Call to order: 7:07 pm by Mrs. Colleen Ruber

Introductions of Board Members and Mr. George Meek

Present: Colleen Ruber, President; Cindy Morkotinis, Treasurer; Bill Moore, OMHA Director; Carrie Reynolds, Marketing Director; Renee Griffiths, Director of Trainers; Sean Griffiths, Equipment Director; Edith Moore, Major Houseleague Director; Mark Sliwowicz, Director of OMHA Officials; Wayne McNaughton, Past President

Regrets: Kim Delong, Secretary

**Approval of the Minutes from the previous AGM**

Motion to accept the Minutes the AGM, June 14 2016, as presented by Edith Moore seconded by Catherine Walker, Carried

**Financial Reports – numbers can be populated after**

Financial report presented by Gord Peters FOR BOTH 2015/16 AND 2016/17 SEASONS;

Statement 2015-2016

Last paragraph – in their opinion that the financial statements are presented fairly and it is valid at May 31, 2016 – clean audit statement for 2015/16

Total assets $555,146
Liabilities $258,664
Surplus $296,482

Revenue vs expenses $40,077
Registration revenue was down, tournament revenue was up
Operating expenses $1,098,259
Differences in ice costs – rental increase
Surplus $40,077 year before was $30,609

Questions -none
Motion to receive financial statements for 2015/16 as audited: Cindy Morkotinis seconded by Jamie Butler, Carried

Draft statement: not expecting any issues with the financial statements for 2016/17 season; Highlights include:
Total Assets $556,497
Total Surplus $305,120
Total Operating Expenses $1,109,818
Surplus for the year (revenue over expenses) $8,636

Motion to accept the Draft Statement for 2016/17 by Cindy Morkotinis, seconded by Debbie Dennis
No further questions – carried.

Appointment of the Auditor for the 2017 - 2018 year

Cindy Morkotinis put forth a motion: The Board of Directors would like to put forth a motion to appoint as Auditor, TurnerMoore LLP for the 2017/18 year. Seconded by Renee Griffiths – no questions/debate – Carried

General AMHA Report

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

There are members registered to vote tonight

Revisions to the position responsibilities of the Director of OMHA Officials

Part I
Brought forward by Mark Sliwowicz
11.6 (g) OMHA Director
This clause:
  xiv. Be responsible for the allocation of timekeepers for all rep games;
would go under here instead:
11.6 (i) Director of OMHA officials

   xii. Be responsible for the allocation of timekeepers for all rep games;

   Rationale: move the responsibility of who oversees Timekeepers to go from OMHA Director to Director of OMHA Officials.

   Motioned by Mark Sliwowicz seconded by Bill Moore questions: None    Carried

Part II

Brought forward by Mark Sliwowicz

9.1. Nominations:

   Nomination Forms for the Board of Directors positions shall be available each year to the membership by contacting the Association Secretary. A Nomination Form must be completed by all nominees and two (2) nominators who are Members of the Association. Such completed form must be delivered to the Secretary at least 48 hours prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Membership. No election or appointment of a Board Member can be effective without prior written completion of such nomination forms.

   to this:

9.1. Nominations:

   (a) Nomination Forms for the Board of Directors positions shall be available each year to the membership by contacting the Association Secretary. A Nomination Form must be completed by all nominees and two (2) nominators who are Members of the Association. Such completed form must be delivered to the Secretary in-person, by mail or scanned and e-mailed at least 7 days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Membership. No election or appointment of a Board Member can be effective without prior written completion of such nomination forms.

   Rationale: the deadline for nominations would be moved up until 7 days prior to the AGM from 2 days. This would give buffer time for any information sessions.

   Motioned by Mark Sliwowicz seconded by Bill Moore questions: None    Carried

Part III

Brought forward by Mark Sliwowicz

9.1 Nominations

   (b) Nominees of all positions (with exception of President and OMHA Director) will be offered an optional short information session pertaining to duties and expectations of their nominated position, to be pre-arranged and hosted at a mutually agreed time by President and/or OMHA Director of the AMHA. Such session would be held up to 2 days before the Annual General Meeting of the Membership. The session is not mandatory.

   Rationale:

   It was thought that it would help to hold an optional information session for prospective nominees, to let them know what is expected of their position, and other events that AMHA has
that they'd be asked/expected to help out with (we thought the By-law description didn't describe everything).

Motioned by Mark Sliwowicz seconded by Kim Delong questions: none Carried

Revisions to the roles of Director of Coaching and the OMHA Director

Brought forward by Bill Moore

Current wording:

(o) Director of Coaching

The Director of Coaching shall:

(viii) To coordinate the Coach Feedback/Evaluation process for parents and to act as mediator in Parent/Coach conflicts

(g) OMHA Director

The OMHA Director shall:

(ii) Direct the operation of all teams entered by the AMHA in the OMHA and be the liaison between the AMHA and the local representative of the OMHA;

Proposed wording:

(o) Director of Coaching

The Director of Coaching shall:

(viii) Coordinate the Coach Feedback/Evaluation process for parents and to act as mediator in Parent/Coach conflicts

(g) OMHA Director

The OMHA Director shall:

(ii) Direct the operation of all teams entered by the AMHA in the OMHA and be the liaison between the AMHA and the local representative of the OMHA, as well as to act as mediator in Parent/Coach conflicts along with the Director of Coaching

Rationale: As the OMHA Director is responsible for all operations of teams within the AMHA in the OMHA, then the OMHA Director should also be present in any conflicts resolutions within those teams.

Motioned by Bill Moore seconded by Mark Sliwowicz questions: None Carried
AMENDMENT TO:  By-Law #1 – Voting Procedures
BY-LAW #1 ARTICLE:  10.4 – Board Responsibilities
PAGE:  16
SUBMITTED BY:  Carrie Reynolds

CURRENT WORDING

10.4 Voting Procedures

A majority of votes of the Directors present at a Board Meeting shall decide every question. Every question shall be decided in the first instance by a show of hands. Unless a secret ballot is demanded by a Director present, a declaration by the Chair that the motion has been carried or not carried and an entry to the minutes of the meeting shall be sufficient evidence of the fact, without proof of the number of proportion of the votes recorded in favor or against such motion.

PROPOSED WORDING

10.4 Voting Procedures

A majority of votes of the Directors present at a Board Meeting or by electronic vote of the Board of Directors through electronic mail shall decide every question. Every question shall be decided in the first instance by either a show of hands or by electronic mail response. Unless a secret ballot is demanded by a Director present, a declaration by the Chair that the motion has been carried or not carried and an entry to the minutes of the meeting shall be sufficient evidence of the fact, without proof of the number of proportion of the votes recorded in favor or against such motion.

RATIONALE

To allow the Board of Directors to vote electronically between board meetings where time is of the essence.

Motioned by Carrie Reynolds seconded by Rene Griffiths questions: none  Carried

Election of New Board

There were  3  acclamations

Vice-President: appointed by the Board
Treasurer: appointed by the Board
Director of Volunteers (1 year term)
Minor House League Director - election
Sponsorship Director (1 year term)
Director of OMHA Officials – Mark Sliwowicz acclaimed
OMHA Director – Bill Moore acclaimed
Equipment Director
Tournament Director – Jason Bradimore acclaimed
Registrar

Election Scrutineers → Carrie, Edith, Wayne, Rene Griffiths nominated Brian Durand, Jason Bradimore seconded

Speeches from the three individuals running for Minor House League Director

Election scrutineers counted the votes; George received the election results → successful candidate is Todd Lawson; thanked the other two candidates

Edith mentioned the director of volunteers is open for 1 more year

George motioned that the ballots be destroyed, moved by Todd Moore, seconded by Carrie Reynolds; carried

**Other new business**

New timbit program – discussed by Colleen

Devin Shore meet and greet – details TBD – discussed by Colleen

Kristy Taylor – raised that she didn’t like the Bauer jacket for ladies; Rene responded that we did have it a few years ago, Kristy talked to Source and they said that they will have 3 jackets that we can choose from; Board to consider

Thank you from Colleen Ruber

Thank you to Members from George Meek

Meeting adjournment:  8:26 pm  Motion to adjourn the meeting John King seconded by Renee Griffiths → Adjourned
DIRECTORS REPORTS

President – Colleen Ruber

AMHA 2016-2017
President- Annual Report

Once again it has been my pleasure to volunteer for AMHA. I have been an AMHA volunteer for the last 14 years in various roles and an AMHA member for the last 18 years. I truly believe in the AMHA and in hometown hockey spirit. I can assure you that this organization is sincerely dedicated to providing a very solid program for your children to grow with.

I am most proud of our unique New to Hockey program, which is completely free for those who have never played or have just began and would love to have an opportunity to see what hockey is all about. This year our New to Hockey program grew to over 65 registrants. There were no less than 20 children on the ice each week. Our fantastic and dedicated Coaches rallied together to volunteer additional personal time to assist each week. Thank you to those Coaches.

This year we dedicated our efforts in providing a fantastic development program with Edge Hockey. Edge Hockey is topnotch in the hockey development community and will continue to offer a development program for AMHA into the 2017-2018 season.

We have some exciting news in our Timbits for this upcoming 2017-18 season, Headstart Hockey will be taking the lead and developing our little ones in Timbits. This is a fantastic opportunity for AMHA to have Headstart Hockey join us.

**Attended all AMHA board meetings**

**Attended Town of Ajax Ice users meetings in May 2017.**

**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, Pete Young, Christian Baudanza-DiTacchio, Adam McDermott, Rick Jarvis & 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 2017-2018 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 2017-18 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 Budai and her dedication to making sure that the AMHA administration continues to run efficiently. Brenda is a very passionate about AMHA and consistently provides guidance and knowledge to our volunteer Team staff and our membership.

I have watched this Board over the past 2 years and I admire the amount of personal time and dedication they administer towards their programs and others. I have also viewed the strength in the teamwork that they continuously display in order to make sure that your children are part of a solid association. 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 2016-2017 Rep. Season comprised of 35 teams. Of those we had one OHF Champion, one OMHA Champion and one Lakeshore Champions. In addition 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, Managers 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:

- Assisted in placing 9 non-parents coaches on rep teams for the 17-18 season
- Co-ordinated the new OHF/LOR tryout rules which proved to be a bit hectic at times but in the end worked out
  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 & Timekeeper 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 will work with our coaches to improve the number of GM20’s (Disputing call of official) and GM21 (Verbal Abuse of a game official) that are received. As well as working with the coaches to ensure Equal Ice time for all!

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

There were 1034 players registered with Ajax Minor Hockey this past season. 459 players made up our 27 Rep Teams and 575 players making up 38 House League Teams, including our Timbit program (8 Tyke, 8 Novice, 4 Atom, 4 Pee wee, 5 Bantam, 5 Midget, 4 Juvenile). The total number of players was down by 12% (123 players) this past season. Of the 1034 players that were registered with the AMHA last season, 4% (41) of the players were not Ajax residents. This further reflects the gradual decline in registration from previous years. (See chart below) We maintained our New to Hockey Program on Sunday’s which
was a free program aimed to increase registration. We will continue to do our best efforts in attracting and retaining players to this great game. This year ends my term as the AMHA Registrar and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members, board, and Brenda Budai for their continued support throughout the season.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR – Jason Bradimore

For the 16-17 season AMHA’s two tournaments turned a profit of $43k once again.

We hosted our 2nd annual Break the Ice Tournament in the Fall of 2016 and we had 109 teams in total, an increase of 15 teams over 15-16. While this tournament is huge from an administrative point of view, everything went smoothly. If it were not for volunteers this tournament would not be able to be run- thank you to all who helped out. At the time of printing this report we already have 75 teams registered for this Fall. In the Spring we hosted our House League tournament which proved to be fun for all 54 teams that entered.

Thank you to everyone for all your assistance in running these tournaments. It is a team effort!

DIRECTOR OF OMHA OFFICIALS – Mark Sliwowicz

7 new officials were hired (14 to 17 year-old range)

Mentoring program continued in its 8th 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.

Pay rates for Rep games remained at $5 above the OMHA minimum.

Over 100 supervisions done on Ajax officials by 3 area supervisors.

Ajax/Pickering officials continued to be leaned on during playoffs, to go to out-of-town assignments.

2 Ajax officials will be sent to Level 3 clinic, held September 2017 in Trenton.

Ajax crew of Bailey Petsinis, Connor Laviolette and Brad Benedetto officiated Peewee AAA championships in Pickering in March.

Ajax/Pickering crew of Tyler Frank and TJ Hunter officiated OMHA Atom AAA championships in Whitby in March, including Gold Medal game.

Ajax/Pickering crew of Shawn Lalach, Louis Del Re and Darryl Noble officiated OHF Bantam A championships in Oakville in April, including Gold Medal game.

Current OMHA official and OHL Official, Andrew Thompson, was chosen to officiate at the Dudley-Hewitt Provincial Junior A championship week.

DIRECTOR OF VOLUNTEERS – Edith Moore

I would like to start off my report by thanking all of the volunteers we had for our 2016 / 17 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.  2016/17 Volunteers were used for the following:

- Timbits  September 20th  2016 to March 21 2017
  - Registration, sweater assignment, once assistance

- On Ice helps for Peewee and below
- Break the Ice Tournament September 2016
  - Music, Raffle, and office help

- Ron Sharpe Memorial Spring Classic March 2017
  - Music, Raffle and office help
- Miscellaneous request 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 2017 / 18 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Ajax Minor Hockey Association is taking names / emails now for our 2017/18 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 volunteer name and phone number to the director of volunteers through our AMHA web site.

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 continuing support of the Ajax Minor Hockey Association. 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 our House League Program, as well as for their donations to both of the AMHA Tournaments.

Helen Fujiki (Fujiki Dental) (Major Sponsor)
Jim Siddall (McDonald’s AtoMc Program) (Major Sponsor)


MINOR HOUSE LEAGUE – Kim Delong

This past season the AMHA had 8 Tyke teams, 8 Novice teams, and 4 Atom teams for a total of 20 teams and approximately 65 little ones in our Timbits program. The season started with Sean Larocque as our Minor House League Director but in December 2016 Sean resigned due to work commitments. At that point Kim Delong, our Association’s Secretary stepped up to help out and finish off the season along with help from Director John Petsinis and Carrie Reynolds.

Special thanks to our Marketing Director, Carrie Reynolds, who ordered and distributed with our Past President, Wayne McNaughton, “I play for Ajax Minor Hockey” t-shirts to all the Minor kids for Xmas.

We may have encountered minor challenges and obstacles along the way but ended on a positive note with a fun filled Championship Sunday followed by our House League Banquet which had approximately 300 kids/coaches attend.

We received feedback from many coaches/parents and will take all that into consideration going forward into 2017-18 season.

The AMHA is looking for a Minor House League Director for the 2017-18 season and we hope that someone will step up to ensure a smooth season.

MAJOR HOUSE LEAGUE - Edith Moore

Wow what a busy year. I had no idea what I was getting into when I took on this role. I knew it was going to be a lot of work, and I was ok with all of that, but so much up front work is required at the beginning of the season it is more than overwhelming. Its like another full time job that you need to do on top of your already full time job and your family. Thanks to ALL of you that have helped, volunteering when I asked you, you spent endless time working with the kids, and assisting with running this division. Coaches, Trainers, Managers, conveners, and volunteers - thank you so much for all that you did to
make this season a success. I am so impressed with the abilities, patience, knowledge and everyone trying to do what is right for the kids, and that’s why we are all here - for the kids! I have learned a lot, you have spoken up, and I hope to improve this season on those little things that we all thought needed to be addressed. If we can’t fix it then at least I hope you received an explanation of why and understand.

Coaches, Trainers, Managers, Conveners - positions are open for next season now. Please sign up by going to www.ajaxminorhockey.com About US House League Information and fill in your appropriate form that will come to me. The faster all of these positions are filled the easier it will be to create hopefully balanced teams and get the season started. See you all in the fall .. and I look forward to next season’s adventures.

**EQUIPMENT** - Sean Griffiths

The 2016/17 season was the first season where the association allowed the membership the option of ordering new jerseys or not, the feedback was positive and the membership appreciated ours efforts to reduce the overall cost of hockey. This option was also made available for the 2017/18 season, with approximately 70% of the players ordering new jerseys.

The online apparel ordering process was well received by the membership however it had several issues resulting in lost orders. These issues and complaints were taken to our vendor Source for Sports who addressed the problems by changing web site providers and they are confident the changes made this year will eliminate missed or incomplete orders. The online ordering for the 2017/18 season will be delivered to the Ajax Source for Sports new location and members will be notified when their order has arrived.

It has been one of my goals to update and improve the quality of the AMHA goalie equipment available to our members. Two years ago a majority of the equipment was more than 15 years old. We have been able to replace most of the smaller sizes with new equipment and have made a wider variety of sizes available to assist our members and encourage new goalies to enter the hockey program.

The 2017/18 season is the last year of our contract with Bauer and we will be requesting quotes from suppliers for our apparel and uniforms commencing with the 2018/19 season. My objective is to ensure our members receive a high quality uniform and competitive pricing

**MARKETING** – Carrie Reynolds

In the blink of an eye, another season has come to an end and what an exciting end to the season it was for some teams who advanced to the Finals; both OHMA and Lakeshore and with some victorious outcomes. The Juveniles as well became OHF Champions this past season. You can read all about the successes of the Ajax teams throughout the season in tournaments and playoffs on the website. Congratulations Knights!!!!

The AMHA continues to proactively utilize the league’s website to communicate with the membership which saw upwards of 4500-4700 hits a day along with mass emails. The AMHA finds it economically and efficient to make full use of the website to keep the membership updated.

Preparations are already underway for the upcoming 2017-2018 season. The website continues to be utilized by rep and select coaches for display of their teams’ activities. Last year we saw many house league coaches utilizing the website to coordinate their team activities as well.

We encourage the membership and ask all coaches; house league, select and rep coaches to encourage their parents to visit the website regularly to keep informed of the ongoing activities as well as keeping abreast of their team’s schedule.

Mass emails were periodically sent out but this procedure is not nearly as efficient given the number of returned emails. We ask that membership keep the AMHA updated on changes in email addresses so they can be kept apprised of upcoming events.

The AMHA once again continued the tryout process through the use of the website. This continues to be well received by both parents and coaches. For those that were unaware of the process, the entire process/procedure was set out on the website in detail during the tryout process.

The AMHA resumed their partnership with the Toronto Marlies and we had 125+ members attend the Marlies game on Family Day. The Luv of Hockey Tyke team sold the most tickets and they were rewarded with allowing the team to stand on the ice with the Binghamton Senators for the national anthem. I’m really not sure who was more excited, the parents or the players.
On the marketing component, the AMHA continues to strive to increase registration and in that regard, further improvements and developments were implemented this year in addition to the previous years’ marketing tools.

The AMHA continues to publish an advertisement in the Town of Ajax booklet promoting the AMHA. This year however, we decided to go with a color version which is much more dominant in the Town Brochure. We also added a half page in the local paper, Snapd for the registration portion of same.

A Snapd photographer was invited and attended our Break the Ice Tournament in September and there were a few Ajax teams and players featured in the October month's edition. This was great exposure for the Tournament.

As some of you may have noticed, large mobile signs were displayed in high traffic areas throughout Ajax promoting AMHA registration. There was a definite spike in registration just after the signs were displayed. We will continue with this marketing tool again this year. As well, 500+ flyers were placed on windshields in the local grocery store parking lots. AMHA continues to strive to maintain registration numbers while implementing new marketing tools each year in an attempt to increase same.

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

GO KNIGHTS GO!!!!

**Director of Coaching – John Petsinis**

The AMHA position of Director of Coaching was left vacant since our 2015 AGM. The responsibilities have been maintained by our OMHA Director. During our September Board meeting a motion was put forward appointing me to the position.

I was very thankful for this opportunity and in early October I began to execute my responsibilities. A lot of time was spent at the rinks watching games, practices and having various meetings with coaches and our members.

My key accomplishments this past season were:

*Creating of our coaching selection committee

*Selecting our 27 Rep and 7 Select coaches for the 2017/18 Season (Still working on this as we have a few vacant positions)

*Observing over 80 games at all levels and capturing strengths and opportunities for improvement to share with the coaching staff from a best practice point of view.

*Reviewing all of our Coaching Feedback/Evaluation forms completed by our members and summarizing my findings and having conversations the coaches for further improvement.

I would like to thank our Coaching Selection Committee who participated in over 60 coaching interviews and assisting in making our coaching selections for this coming season.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our coaches for their dedication and commitment this past season. Our coaches volunteering efforts allow our association and members to enjoy this great game and we cannot thank you enough.

**Director of Trainer’s**

The 2016/17 hockey season was a very busy time for our Association’s 112 rostered trainers. Below is a list of all reported Ajax Minor Hockey Association player injuries:

Suspected Concussion (Medical Referral) IIII IIIII (10)
Head Injury (Non-Medical) IIII (5)

Lacerations and Contusions IIII (4)

Fractured Wrist IIII (4)
Fractured Arm IIII (4)
Fractured Thumb III (3)
Fractured Leg II (2)
Fractured Tailbone II (2)
I wish to say a huge thank you to all of our Association’s 112 trainers for stepping up and volunteering this past season. Not only did our trainers dedicate their time during the regular season, but many of them volunteered endless hours of their time again during our try-out process. For the second year now, I have managed to place trainers on each bench during tryouts. I have heard many positive comments from players, coaches and parents regarding this and I will continue to make it a top priority moving forward. Many thanks to all of the trainers who helped make this possible....... Darrin Woodard, Katie Lamkie, Kristy Taylor, Damien LePage, Bill Ley, Steve Fowlds, Milton Tjin, Kim DeLong, Edith Moore, Rob McCormick, Stephan Koechlin, Keenan Watters, and Kevin Devine, I wouldn’t have survived without your help!

In closing, please remember without trainers, playing hockey would not be possible for our children. As you can see from the list of injuries above, trainers are often faced with some very serious injuries throughout the season and into try-outs. It can be a very stressful position and one that should not be taken lightly. All of our trainers attended our first ever mandatory trainers meeting this year and I am very pleased to report that the injuries above were all handled appropriately and within our guidelines of care. Not a single complaint was brought forth this season about any of our trainers! It is our player’s safety that trainers volunteer for and they have done an amazing job for all of us this season!