Ajax Minor Hockey Association

2018 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday June 20, 2018 7PM

HMS Ajax Room, Ajax Community Centre

Call to order: 7:13pm by Mrs. Colleen Ruber, President

Introductions of Board Members and Mr. George Meek

Present: Colleen Ruber, President; Bill Moore, OMHA Director; Carrie Reynolds, Marketing Director; Mark Sliwowicz, Director of OMHA Officials; Wayne McNaughton, Past President; Todd Lawson, Minor Houseleague Director; Suanne Woodard, Sponsorship Director; Nancy Devine, Director of Volunteers; Kim Delong, Secretary; Jamie Butler, Equipment Director; John Petsinis Director of Coaching; Stacey Shanahan, Registrar

Guest: Brenda Watson-Budai, Executive Administrator

Regrets: Edith Moore, Major Houseleague Director; Jason Bradimore, Tournament Director; Cindy Morkotinis, Treasurer

Approval of the Minutes from the previous AGM

Motion to accept the Minutes the AGM, June 20 2017, as presented, by Catherine Walker, seconded by Kevin Devine, Carried

Distinguished Student Volunteer

Nancy Devine, Director of Volunteers presented this year’s award to Marifer Perez-Zuniga

Stephen Budai Volunteer award

Brenda Watson-Budai presented the award to this year’s recipient, Mark Sliwowicz.
Financial Reports

Financial report presented by Gord Peters
Statement 2016-2017
Last paragraph – in their (Turner Moore LLP) opinion that the financial statements are presented fairly and it is valid at May 31, 2017 – clean audit statement
Revenue vs expenses $8636
Registration revenue was down, tournament net revenue was up at $48334
Differences in ice costs – rental increase
Surplus $36590 year before was $40,077
Questions -NONE

Motion to receive financial statements for 2016/17 as audited: Kevin Devine, seconded by Kristie Taylor,
No further questions. Carried

Draft statement: not expecting any issues with the financial statements for 2017/18 season; Highlights include:
Total Assets $506344
Total liabilities $238276
Total Surplus $268068
Total Operating Expenses $1114291
Surplus for the year revenue over expenses $(37052)
Again tournament income was up but costs also were up for net tournament revenue $36559

Motion to accept the Draft Statement for 2017/18 by Jamie Butler, seconded by Bill Moore
No further questions – carried.

Appointment of the Auditor for the 2018 - 2019 year

Kim Delong put forth a motion: The Board of Directors would like to put forth a motion to appoint as Auditor, Turner Moore LLP for the 2018/19 year. Seconded by Nancy Devine – Carried

General AMHA Report

President’s Report

AMHA is very proud of our 2017-2018 OMHA and Lakeshore Champions!

Juvenile - OHF Champions
Midget AE (White) - OMHA Finalist
Midget A - York-Simcoe Finalists
Midget AA - Lakeshore Champions
Minor Bantam AA - Lakeshore Champions
Minor Bantam AE - Lakeshore Champions
10 Tournament Wins

New to Hockey Program

• AMHA launched its New to Hockey program back in September of 2014.
• The program ran every Sunday between 10 and 11 a.m.
• Participants ranged in age from 4 to 13.
• The 2017-2018 season saw 75 children registered for the program
• The program was well received by both parents and kids
• As a result of the program, we acquired a few new registrations

AMHA House League Development

• AMHA launched a more comprehensive house league development program by partnering with Edge Hockey Academy Inc.
• Edge Hockey is a year round hockey development school for players of all caliber, male and female, children and adults. Edge Hockey is the Official Development Academy for the Oshawa Generals of the OHL, Whitby Fury of the OJHL, Unionville Minor Hockey Association, West Hill Golden Hawks Association, Whitby Minor Hockey Association, Whitby Girls Hockey Association and many more
• The sessions were divided into a Fall Session which ran from October to December and a Winter Session which ran from January to March.
• The sessions took place at the Village Arena located at 100 Church Street North, Ajax on Friday nights from 6:00-7:00 pm for birth years of 2008-2011
• Detailed information can be found on the AMHA Website under “Development”

AMHA Timbits Development

• This past season, we introduced Headstart Hockey for the Timbits Development Program. The program was well received by the parents and players and we are happy to announce that we will be continuing with Headstart Hockey next season
• For those that are not familiar with The Headstart Hockey program, it is designed to teach younger players the fundamentals of hockey and provide them with the basic skills they require to begin their hockey careers. Headstart Hockey realizes the
importance of teaching players at this young age and aims to give them the proper skills and knowledge to succeed throughout their hockey careers.

• Each and every instructor has a background in teaching players of this age group and are certified Canadian Hockey Initiation Program (CHIP) Instructors.

• This program will teach each player proper skating techniques, how to handle the puck and ultimately how to have fun while playing a game everyone in Canada knows and loves.

• Headstart has the best ratio at least 4:1 or better (players: coaches).

Touring Finland Ilves Team

• AMHA was once again very privileged to play host to an international team

• The Bantam AA team played host to a Finland Ilves touring tournament team on January 5, 2018

• We are hoping to host international teams again this upcoming season

Touring China Team

• The Bantam AA team also played host to a China touring tournament team on January 27, 2018

• We are hoping to host international teams again this upcoming season

Other notable events

• Oshawa Generals once again had their AMHA Appreciation Night. The event was attended by members and players of the AMHA

• AMHA resumed their partnership with the Toronto Marlies and we had members attend the Marlies v Hershey Bears on Family Day.

• House league sponsors were once again full by August thereby allowing our rep teams to seek sponsors early

• We hosted our third annual Rep Early Bird Tournament for AA/A teams this year – Break the Ice Tournament. We hosted 114 rep teams operating in four different venue locations. Once again we hosted our annual Ron Sharpe Memorial House League Tournament. Both tournaments made significant profits for the association

• Another exciting season of house league was completed on March 25th. The season finished off with a house league banquet for our Tyke through to Atom teams. The boys and girls enjoyed a magic show, pizza and juice.
Thank you to those Board members and volunteers that were able to make these days a success!

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people that make the AMHA possible including:

- The coaches, managers, trainers, treasurers, on-ice volunteers and parent volunteers that take care of all of our teams
- The convenors for both the house league and rep programs
- The coaches who volunteered for the New to Hockey Program
- The AMHA Board of Directors
- The Assignors – Ice, Referees, Timekeepers
- The Town of Ajax arena staff

Directors’ 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 22 members registered to vote tonight

The Board is suggesting the following changes to the By-laws this year:

*Moved by Kim Delong; seconded by Carrie Reynolds*

*Proposed amendment to By-Law 9.3(b) – Election Procedures*

9.3 (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
- Vice-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
Director of Coaching: Minimum of 4 years coaching experience at the Representative Level

Director of Trainers*: HTCP Level III Certification, minimum 3 years hockey experience

Treasurer*: Previous experience and understanding of financial reporting and investing

Registrar: Strong computer skills, knowledge of credit card processing, familiarity with Reconciliation with Bank Statement and knowledge of hockey residency rules

Equipment Director: Familiarity with RFQ’s

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

Rationale: To better prepare the individual stepping into the role.

No debate, carried

Moved by Kim Delong, seconded by Carrie Reynolds

Proposed amendment to By-Law 11.6 - Responsibilities of Directors

11.6 (d) Secretary

Current Wording to be removed

x. At the discretion of the Board of Directors make necessary transportation, meeting room facilities, utilities and all other related items

Rationale: Secretary is no longer responsible for this, the Administrator is now responsible for this

No debate, carried

Moved by Kim Delong, seconded by Carrie Reynolds

Proposed amendment to By-Law 11.6 - Responsibilities of Directors

11.6 (l) Marketing Director

Current Wording to be removed

v. Be responsible for the AMHA awards and trophies procurement process

Rationale: The Administrator is responsible for obtaining these at the recommendation of the Board

No debate, carried
Moved by Kim Delong, seconded by Carrie Reynolds

Proposed amendment to By-Law 11.6 - Responsibilities of Directors

11.6 (l) Marketing Director

Current Wording to be removed

viii. Shall attend as a representative the Ajax Minor Hockey Association all of the town of Ajax Recreation Advisory Council Meetings which permit Ajax Minor Hockey Association representation and report appropriately to the Board of Directors;

Rationale: There are no Advisory Council meeting anymore

No debate. Carried

Moved by Kim Delong, seconded by Carrie Reynolds

Proposed amendment to By-Law 11.6 - Responsibilities of Directors

Current Wording

11.6 (g) OMHA Director

iii. Be responsible for obtaining names of suitable candidates for managers, assistant coaches and trainers of OMHA teams and to appoint suitable persons to these positions under the Director of the Board of Directors;

Proposed Wording

11.6 (g) OMHA Director

iii. Be responsible for approving names of suitable candidates for all rostered and non-rostered volunteers of OMHA teams under the direction of the Board of Directors;

Rationale: OMHA Director does not appoint but only approves the rostering of those volunteers

No Debate, carried.

Moved by Kim Delong, seconded by Carrie Reynolds

Proposed amendment to By-Law 11.6 - Responsibilities of Directors

Current Wording

11.6 (i) Minor House League Director

i. Be responsible for obtaining suitable candidates for Minor House League Convenors and shall receive direction from the Board of Directors as to the approval of those House League Convenors;
Proposed Wording

11.6 (i) Minor House League Director
   i. Be responsible for obtaining suitable candidates for Minor House League Coaches and Convenors and shall provide a list of the House League Coaches and Convenors to the Board of Directors;

Rationale: The House League Director also brings Coaching candidates to the Board for approval

No debate, carried.

Moved by Kim Delong, seconded by Carrie Reynolds

Proposed amendment to By-Law 11.6 - Responsibilities of Directors

Current Wording

11.6 (j) Major House League Director
   i. Be responsible for obtaining suitable candidates for Minor House League Convenors and shall receive direction from the Board of Directors as to the approval of those House League Convenors;

Proposed Wording

11.6 (j) Major House League Director
   i. Be responsible for obtaining suitable candidates for Minor House League Coaches and Convenors and shall provide a list of the House League Coaches and Convenors to the Board of Directors;

Rationale: The House League Director also brings Coaching candidates to the Board for approval

Debate – correction to the “Minor” should be listed as “Major”, carried.

Moved by Kim Delong, seconded by Carrie Reynolds

Proposed amendment to By-Law 11.6 - Responsibilities of Directors

Current Wording

11.6 (o) Director of Coaching
   (iii) Coordinate the Coach Feedback/Evaluation process for parents and to act as mediator in Parent/Coach conflicts;

Proposed Wording

11.6 (o) Director of Coaching
(iii) Coordinate the Representative Coach Feedback/Evaluation process for parents and to act as mediator in Parent/Coach conflicts;

**Rationale:** To clarify the wording and responsibility

No debate, carried.

*Moved by Kim Delong and seconded by Carrie Reynolds*

**Proposed amendment to By-Law 11.6 - Responsibilities of Directors**

**Current Wording**

11.6 (k) Equipment Director

The Equipment Director shall:

- i. Maintain and keep in good repair all equipment owned by the Association and be responsible for the cleaning and storage of equipment between seasons;
- ii. Make additional purchases as may be required on direction from the Board of Directors;
- iii. Allot to each team all equipment supplied by the Association for the operation of teams and clearly make each item;
- iv. Keep accurate records of equipment loaned out and owned by the Association and furnish an Annual Report of it or at any time the Board of Directors may request it;
- v. Be responsible for the sale of jackets, crests and facsimiles. Provide accounting of same for the Board;

**Proposed Wording**

11.6 (k) Equipment Director

I. The Equipment Director shall:

II. Maintain and keep in good repair all equipment owned by **AMHA** and be responsible for the cleaning and storage of equipment between seasons;

III. Make additional purchases as may be required on direction from the Board of Directors;

IV. **Allocated to each house league team and rep team if needed, goal equipment each season;**

V. **Set up delivery dates/times as well as return dates/times for equipment;**

VI. Keep accurate records of all equipment owned by AMHA and loaned out each season;

VII. Be responsible for the sale of all AMHA clothing within AMHA parameters;

vi. **Clothing changes to be voted on by the Board;**
vii. **Responsible for the issuance of an RFQ for the purchase of Rep/Select jerseys/socks and house league jerseys (annually or as needed);**

viii. **Review all quotes and present to the Board of Directors top 3 picks for vote considering costs/quality/timelines;**

ix. **Other duties as assigned by the Board;**

x. **Ensuring sizing process after tryouts for new jerseys/socks for all rep teams;**

xi. **Work with the sponsorship director to ensure house league sponsors are in place in a timely manner, for the house league jersey and sock orders to be ready for the start of house league season;**

xii. **Ensuring delivery of completed jersey/sock orders on time for both rep and house league;**

xiii. **Assist in the ordering of any additional items that may be needed throughout the season (example-Break the Ice t-shirts, House League t-shirts/hats);**

xiv. **Set up and run annual used equipment sale/exchange at ACC;**

**Rationale:** More accurate description of current roles and responsibilities

Correction to proposed wording section 11.6(k)iii. Should read Allocate.

Colleen Ruber spoke to the update of roles and responsibilities. No further debate, carried.

**Moved by Kim Delong, seconded by Carrie Reynolds**

**Proposed amendment to By-Law 11.6 - Responsibilities of Directors**

**Current Wording**

11.6 (e) Registrar:

The Registrar shall:

i. Recruit and train volunteers to perform the functions required for registration;

ii. Establish registration forms and procedures;

iii. Conduct registration for all applicants eligible to participate in Association Ice Hockey Programs;

iv. Maintain a register of receipts regarding all registration fees received by the Association and forward all monies promptly to the Treasurer for deposit to the credit of the Association;

v. Maintain a current registration list of all paid members including mailing addresses, telephone numbers and Parent/Guardian name(s);

vi. Supply to the Directors of Representative Hockey Operations and Local League Operations current registration information in a timely fashion;

vii. Ensure that all players are registered with the OMHA;
viii. Communicate any changes in registration immediately to Board members or other individuals who are affected by such change;
ix. Work with the Budget Committee each year to estimate revenues and expenditures of the Registrar for the next fiscal year of the Association;
x. Present reports regarding Registration Operations to the Board;
xi. Recommend policy to the Board regarding registration;

**Proposed Wording**

11.6 (e) Registrar:

The Registrar shall:

i. Working knowledge of Hockey Canada system (HCR);
ii. Complete manual registrations whenever needed;
iii. Assist those with online registration when needed;
iv. Ensure that ALL players are registered with HCR/OMHA;
v. Submit player transfer requests when required through HCR;
vi. Perform credit card payment processing when required;
vii. Run HCR reports when needed;
viii. Working with Quick Enrolment (credit card processing);
ix. Monthly reconciliation of Quick Enrolment processing to Quick Enrollment bank statement;
x. Preparation of HCR reports for periodic bank deposits (cheques & cash);
x. Be available to work at tryout registration;
xii. Report monthly to the Board registration numbers;
xiii. Recommend policies to the board regarding registration;
xiv. Prepare manual registration form at start of each season;
xv. Update HCR system annually to reflect payment amounts & limits for each division;
xvi. Prepare annual AGM voting report - participate in AMHA AGM;
xvii. Other duties as assigned by the Board;

**Rationale:** More accurate description of current roles and responsibilities

Colleen Ruber clarified this is also an updated version of the roles and responsibilities. No further debate, carried
Motion by Kim Delong seconded by Carrie Reynolds

**Proposed amendment to By-Law 10.4 Voting Procedures**

**CURRENT 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 either by 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.

**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 either by a show of hands or by electronic mail response *(including the President and Secretary at minimum in the email 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 bring By-Laws up to current date manner of conducting electronic voting

No debate, carried.

**Member Proposed Amendment – Moved by Kim Delong, seconded by Kevin Devine**

**Proposed amendment to By-Law 9.3 (b) Election Procedures**

**CURRENT WORDING**

Director of Trainers *: HTCP Level III Certification, minimum 3 years hockey experience

**PROPOSED WORDING**

Director of Trainers *: HTCP Level II Certification, minimum 3 years hockey experience

**Rationale:** Level 3 limits us to very few people in the Association. Although it would be nice to have Level 3 but to run the trainer program you don't need to Level 3 just good organization skills.

Kim Delong spoke to the facts of this motion. Carrie Reynolds, in opposition to the motion, felt overseeing Trainers requires extensive training. Stacey Shanahan, in agreement with the motion, indicated support of rationale.

No further debate. Motion defeated.
Member Proposed Amendment - Moved by Kim Delong, seconded by Catherine Walker

Proposed amendment to By-Law 9.4 Vacancies

CURRENT WORDING

9.4. Vacancies

(a) Any vacancy, with the exception of 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 appointment a replacement Director within (30) days after the Board position was vacated.

(b) 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) 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.

PROPOSED WORDING

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(c) 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.

(d) Should any Director resign their position prior to the end of her/his term, that Member shall not be able to apply to any vacancies on the Board of Directors for a period of two (2) years after their term would have ended.

Rationale: Have a period of waiting will give the Board and the proposed candidate a period of 2 years to rethink their direction. It is very hard to fill positions on the Board and it is not conducive to a productive Board to have people quit then come back then quit then come back

Catherine Walker spoke and indicated agreement with the motion.

No further debate, carried.
**Election of the Board**

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* One (1) year position – Board Appointed

** Two (2) year position – Board Appointed

**Other new business**

No new business was introduced at this time.

Thank you from Colleen Ruber

Thank you to Members from George Meek

John King stood and questioned the procedures and possibility of amendment to the motion, during the vote on the Motion for ByLaw change to the Director of Trainers qualification proposed change. Mr. Meek explained the following: the vote was a tie of 9 for, 9 against, it would have to be proposed to return to that vote by a voter who was against the motion, as the motion was not carried.

Meeting adjournment: 8:30 pm  Motion to adjourn the meeting by Carrie Reynolds, seconded by Nancy Devine – Adjourned
Once again it has been my pleasure to volunteer for AMHA. I have been an AMHA volunteer for the last 15 years in various roles and an AMHA member for the last 19 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. We have a fantastic network of volunteers that dedicate their time and energy into programs for your children. I personally cannot thank them enough.

AMHA has a unique program called “New to Hockey” 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. As an organization we are extremely proud to offer this program and it has continued to grow each year. This year our New to Hockey program grew to over 75 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. A sincere thank you to these Coaches.

Once again 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 2018-2019 season.

Headstart Hockey took the reigns with our Timbits for this season. The program was extremely well received. Headstart Hockey has proven to be a fantastic program that AMHA has to offer. Headstart will once again be taking the lead and developing our little ones in Timbits.

**Attended all AMHA board meetings

** Attended Town of Ajax Ice users meetings in May/June 2018.

**Continued to maintain a healthy partnership with the Town of Ajax Facilities and Recreation. My sincere appreciation on behalf of AMHA to: Katie Carpe, 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 2018-2019 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 2018-19 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”**

As always, working with Herb Watson has been a pleasure. Herb is a true hockey fan and extremely passionate about his ice assigning program. Herb & I were able to secure our ice requirements and have established that the AMHA is in a solid position moving forward. Working with a new ice return policy with the Town, we have established a process of eliminating excess ice expenses.

I would like to sincerely thank my dedicated working partner. Herb has continued to take the ice I have contracted on behalf of AMHA and put together a multitude of schedules that always run smoothly. Thank you Herb for your time & expertise with all of our AMHA ice schedules.

Saving the best for last, I would 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 has established a fantastic working relationship with our Board and membership and she continues to share her knowledge and experience with all. 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 3 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 2017-2018 Rep. Season comprised of 33 teams. Of those we had one OHF Champion and three 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, 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:

- Ensure all teams in the Lakeshore will make playoffs!

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

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, who gives tirelessly of herself to make sure AMHA runs smoothly and the entire Board of Directors for their support and assistance throughout the 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 – Stacey Shanahan**

There were 971 players registered with Ajax Minor Hockey this past season. 490 players played Rep/Select 50.4% and 481 played House League 49.53%. Of our total registration 38 players or 3.91% were non resident players coming from the following:

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TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR – Jason Bradimore

For the 17-18 season AMHA’s two tournaments turned a profit of $50k !!!!.

We hosted our 3rd annual Break the Ice Rep Tournament in the Fall of 2017 and we had 114 teams in total. 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 106 teams registered for this coming Fall. In the Spring we hosted our House League tournament which proved to be fun for all 44 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

16 new officials were hired (8 of which were over 18 years old, and the other 8 were in the 14 to 17 year-old range).

Mentoring program continued in its 9th 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.

Over 110 supervisions done on Ajax officials by 4 area supervisors

Ajax/Pickering officials continued to be used the most (out of any Lakeshore centre), to go to out-of-town assignments.

3 Ajax officials will be sent to Level 3 clinic, held September 2018 in Trenton.

Ajax official Steve Sidey went to the Bantam AAA OHF championship in Orillia and officiated in the Semi-final and Bronze game among other games.

Ajax/Pickering crews were sent to the Midget AAA, Minor Bantam AAA, Minor Peewee AAA and Minor Atom AAA championships, to officiate.

8 new timekeepers were hired at the start of the season

Although referees were removed from doing Tyke House League hockey, timekeepers continued to work those games.

DIRECTOR OF VOLUNTEERS – Nancy Devine

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who assisted with making the 2017/2018 season a success. Also, to all the parents and others who assisted by getting our volunteers to rink. Our season would not be a success without all of your help.

We required the assistance of the volunteers for the following activities:

- Timbits Hockey which runs from September 2017 to March 2018.
- Break the Ice Tournament held in September 2017 – volunteers were needed for selling raffle tickets, playing music and assisting with the trophies.
- The Ron Sharpe Memorial Spring Classic held in March 2018 – volunteers were needed for selling raffle tickets, playing music and assisting with the trophies.
- Also, requests from coaches for on-ice help
- Volunteers were required to assist with the Trainers Course for the house league coaches
- Assistance with various duties during tryouts
The Ajax Minor Hockey Association will require volunteers starting in September. The volunteer opportunities will be listed on the website. Please send your name, email address and telephone number to me at k.devine@sympatico.ca if you would like to be considered for the 2018/2019 hockey season.

In closing, again I would like to thank all the volunteers for all their hard work this season.

**SPONSORSHIP – Suanne Woodard**

Congratulations to all the teams on a great year of hockey! The Ajax Minor Hockey House League program would not be possible without the support of our local sponsors. Anyone interested in sponsoring next season please contact me at suanne.woodard@gmail.com or 416-388-6960. Please take the opportunity to thank the following companies for their continued support.

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**MINOR HOUSE LEAGUE – Todd Lawson**

This season we had our Timbit program, 8 Tyke teams, 8 Novice teams & 4 Atom teams. The only issue we had was at beginning of the season trying to figure out where to store the bumpers and small nets for the tyke division since they are now playing half ice. Other than that, season went very smooth finished with a lot of handshakes and thank you’s. Me and my House League peeps look forward to next season!

**MAJOR HOUSE LEAGUE - Edith Moore**

I would like to thank everyone who helped me this year make the Major House league a wonderful division. To all the coaches, trainers, conveners and parents and all the great players, Thank You. 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. 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 improvements were made. For items we could not fix it then at least I hope you received an explanation of why and understand.

You can now apply for Coach, Trainer and Convener positions, they 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 new Major HL Director. The faster all of these positions are filled the easier it will be to create hopefully balanced teams and get the season started. To whom ever takes over for next season, I will for sure help you get started if you want my help, please just ask. Thanks for two great years as Major House League Director

EQUIPMENT - Jamie Butler

Although our 2017 / 2018 season has since wound down, there is still lots of activity happening with the AMHA. Our goalie equipment has been kept current, with new items replenishing retired gear over the past 2 seasons, and has been made available for loan (with a deposit) to any AMHA member that is looking to play summer hockey or attend hockey camps. This is a great chance for any AMHA players that would like to experience what it’s like to strap on the pads and see if goaltending might be their niche, without having to buy their own equipment. We have had a few members take advantage of this great offer already. During last season, we also realized that some of the older / smaller pads we had in our storage room were just not suitable for game play any longer. We offered this gear to our members for road hockey use, and the response was overwhelming.

2017 / 2018 was also our last year for our contract with Source for Sports Ajax / Bauer, with regards to supplying our association with our house league and rep jerseys & socks, as well as our off-ice apparel, bags and other equipment. There was a posting on the AMHA website indicating that we were looking for a new supplier for the upcoming season. We received several responses to our RFP for the contract. Many of you already know that we have chosen a new vendor for the 2018 / 2019 season, and that vendor is Roy’s Enterprise, located in Whitby. Roy’s offers an online store that can be accessed anytime. With the exception of the sublimated hoodies, there are no minimum orders. Any member can order any item from the online store at any time, and expect a turnaround time of roughly 3 weeks. Our rep teams have already had their sizing dates and the orders have been placed. Our board had received some requests from different teams to have some additional items to be made available for our members (backpacks and beach towels for example for teams going away to tournaments) which have been added to last season’s items. If you are looking for a particular item that your team would like to purchase but can’t find it on the online store, please send me an e-mail along with the team name that you are with, and I can look into having additional items added.

We will be having an equipment exchange in the Fall. Please hang on to any “previously enjoyed” equipment that your kids may have outgrown and don’t know who to hand it down to. You will be able to donate it on our exchange dates. Please do check helmets for expiration stickers.

MARKETING – Carrie Reynolds

In the blink of an eye, another season is in the books and another awaits us just around the corner. What an exciting end to the season it was for some teams who advanced to the Finals; OHMA, York-Simcoe and Lakeshore and with some victorious outcomes. The Juveniles as well became OHF Champions once again 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 4600 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 2018-2019 season. As an individual once told me, “Hockey is 24/7”. They were not kidding!

The website continues to be utilized by rep and select coaches for coordination of their teams’ activities, both on and off the ice. Last year we saw many house league coaches utilizing the website to organize their team activities as well.

We encourage the membership and ask all coaches (house league, select and rep) to encourage their parents to visit the website regularly to keep informed of the ongoing Organization’s activities as well as keeping abreast of their team’s schedule.
Mass emails were periodically sent out over the course of the season outlining significant information but this procedure is not nearly as efficient given the number of undeliverable emails. We ask that the 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 continued their partnership with the Toronto Marlies and members attended the Marlies game on Family Day.

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 we continued 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.

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, 300+ 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.

This year the AMHA was invited to attend a Health and Wellness evening at a local public school to showcase and answer any questions with respect to the programs offered by the AMHA. If you would like a representative to attend your player’s school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We continued with our “I Play Hockey for Ajax Minor Hockey” t-shirts this year. The t-shirts were distributed to the Timbits, Tyke, Novice, Atom and Pee wee players and the Bantam, Midget and Juvenile players received Ajax Knights baseball caps just prior to Christmas. They were well received.

I would like to wish everyone a relaxing, enjoyable and safe summer.

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 position of Director of Coaching is one that I take very seriously. I will admit it is not a very popular one as the decisions made will not always make the membership happy. The approach we have taken over the last few years was to establish a Coaching Selection Committee that is mandated with selecting our coaches for the coming season. The process is very long and clear, as we interviewed over 50 possible coaches and observed countless games throughout the season. This provided us some insight into the candidates and teams as we looked to make our selection.

My key accomplishments this past season were:

* Coordinating a Coaches clinic with the OMHA to provide our coaches the requirements to coach.
* Selecting our Rep and Select coaches for the 2018/19 Season (Still working on this as we have a few vacant positions)
* Observing countless 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 for their dedication and countless hours conducting interviews and 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 –**
**Stacey Shanahan (Acting)**

We have trainers certified for each and every Rep and house league team with AMHA with most Rep teams having two trainers. In the Fall we held info sessions for both Rep and House league trainers which was facilitated by an OMHA Representative. Each trainer is confident in how to report/handle injuries now using the injury report which us available through our website. Once again we made sure that each of our Spring Rep tryouts were attended by a certified trainer. Special thanks to those trainer’s who stepped up to help us out with all the tryouts.

In the absence of a Director of Trainers, our previous Director, Stacey Shanahan, has stepped up to help us out. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact him at staceyshanahan1@gmail.com