Call to order: 7:05 pm by Mr. George Meek

Introductions of Board Members and Mr. George Meek

Present: Colleen Ruber, Vice President and Interim President; Kim Delong, Secretary; Cindy Morkotinis, Treasurer; Bill Moore, OMHA Director; Carrie Reynolds, Marketing Director; Renee Griffiths, Sponsorship Director; Sean Griffiths, Equipment Director; Sean Larocque, Minor and Major Houseleague Director; Edith Moore, Director of Volunteers; Mark Sliwowicz, Director of Officials

Regrets: John Petsinis, Registrar

Approval of the Minutes from the previous AGM

Motion to accept the Minutes the AGM, June 15, 2015, as presented by Jamie Butler, seconded by Malcolm Armstrong, Carried

Financial Reports

Financial report presented by Gord Peters FOR BOTH 2014/15 AND 2015/16 SEASONS

Draft – statement
Last paragraph – in their opinion that the financial statements are presented fairly and it is valid at May 31, 2016 – clean audit Draft statement for 2014/15
Total assets $533,815 May 31, 2015
Liabilities $277,410 – of this amount $271,908 relates to revenue for 2015/16
Surplus $256,405
Equity end of 2015 $256,405
Revenue vs expenses
Registration revenue was down, tournament revenue was up
Operating expenses $1,063,794
Differences in ice costs – rental increase
Surplus $30609 year before was $24000
$88000 to $65000 bank account – end of May large term investment made. 
Notes attached – for tournaments $3000 loss in 2014 gain of $36079 in 2015
Questions - none
Motion to receive financial statements for 2014/15 as audited: Edith Moore seconded by Sean Larocque: Carried

Draft statement: not expecting any issues with the financial statements for 2015/16 season; Highlights include:
Total Assets $554,745
Total Surplus $296,081
Total Operating Expenses $1,100,734
Surplus for the year (revenue over expenses) $39,676

Motion to accept the Draft Statement FOR 2015/16 by Cindy Morkotinis, seconded by Mark Sliwowicz
No further questions – carried.

Appointment of the Auditor for the 2016 - 2017 year

Cindy Morkotinis put forth a motion: The Board of Directors would like to put forth a motion consistent with the prior year, to allow the Board of Directors to appoint an Auditor for the 2016/17 year before December 31, 2016. Seconded by Kim Delong – no questions/debate – Carried

General AMHA Report

Winning season for lots of teams.
New to Hockey program – free on Sunday 10 – 11am at ACC – over 50 kids this year
House league interlock with PHA – well received – kids liked the opportunity to play an away game
International games – Germany and Switzerland
Amalgamation with Pickering Hockey Association – The Board voted not to proceed at this time
A motion to accept the AMHA Reports as presented: Sean Griffiths, seconded by Bill Moore; Carried

Director’s Reports

As attached in Appendix A.

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Association

Mr. Meek provided ground rules and guidelines for the next part of the meeting
56 members registered to vote tonight

Discussion regarding submissions by Mr. Joe Bray – it was decided at this time not to proceed with Mr. Bray’s Motions in agreement with Mr. Joe Bray who was present.

**Changes to the Role of Past President:**

Motioned by Renee Griffiths and seconded by Jason Bradimore: Carried

*Proposed amendment to By-Law 8.2 (b) Rotation of Directors*

**Remove wording:** Note: Past President will serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors until such time they are replaced by a new Past President.

**Replace with:** Note: Past President will serve as a voting Director of the Board until such time they are replaced by a new Past President and this position cannot affect a quorum if absent.

**Current Wording:** (b) In order to implement the provisions of this By-Law, the term of all incumbent Directors of the Association at the date of adoption of the By-Law, shall expire and terminate on the 30th day of June following the date of implementation of this By-Law;

Note: Past President will serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors until such time they are replaced by a new Past President.

**New Wording:** (b) In order to implement the provisions of this By-Law, the term of all incumbent Directors of the Association at the date of adoption of the By-Law, shall expire and terminate on the 30th day of June following the date of implementation of this By-Law;

Note: Past President will serve as a voting **Director of the Board** until such time they are replaced by a new Past President.

**Rationale:** The Past President should be listed as a voting **Director of the Board**. The Past President exercises all the same rights as the Board of Directors, therefore should be recognized as a Director and follow the same guidelines as Directors.

**Election procedures: Vice President**

Motioned by Kim Delong, seconded by Sean Larocque: Carried.
Proposed amendment to BY-Law 9.3 (b) Election Procedures:

Current wording: (b) The following are deemed to be prerequisite conditions for any member to seek election to the following Board Positions:

President: 1-year experience on the AMHA Board
OMHA Director: 1-year experience on the AMHA Board
Director of OMHA Officials: OMHA Level 3 Certification
Treasurer *: Previous experience and understanding of financial reporting and investing.
Registrar: Strong computer skills, knowledge of credit card processing, Reconciliation with Bank Statement,

* Note: This position will be an appointed position to be determined by the AMHA Executive Board of Directors.

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New Wording: (b) The following are deemed to be prerequisite conditions for any member to seek election to the following Board Positions:

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Vice President: 1 year experience on the AMHA Board
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Director of OMHA Officials: OMHA Level 3 Certification
Treasurer *: Previous experience and understanding of financial reporting and investing.
Registrar: Strong computer skills, knowledge of credit card processing, Reconciliation with Bank Statement,

* Note: This position will be an appointed position to be determined by the AMHA Executive Board of Directors.

Rationale: The position involves association contracts and Town of Ajax liaisons. AMHA board experience will provide an understanding of such contracts that involve the entire Association.

Question: John King – in opposition – motion to follow requiring no experience – that role was not in the motion – he was not aware of other motions.

Changes to Past President definitions etc

Motioned by Carrie Reynolds Seconded by Kim Delong - questions: Herb Watson – question: filling of vacancies Edith Moore – not consecutive years Carried
1. **Definitions:**

1.1 Add: (n) “Past President” is defined as the immediate last person to occupy the position of President who completed his/her full term and was not re-elected as a Director, removed or resigned.

2. **Rotation of Directors**

Add: Past President two (2) years

4. **Vacancies**

(a) Any vacancy, with the exception of the Past President, occurring on the Board may be filled only for the remainder of the current term by Resolution of the Board of Directors then in office provided there is a quorum of Directors then in office. The Board shall invite applications from the Membership for appointment to the vacancy on the Board. The Board shall appoint a replacement Director within thirty (30) days after the Board position was vacated.  

(b) Add: If there is no Past President as defined herein, the position of Past President will remain vacant. Where the position of Past President becomes vacant because of removal, resignation, or is vacated in accordance with Section 9.5, the position will remain vacant until a newly qualified Past President exists.  

(c) Add: Should the President resign his/her position at any time prior to the end of his/her term, the President will not be entitled to serve as Past President on the Board of Directors.

**Coaching Director reinstated:**

Motioned by Renee Griffiths, seconded by Jason Bradimore Questions: Jim Earle – in opposition feels process in place was good enough, Guy Crozier – agree with Jim Earle, opposed to motion Carried.

Proposal to re-instate the Director of Coaching role. Propose to amend the following By-Laws that reference Director of Coaching:

8.2 Rotation of Directors (add Director of Coaching 2 years)

8.2 1) Add: Director of Coaching

9.2 (o) Director of Coaching 2 Year term

9.3 (b) Minimum of 4 years coaching experience at the Representative level

11.1(a) Director of Coaching

11.6 (o)

The Director of Coaching shall:

i. For purposes of establishing, implementing and evaluating on ice and off ice technical development programs, liaise with the OMHA Director and the Major & Minor House League Directors;
ii. To recruit and train volunteers to perform the functions required for technical development;

iii. To carry out other duties as assigned by the Board, or the President;

iv. To assist the O.M.H.A. Director and the House League Directors in the process of enhancing player and coach development initiatives;

v. To organize coaching clinics for A.M.H.A. coaches;

vi. To set up instructional coaching meetings, as needed, throughout the hockey season to update coaching development;

vii. To monitor coaches, periodically, throughout the year in order to recommend areas of improvement;

viii. To coordinate the Coach Feedback / Evaluation Process for parents and to act as mediator in Parent / Coach conflicts;

ix. To chair the Coach Selection Committee for the AMHA coaching positions; the Selection Committee will include the OMHA Director, the Director of Officials and two other candidates approved by the Board

x. To receive all coaching applications and ensure that coaching criteria as determined by the O.M.H.A. are met;

xi. Be a member of the Fair Play Committee;

xii. To assist the O.M.H.A. Director with administrative functions.
Proposal to create the role of Director of Trainers

Motioned by: Kim Delong seconded by Carrie Reynolds

Carrie Reynolds – support the motion - Carried

Proposal to add an additional Director (Director of Trainers)

8.2 Rotation of Directors

(a) Commencing on Even Year….

Director of Trainers 2 years

(1) Therefore, on an even year Annual General Meeting the membership will elect the following positions for a two-year term:

President
Secretary

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Director of Trainers

9.2 Board Positions

The Board shall consist of the following:

(a) President – two (2) year term
(b) …..

(o) Director of Trainers – two (2) year term

9.3 Election Procedures

(b) The following are deemed to be prerequisite conditions for any member to seek election to the following Board Positions:

President: 1 year experience on the AMHA Board

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Director of Trainers*: HTCP Level III Certification; minimum 3 years hockey experience
* The Director of Trainers will replace the AMHA Head Trainer

* This position will be an appointed position to be determined by the AMHA Executive Board of Directors

11.6 Responsibilities of Directors

(a) President

The President shall:

i. Represent the Association in the Community;
ii. ….

(o) Director of Trainers

The Director of Trainers shall:

i. Serve as a voting Director and will lead the AMHA’s Safety and Risk Management programs for the benefit of participants, parents and volunteers in the AMHA’s hockey programs and activities;
ii. Demonstrate the values of the Hockey Trainers Certification Program (“HTCP”);
iii. Promote and enhance the safety of all participants in the AMHA;
iv. Assist in identification of training needs for the AMHA
v. Mentor Team Trainers;
vi. Develop a network of resources available to AMHA Trainers;
vii. Assist in elevating the role of each team’s Trainer;
viii. Collect, monitor and ensure proper disposition of reporting forms relating to on and off-ice incidents resulting in injury to a player, volunteer, team official, on-ice official or other participant; and
ix. Participate on a regular basis in hockey safety and risk management education activities sponsored or promoted by the OMHA, HC, OHF or HDCO.
x. To carry out other duties as assigned by the Board.

Motion to propose a change to the number of Directors

Motioned by: Renee Griffiths and seconded by Jason Bradimore, Carried.

Proposed amendment to 8.1 (b) Number of Directors
Current wording: The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board, which consists of no more than fifteen (15) Elected Directors

New Wording: The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board, which consists of no more than seventeen (17) Elected Directors

Mike Battah – was not present so his motions were not presented

**Change to ByLaw Section 18.3**

Motioned by John King, seconded by Jamie Butler – rationale – questions: Board to find appropriate place to put it into the ByLaws – Carrie Reynolds – 18.3 result: carried

Any amendments to the By-Laws by a member must be in writing, signed by a member in good standing and received by the Secretary of the Association 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting, deadline being ...

**Motion to add a By-Law or amend an existing By-Law**

Whereas it is beneficial for the AMHA to improve membership input and involvement;

Whereas any amendments to the By-Laws by a member must be in writing, signed by a member in good standing and received by the Secretary of the Association 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting;

Whereas the transaction of any business which relates to the business of the Annual General Meeting, notice and particulars of which must be received by the Secretary in writing on or before 6:00 pm 10 days immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting;

Whereas reasonable time is already recognized and mandated by the AMHA for the preparation and/or distribution of business of the Annual General Meeting as previously noted above;

Be it resolved that all Active Members, Parent/Guardian Members, and Honorary Lifetime Members shall be entitled to notice of **not less than 40 days** prior to the Annual General Meeting or **not less than ten (10) days notice** prior to the deadline by which any business for the Annual General Meeting, must be received by the Secretary in writing.

**Change to ByLaws regarding No other nominations**

Motioned by John King seconded by Catharine Walker – missing the on this motion Brian Coggins – replace having equivalent experience - Not Carried

**Motion to amend By-Law 9.**

Whereas the purpose of the Association is to organize, develop and promote minor ice hockey for the youth of the Town of Ajax;
Whereas having all positions on the Board of Directors filled with the best qualified individuals enhances the association's ability to fulfill its mandate and achieve its objectives;

Whereas having a **prerequisite condition** of 1-year experience on the AMHA Board could prevent the AMHA from filling a vacancy on the Board of Directors;

Whereas vacancies on the Board of Directors undermines the administrative ability of the AMHA;

Whereas a member/candidate may have acquired equal or greater related experience elsewhere that could benefit the AMHA;

Be it resolved that By-Law 9.3.(b) be amended to include the words “unless there are no other nominations.” At the end of the positions of President or OMHA Director.

Proposed Amended version

(b) The following are deemed to be prerequisite conditions for any member to seek election to the following Board positions

President: 1 year experience on the AMHA Board unless there are no other nominations

OMHA Director: 1 year experience on the AMHA Board unless there are no other nominations

**Update ByLaw to include email responses Section 18.3 Subsection D.**

Kim Delong moved seconded by Joe Bray result: carried

Proposal of a change to ByLaw Section 18.3 subsection D.

Currently it reads: Any Amendment to the By-Laws by a member must be in writing, signed by a member in good standing and received by the Secretary of the Association 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting;

Proposed wording: Any Amendment to the By-Laws by a member must be either in writing or sent by email using the form on the Association Website, and must be signed or electronically signed by a Member in Good Standing and received by the Secretary of the Association 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting;

Rationale: to keep up to date in the current electronic world


**Election of New Board**

There were 5 acclamations

President - Colleen Ruber  
Secretary - Kim Delong  
Sponsorship Director - Renee Griffiths  
Major House League Director - Edith Moore  
Marketing Director – Carrie Reynolds  
Director of Volunteers - vacant

**Other new business**

Thank you from Colleen Ruber

Thank you to Members from George Meek

Meeting adjournment: 8:47pm  
Motion to adjourn the meeting by John King seconded by Sean Larocque – Adjourned
First and foremost, a sincere **THANK YOU** to all of our volunteers. We are most fortunate to have an association that continues to stand strong and proud with our many volunteers. Our volunteers dedicate their time to keep the passion of hockey alive and promote a positive environment for our children to stay healthy and have fun. For our **Coaches** and **Trainers** who bring spirit, confidence, and knowledge to the game for our children, we are most grateful. For our **Managers** and **Treasurers** who complete the team with extreme organization skills and maintaining team stability, we sincerely thank you. For our **Convenors**, **on-ice volunteers** and our **Parent group**, your commitment to help in any/all capacity, binds the final team concept together. With all of you, we now have a **TEAM**.

We are a not for profit Minor Hockey organization and without our many volunteers, there would not be any programs to offer our children.

I must take a moment to thank your **AMHA Board of Directors**, who volunteer diligently around the clock to help maintain the strength and leadership of the organization. I have witnessed these volunteers behind the scenes, organizing, promoting, packing, unpacking, delivering, scheduling, and working together to help their AMHA. They continue to support all other Directors in their respective programs and step in whenever there is a call for help.

**We are all volunteers. We all do the best we can as volunteers.**

To provide understanding and to clarify, the AMHA Board of Directors were in a position to immediately fill the President role in order to keep hockey operations moving forward. They did place a motion and asked me if I would consider stepping in, as I was currently the Vice President. I agreed and the Board voted. I relinquished my vote as well. I had trust and faith that the volunteer Board of Directors were there for the best interest of AMHA. The Not-for-Profit Corporations Act does allow for a Director to host more than one role on the Board.

I have put 100%+ in my commitment to the AMHA and my role. I stand beside the Board of Directors as a fellow volunteer and applaud all of them for stepping up and volunteering their time in this capacity.

I have had the opportunity to watch and learn from everyone around me and also share my knowledge and experience after 13 years of volunteering. I have sincerely enjoyed my volunteer journey.

As your President, I believed that it was my role to maintain unity of the Board and continue to support and promote Hometown hockey here in Ajax. I have built solid working relationships and stabilized contacts within and outside of AMHA in order to gain and maintain continued support for our Association.

**We have a fantastic, long standing organization that we should all be proud of. This is your club, this is your Hometown hockey. Be proud, have fun, make memories and enjoy the greatest game ever...HOCKEY**
**VICE-PRESIDENT – Colleen Ruber**

It has been my pleasure to have had the opportunity to volunteer as the Vice President for Ajax Minor Hockey for 5 years. I have been an AMHA volunteer for the last 13 years in various roles and an AMHA member for the last 17 years. I truly believe in the AMHA and hometown hockey spirit. I can assure you that this organization has produced a very solid product for your children to grow with.

**Attended all AMHA board meetings**

**Attended Town of Ajax Ice users meetings in April and May 2016.**

**Continued to maintain a healthy partnership with the Town of Ajax Facilities and Recreation. My sincere appreciation on behalf of AMHA to: Christine Williams, Debbie Nickerson, Greg Booth, Rob Carpenter, Pete Young, Christian Baudanza-DiTacchio & their outstanding crew, for your continued support and flexibility with our programs. We are fortunate to have such a solid working partnership.**

**Contracted and confirmed AMHA 2016-2017 season ice.**

**Obtained insurance from OMHA to provide to the Town of Ajax for our season ice, tournaments and clinics.**

**Contracted and confirmed ice for both our September Break the Ice and March Ron Sharpe 2016-17 tournaments.**

**On behalf of AMHA, I was able to contract enough ice from the Town of Ajax to make sure all existing development programs remain in place, with potential to build.**

**Will continue to supply an ice slot for our “New to Hockey Program”**

Together with Herb Watson, we were able to secure our ice requirements and have established that the AMHA is in a solid position moving forward.

I would like to acknowledge and thank my dedicated working partner Herb Watson. Herb has continued to take the ice I have contracted on behalf of AMHA and work his magic with all of the schedules. Thank you Herb for your time expertise with all of our AMHA ice schedules.

I would also like to express a sincere thank you to Brenda Watson-Budai and her dedication to making sure that the AMHA administration continues to run efficiently.

I strongly believe that the success of any organization would not be possible without the time and dedication of volunteers. My sincere Thank you to our Board of Directors for their outstanding passion and dedication to AMHA.

**OMHA DIRECTOR – Bill Moore**

The 2015-2016 Rep. Season comprised of 36 teams. Of those we had one OMHA Champion and two Lakeshore Champions as well as 4 OMHA Finalists and four Lakeshore Finalists. In addition to the above impressive record, many of our teams were Tournament Champions! Congratulations to all of the players, coaches, managers, trainers and families on a very successful season!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Coaches, Manages and Trainers who dedicated their time in coaching our players this season. It is because of volunteers like you that we have a program that we can all be proud of.

Through my efforts as OMHA Director this past season, I was able to:

* Improved tryout process with online results

* Re-classify our Atom AA team to Atom A for the season and our Novice A to Novice AE for the season

* Improved the look of our Rep teams by enforcing dress code to represent the image of Ajax Minor Hockey

In addition to the above, I represented Ajax and its interests at the Lakeshore League meetings.

I would like to thank Haissam Elawar (AE/Select Convener), Tony Schittone (A Convener), Pat McConkey (AA Convener), for all of their support throughout the season and especially their dedication to the AMHA Rep. program. With your help, I believe
that we were able to achieve the success that we did this season.

I would also like to thank Herb Watson, our Ice Scheduler who consistently works his magic to get all games & playoffs games completed on time!

Thanks also go out to Mark Sliwowicz, Director of Officials and Laurie Good, our Timekeeper Assignor, as well as all of the refs and timekeepers who officiated at all of our games this past season.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank Brenda Watson-Budai, our Executive Administrator, and the entire Board of Directors for their support and assistance throughout the season.

Going forward I tried to place as many non parent coaches for the upcoming season which will help ensure a smooth running season.

I wish everyone a safe and happy summer and I hope to see you all back in the fall for another exciting season of hockey.

REGISTRAR REPORT – John Petsinis

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership for voting me into the role of the Registrar for the 2015/16 season. I also want to thank our previous Registrar and our Executive Administrative Assistant for their continued and on-going support in assisting me in learning our processes and systems.

There were 1157 players registered with Ajax Minor Hockey this past season. 474 players which made up 29 Rep Teams and 683 players making up 41 House League Teams, including our Timbit program (10 Tyke, 6 Novice, 4 Atom, 6 Peewee, 5 Bantam, 6 Midget, 4 Juvenile). Unfortunately the total number of players was down by 4% (52 players) this past season.

Of the 1157 players that were registered with the AMHA last season, 5% (57) of the players were not Ajax residents. This further reflects the gradual decline in registration from previous years. (See chart below) We continue to do our best efforts in attracting new players to this great game.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR – Jason Bradimore

This past season our tournaments proved to be very successful for AMHA with a profit of $43,580.54!

Our first “Break the Ice” tournament held in September hosted 94 teams and resulted in $34,267.03 profit. We received very positive feedback from all those who attended despite having an ice meltdown which did cause some minor delays. We are already working on the 2nd Annual Break the Ice tournament for this September which we are hopeful will be even bigger than the first.

Our annual Spring House league tournament, despite being held over Easter weekend proved to be successful as well with 52 teams and resulted in $9,313.51 profit.

Thank you to all those who helped out during the tournaments. Tournaments are a huge undertaking and would not be successful without numerous people stepping up and helping out.

TREASURER REPORT – Cindy Morkotinis

I would firstly like to recognize the support and assistance from Brenda Watson-Budai. Effective oversight and governance of the AMHA finances would not be possible without Brenda’s support ensuring bookkeeping, cheque issuance, bill payment and payroll accountabilities for the AMHA finances are adhered to in a timely manner.
2015-2016 financial results

The financial statements for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2016 have been provided in draft. Despite a decrease in the number of registrations and rep teams for 2015/2016, results show a net income estimated at approximately $40,000. The net income is primarily due to positive results (approximately $43K) in our tournaments which are typically budgeted to breakeven.

Ice Costs

Ice costs are our largest expense. They are directly related to registration and are determined by the Town of Ajax. In 2015/2016 our ice costs were $671K net of ice sold to AAA which represents a decrease of 3.32% from 2014/2015. For the 2016/2017 season we are expecting an increase in the hourly rate of approximately 3%.

Consistent with good business practices, and to ensure the long-term viability of the Association, we maintain an appropriate reserve, reflected in our member’s equity. This is consistent with practices at other organizations of our size, and necessary to protect the AMHA against declining revenue flows or unexpected increases in expenses in a given year.

**DIRECTOR OF OMHA OFFICIALS – Mark Sliwowicz**

10 new officials were hired (14 to 17 year-old range) and some progressed right into doing Rep games. Mentoring program continued in its 7th year, with senior officials skating with brand-new officials to teach them fundamentals Each Rep team generally only saw same official 2 to 3 times maximum, all season Payrates for Rep games remained at $5 above the OMHA minimum (which is lower than Whitby’s payrates) Over 90 supervisions done on Ajax officials by 3 area supervisors Ajax/Pickering was leaned on during playoffs, for out-of-town assignments, as a centre with quality officials 3 Ajax officials will be sent to Level 3 clinic, held September 2016 in Trenton Ajax official Scott Desroches attended Level 4 clinic in May 2016 There were no recorded missed assignments by officials, in all of HL and rep, for whole season.

**Ajax/Pickering crew of Tyler Frank and TJ Hunter officiated OMHA Novice AAA championships in Whitby in March, including Bronze Medal game**

**Ajax/Pickering crew of Brad Benedetto, Alex Morra and Billy McIlmoyle officiated Minor Peewee AAA championships in Belleville in March**

**DIRECTOR OF VOLUNTEERS – Edith Moore**

I would like to start off my report by thanking all of the volunteers we had for our 2015/16 season, including the parents / grandparents / friends that drove them to the rink for us. We appreciate all the effort they provided to make our league run, because without all of them we could not get everything done. “Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.” ~Author Unknown

We had a lot of volunteers help us out over the season to run these events as well as other requests from time to time from coaches and executive members.

2015/16 Volunteers were used for the following:

- Timbits September 20th, 2015 to March 21, 2016 - Registration, sweater assignment, on ice
- Music on Sundays for Atom, Tyke and Novice for games
- Break the Ice Tournament September 2015
- Music, Raffle, and office help
- Ron Sharpe Memorial Spring Classic March 2016
- Music, Raffle and office help
- Miscellaneous requests from coaches and AMHA executive members

Thanks for volunteering and remember this quote “I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.” ~Edward Everett Hale
PLANNING FOR 2016/17 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ajax Minor Hockey Association is taking names / emails now for our 2015/16 Hockey Season Volunteer list. All volunteers will be sent details on what is required for each event and have a chance to sign up for activities and times that work for them. Please send your email address to Edith.Moore@rogers.com with AMHA Volunteer in the Subject line to be added to our distribution list for volunteers. We will need a lot of volunteers for the following events

- Ajax Knights Break The Ice Tournament – September 8-11, 2016.
- Playing music
- Selling raffle tickets
- General assistance in hockey tournament office
- Evaluation Weekend – September
- Registration (check in players and assign numbers and pinny), no hockey experience necessary
- On ice helpers – must be a registered player for the AMHA (for insurance) and requires helmet, skates and stick to help with drills and pucks and players.
- Bench helpers for Sunday’s “games” to open bench doors, will require helmet if under 16
  - Timbits on ice help September – March volunteers each week
- On ice helpers – must be a registered player for the AMHA (for insurance) and require helmet, skates and stick to help.
  - Will follow lead of a parent volunteer to help with drills, pucks and players.
- Ron Sharpe House League Tournament
  - playing music
  - Selling raffle tickets
  - General assistance in hockey tournament office
  - Other activities – as required

SPONSORSHIP – Renee Griffiths

Another exciting and successful season has now ended, and another is just around the corner. I would like to thank all of our local sponsors for their continued support of the AMHA. Without all of you, playing hockey for some children would only be a dream.

Here are the companies that I would like to recognise for their generous contributions to the House League Program, as well as for their donations to both of the AMHA Tournaments.

Dr. Martin Katzman (Ajax Endodontics) (Major Sponsor)
Helen Fujiki (Fujiki Dental) (Major Sponsor)
Jim Siddall (McDonald’s AtoMc Program) (Major Sponsor)
Thank You All!

I am very pleased to announce that all sponsorship fees owing to the association have been received in full from each and every sponsor.

HOUSE LEAGUE - Sean Larocque

This past season our house league comprised of 41 house league teams in total this season, with 20 minor teams and 21 major teams with TIMBITS having approx 80 players participating in two of the morning programs, which shows good strong numbers, which will help move more players into and for our major division and rep teams this year and seasons to come. In the first half of the house league season I myself-joined the AMHA board of directors in December of 2015 as major house league director, and after the Christmas break in the month of January I took over as the minor league house director after the position became vacant with no applicants to fill the position. Once as House league director I began to work with both minor and major divisions, which showed its ups and downs as any league has, but seeing the fun and the talents of all players and the heart and dedication of the volunteer coaches, conveners and the parents. This shows the strength of the Ajax hockey community and its ability to help grow our hockey program even stronger for next year, also for years to come.

As only holding the position of Minor House League Director for the 2016-1017 season, the plans and formats and hockey development I would like to start with is bringing back the hard dedicated coaches we had last year and the hard working conveners that helped the coaches and parents and myself keep things moving forward with and for the games. Bringing in a more structured plan for the Tim Bit program with having more effort on skating and I would also like to have player evaluating as a top priority and concern as well. Once in the season, Team balancing will be done to the letter. With knowing the challenges and concern from every parent and coach each year and keeping the fair play in mind as well, Balancing is an important part of house league. I hope to help create better numbers for our RON SHARPE Tournament as well. By working close with the coaches and parents and with the AMHA I hope to help create a strong and continuing developing program as well for future players and member to be proud of.

EQUIPMENT-Sean Griffiths

The AMHA is in the second year of its contract with Bauer as our supplier for apparel and team jerseys. The ordering process has been examined and changes were made to reduce errors in printing and sizing. As a result there were very few reorders required this season and it is expected that will be reduced even further for the 2016/17 season.

The online apparel ordering process was well received by the membership however it had several issues resulting in lost orders. The online ordering for the 2016/17 season has been moved to a new service provider and has already been a great improvement in the short time that it has been in place. Apparel orders will be delivered to the Ajax Source for Sports location and members will be notified when their order has arrived.

We continue to update and improve the AMHA goalie equipment making a wider variety of sizes available to assist our members and encourage new goalies to enter the hockey program.

I have been researching service and equipment providers over the past season to ensure we are receiving the best quality, service and value for our membership and are confident that we have a competitive contract for the 2016/17 season.

MARKETING – Carrie Reynolds

It’s hard to believe that another hockey season is in the books, but as someone once told me, hockey is 24/7 and they were right. Preparations are already underway for the upcoming 2016-2017 hockey season.

Once again this year, we continued to proactively utilize the league’s website to communicate with the membership which seen upwards of 5000-5500 hits a day. The Association finds it economically and environmentally friendly to make the most of the website to keep the membership updated on announcements, events, tournament wins, tryout schedules, vacancies etc. We encourage the membership to visit the website regularly to keep informed of the ongoing activities within the organization as well as keep abreast of their team’s schedule.
This year the AMHA saw some exciting developments and improvements in the marketing and website element.

We published a full page; and occasionally a two page spread on a bi-monthly basis in the SportsXpress magazine which could be found in hockey rinks throughout the Durham Region. This was a perfect opportunity to promote the AMHA while showcasing individuals and/or teams on their accomplishments and successes over the course of the past season(s).

This upcoming season, the AMHA is also looking to publish events in the Snap’d magazine. This will give the organization great exposure within the Ajax community.

I, along with Colleen Ruber, attended an Ajax IMPACT meeting to gain an insight in how the AMHA could work in partnership with the Town of Ajax to market the AMHA. We took away some very useful techniques, tips and recommendations which the organization will look to implement this upcoming hockey season in an effort to increase enrolment.

As many of the members are aware, this was the first time the AMHA’s rep coaches were able to release and select players for the upcoming season online. This was rolled out just prior to the tryouts and the coaches did an amazing job. This new procedure allowed the coaches to take additional time in the selection process and it also eliminated the congestion that occurred after a tryout session had ended and another one was commencing. Both members and coaches provided positive feedback on the new procedure.

I look forward to the upcoming hockey season and keeping the hometown hockey spirit alive in Ajax. Go Knights Go!!!