.
- d. REMINDER: ALL RETURNING OFFICIALS NEED TO COMPLETE A CLINIC TO BE RECERTIFIED.

Finally, I want to thank all the officials in Macdonald Hockey for their hard work and commitment to our Association.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT REPORT (Steve McFarlane)

Macdonald Hockey's player development program began in September for this season. We hosted 4 Hockey Canada Pathway skates for each of our U9 and U11 players prior to evaluations and team formations. These skates were run by the instructors from The RINK as well as our volunteer coaches.

Macdonald Hockey's in-season goalie development program was made available to all goalies in our association from the U11 age group up to the U18 age group. This program allowed goalies to schedule their own development sessions and submit their receipts for reimbursement up to a maximum of \$300 per goalie. We also hosted a "Come Try Goalie Day" which saw participants from our U9-U13 age groups have an opportunity to take to the ice with RINK Goalie Development Instructors as well as attend a presentation about the position including a question-and-answer period. The objective was to provide much needed information about the goaltender position to parents and potential goalies as they make their decision about continuing in hockey as a goaltender. Macdonald Hockey also hosted in-season goalie development sessions throughout the season with Tim Morison Goalie Development.

Two Coach Specialty clinics were attempted to be hosted by Macdonald Hockey in partnership with Hockey Manitoba this year. These were the Small Area Games clinic and the Puck Control clinic. Due to a lack of registrants, the Small Area Games clinic was canceled. The Puck Control clinic was well attended and hosted early in the season, hopefully providing our coaches with a good information base for their practices.

At the beginning of the season Macdonald Hockey hosted a checking clinic for all U15 participants and major aged U13 participants. This clinic was hosted by one of our certified volunteer coaches with the help of our other U15 and U13 volunteer coaches. A second checking clinic was hosted near the end of the season for any major aged U13 participants wanting a refresher or who had missed the first clinic.

Macdonald Hockey once again hosted its breakfast club on Wednesday mornings at the Oak Bluff Arena. These skates ran from October straight through the season and finished at the end of March. We consistently had between 15 - 22 participants each week. A special thanks goes out to the Oak Bluff Rec Club for donating the ice time.

FEMALE HOCKEY REPORT (Meghan Manness)

I would like to start off by saying thank you to all of our players, parents and coaches for a great season. Another big thank you goes to our provincial committee and volunteers who made our two Provincial events a success.

We were able to host five single roster female teams, two U11, one U13, and two U15. This was the first year EMFhL had tiering, and we were able to tier our U11, And U15 teams. Unfortunately, we were not able to tier our U13 division, which caused some hiccups, but are hopeful that our U13 AA motion gets passed at the spring AGM.

Special mentions go to our U11 A1, AND U15 A1 teams for placing Silver in league playoffs. Our teams also had success in tournaments throughout the season and all teams competed at Provincials, except for our U11 A2 team. We are hoping that Hockey Manitoba comes up with a new way to place teams at Provincials in proper levels.

I appreciate all the support I got this year from managers, and coaches. Lots of positive and constructive feedback.

EMFHL's future remains unknown, and with that may come changes. We will write up a letter to all our members outlining our intentions in the next couple of months to keep everybody informed.

The game of Female hockey is growing in Macdonald Hockey which is exciting and we will do our best to keep everyone playing the game they love.

I have really enjoyed being involved with Female hockey, and will continue to be a volunteer and sit on the EMFHL Board depending on where the league stands.

AGE DIRECTOR REPORT U7-U9 (Luc Fortier)

MMHA U7 2023/24 Season

In the U7 program this past season we had a total of 63 kids, 55 boys and 8 girls. After evaluations, the players split into 6 teams of 10/11 skaters. Attempts were made to ensure teams were balanced, while being mindful of community memberships, to ensure kids were able to participate with some friends and familiar faces. This year in late October, we hosted the U7 Face Off Festival for Pembina Valley at our rink in Starbuck. Thanks to Haley for organizing, and the parents who volunteered during the event. I would also like to extend appreciation to the sponsors who stepped to support this event financially and through the donation of silent auction prizes.

Special thanks to Tyler Wrixon, Bob McDonald, Joey Davy, Hartley Krulicki, Jeff Hoffer, and Trevor Miller for coaching the teams. Additional thanks to all the assistant coaches, managers, and safety reps as well for your help. Hockey depends on volunteers, and these parents put in countless hours to enable a successful season.

Best wishes to the 27 senior players advancing to U9 next season and looking forward to another great U7 season for the returning junior players.

MMHA U9 2023/24 Season

In the U9 program this past season we had a total of 71 kids, 62 boys and 9 girls. After evaluations, the players split into 6 teams of 11/12 skaters. Building balanced community-based teams was attempted but proved to be very difficult this year. Balancing skill level, communities, coaches, gender, parent requests, and head coaches' requests made the process incredibly complex. The board ended up fielding multiple complaints from frustrated parents and coaches when the teams were formed. Consequentially, I would recommend that the board re-examine our philosophy for team formation at the U9 age group.

Overall, the season progressed quite well. The coaches did a very nice job of applying the fair play principles which greatly reduced complaints compared to prior years. The introduction of a bond to ensure the prompt dismantling of the mini-boards after the U9 games also had the desired effect which was appreciated by the Sanford rink staff. Mid-way through the season, the MMHA board was forced to make the decision to eliminate the Zamboni flood between the first and second games on Saturday. Earlier in the year, a number of the U9 games had exceeded their allotted time which impacted the EMFHL game that was played after the second U9 game. After a warning to the MMHA which was passed onto the U9 teams, the EMFHL then mandated that the duration of their league games be extended from 60 minutes to 90 minutes, the board had no choice but to eliminate the second flood.

The year ended with a championship tournament. We did our best to optimize a schedule to complete pool games and held the championship bracket on Sunday. The tournament was very competitive and boasted a number of close games. Thanks to Haley for organizing, and I would also like to extend appreciation to the sponsors who stepped up to support this event financially and through the donation of silent auction prizes. There was a minor oversight as the championship banner was not available to Team McElroy, who won the championship. However, one has been ordered and will be presented to the team shortly.

Special thanks to Dusty Wiens, Brian McElroy, Stewart Thiessen, Dwayne Gylywoychuk, Chris Bell, and Jason Anseeuw for coaching the teams. Additional thanks to all the assistant coaches, managers and safety reps as well for your help. Hockey depends on volunteers, and these parents put in countless hours to enable a successful season.

Best wishes to the 33 senior players advancing to U11 next season and looking forward to another great U9 season for the returning junior players.

AGE DIRECTOR REPORT U11-U13 (Kurt Parker)

Gold Evaluations

It was the 1st year our Association had Gold evaluations for the U11 and U13 division. The goal of the Gold evaluations was to help slim down our numbers for our general evaluations to more manageable numbers, and help ensure kids were comfortable on the ice, competing against similar skill sets. As is with anything new, there were some hiccups and some ideas brought forward to help improve the format that may be adopted for the upcoming season. Overall, the feedback was overwhelmingly positive and something that we should continue doing.

U11 Co-ed Report

- Total Players: 61 registered
- Division Composition: 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze
- 2 x U11 teams entered Provincials (Gold, Bronze)

After evaluations, the players split into 4 teams of 15/16 skaters. Most teams were challenged in the 1st ½ of the season with some lopsided games, until reseeding happened at the break. The 2nd ½ of the season saw a lot more competitive games. Our U11 Gold team finished the regular season in 2nd place. Thanks to all the coaches, bench staff and parents for their hard work and efforts in making the U11 season a success this past year.

U13 Co-ed Report

- Total Players: 66 registered
- Division Composition: 1 Gold, 2 Silver, 2 Bronze
- 3 x U13 teams entered Provincials (Gold, Bronze x 2)

All 5 of our teams played in highly competitive divisions this year, with quite a bit of tiered division movement for the 2nd half of the season, helping to at least balance out some games. We didn't have a lot of sustained playoff success this year, but I think most would consider it a very good development year for the kids. At U13 this year, we had the unenviable situation of having 5 teams and 4 goalies to roster. Thank you to the Manager and Coaches for Team U13 Lewko for working all season to overcome this challenge and working with the other teams to try and get coverage for their crease all season. Additional thanks to all the other coaches, bench

staff and parents for their hard work and efforts in making the U13 season a success this past year.

AGE DIRECTOR REPORT U15-U18 (Barrett Paulsen)

MMHA U15 2023/24 Season

Overall summary ...

- Total Players: 18 players (including two goalies)
- Age division composition: 1 – U15 A1 Team
- Finished first in PVMHA after regular season with a record of 17-2-1. Upset in playoffs but kids developed as the season progressed.
- Qualified and participated in Provincials

We were challenged with number of players originally registered with MMHA then losing those players to AAA or AA programs. Our goal is to field competitive team to create an environment that is both fun but provides challenges to facilitate player development. We wanted to house an A1 team & A2 team but could not do that due to final numbers enrolled. Team was 100% selected by third party evaluators. We transferred three kids to Red River U15A1 & 3 kids to Hockey Winnipeg A2. We also moved a goalie to U18 A1 when we added a goaltender returning from injury mid point of the season.

Thank you to the head coaches, assistant coaches, managers, safety reps from the team. Hockey depends on volunteers, and these parents put in countless hours to enable a successful season.

MMHA U18 2023/24 Season

Overall summary ...

- Total Players: Oversized roster of 21 players (including 1 import goalie)
- Age division composition: 1 – U18A1 Team
- Two kids were released to play Hockey Winnipeg A2 after evaluations.
- Two kids left the team middle of November for personal reasons.
- One kid was added mid point of the season after being evaluated through third party evaluation.
- Finished 5th place (out of 13 teams) in Winnipeg U18A1 division and competed well in the playoffs.

We continue to have challenges with the early-season number of kids leaving MMHA for AAA & High School Hockey. Team was 100% selected through third party evaluations. We will continue look at this closely to ensure that our timing of MacDonald U18 Hockey team evaluations are correct. Our goal at U18 is to field a competitive team and create an environment that is both fun but provides challenges to facilitate player development and most importantly keep kids in the game.

U18 is the most difficult age group to find coaches and goalies. Thank you to SWHA for lending MMHA a goalie. Thank you to the head coaches, assistant coaches, managers, safety reps.

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TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

Starting the 2023 season MMHA introduced the non-voting board position of Tournament Coordinator.

This position is responsible for tracking tournaments within the province and when possible, within surrounding provinces and North Dakota. Facilitating, when possible, the registration of MMHA teams in tournaments, as well as tracking and promoting team tournament activities.

In addition, the Tournament Coordinator is also responsible for the coordination of MMHA events and MMHA hosted partnered (Pembina Valley and or Hockey Manitoba) events.

This year we successfully pre-registered MMHA teams in approximately 40 tournament spots. This facilitated team managers' ability to choose tournaments that best fit their needs and schedule. An end of year tournament survey has been sent out to all coaches and managers. We are seeking feedback on tournaments as well as taking tournament requests for the 2024 season.

MMHA supported several events this season. In October we hosted the U7 Faceoff in partnership Hockey Manitoba at the Starbuck arena. This successful event saw 6 MMHA teams along with teams from Treherne, Ekm Creek and St Claude participate.

In February we hosted both the female U13 and U15 provincials. U13 saw 6 teams attend and U15 had 8 teams. With the assistance of many dedicated MMHA volunteers and sponsors these were both wonderful events that highlighted the skills and dedication of our U13/U15 Female teams.

March saw MMHA host its final event with our U9 league playoffs. It was a fun weekend with some great competitive hockey. We were fortunate to have Access Credit Union in Sanford be a repeat sponsor for this event.

2024 Season planning has started with our coordination of a U11 All-Division Tournament. This event will take place November 8, 9, and 10. No other events are anticipated at this time. However, we continue to be open to requests for support that enhance the season of our MMHA membership.