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2017 PRESIDENT'S REPORT BY JOHN SAUNDERS

During the last five years, we have continued to grow while other associations continue to decline. Memberships have stayed the same this hockey season and we continue to provide the best quality for membership fees.

The York Arena finally opened in October 2016 which gave us a much-needed ice surface.

RECOGNITION OF TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Congratulations to the Dairy Queen Blizzards, District 3 for their win; and the Fredericton Kent Kanucks Regional Good Deeds Winners.

THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to an amazing 2016-17 Board; their tireless efforts and dedication to hockey is once again exceptional. Well done to you all!

I would also once again like to acknowledge all the coaches and managers; without their dedication to the kids, we wouldn't be able to have such a great league.

The rink managers, Dan Fradsham and Mike Bungay deserve a lot of credit – thank you very much from FYHA!

I would like to thank the Brendon Oreto Foundation for their continued sponsorship.

Also, a big thank you to Jake Allen for donating goalie and player gear.

STRENGTHS

We have a knowledgeable board and a great group of coaches and managers.

WEAKNESSES

With a large association, we can always use volunteers yearly. If you can spare a couple of hours throughout the winter months, it would be greatly encouraged and appreciated.

The Capital Invitational needs to be hosted at on rink, which would help greatly.

CHALLENGES

- Get better ice time from the city
- To fill all the board positions
- Find new sponsors

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITIES

I would like to extend a big thank you to all our existing sponsors for their continued commitment to the Fredericton Hockey Community. Without your support, we would not be able to put a product on the ice or manage costs to allow kids or parents to participate.

RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the FYHA board membership for their hard work and dedication with special thanks to Sterling Brown and Ray Curtis for their hard work on the board. I would also like to thank the coaches, managers, time keepers and families of those who have volunteered and have contributed to the success in teaching the kids not just how to play hockey but how to be a valuable part of the Fredericton Community. Your unselfish contribution was key to FYHA's success!

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT BY JOHN O'TOOLE

This has certainly been an interesting and exciting year for me! I was continually reminded, on a daily basis, on how passionate people are about hockey and FYHA. Our volunteers are the core of the organization and we have a tremendous group of dedicated volunteers. Each of you plays a critical role in ensuring that children have a positive hockey experience.

REGISTRATION

The in-house registration for the 2016/17 season took place September 8-10, 2016 at Willie O'Ree Place. The online registration was late getting rolled out - opening in late August. Over 70% of the membership registered on line.

<u>Division</u>	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Initiation	177	182	200	193
Novice	183	230	235	239
Atom	229	226	202	216
Peewee	185	167	173	188
Bantam	176	198	173	167
Midget	175	146	157	178
Juvenile	26	0	0	0

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TOTAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS (INCLUDING FIRST SHIFT) – 1233

TOTAL FEMALE REGISTRATION NUMBERS (INCLUDING FIRST SHIFT) - 133

CANADIAN TIRE FIRST SHIFT

FYHA kicked off its third offering of this fantastic program with a Welcome Event on October 25, 2016. At full capacity, 46 excited children, and their parents, gathered to get outfitted and ready for their first hockey experience. Registration for this Fall Program took place in June 2016 and filled up within 3 days – a wait list of over 50 candidates was generated. At the conclusion of this program, 36 participants were placed on FYHA teams – the remaining 9 registered with their home Associations.

A request to allow FYHA to host a second program was submitted to and approved by Bauer. Our Welcome Event for the Winter Program took place on January 15, 2017 with 45 participants attending.

The success of the Canadian Tire First Shift programs can be directly linked to the quality instruction provided by the over 20 volunteer coaches. Led by Darren Shakotko and Sterling Brown, the First Shift coaches shared their passion and knowledge of the game with the participants ensuring that each child had a solid foundation for future success. FYHA would like to acknowledge the support of the volunteer coaches, Bauer, Canadian Tire, Hockey Canada and the City of Fredericton. FYHA has applied to host the Canadian Tire First Shift program for Fall 2017 and Winter 2018.

FUNDRAISING AND SPONSORSHIPS

Little time was spent this year on developing fundraising and sponsorship opportunities. This will be a priority as we head into the new season. FYHA did have some success as indicated below;

SPONSORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

- **Jake Allen/NHLPA** donated 15 sets of new player equipment as well as 15 sets of new goalie gear to FYHA.
- **The Capital Invitational Tournament** featured 41 teams and generated over \$6,325.27 in profit.
- **A Christmas Poinsettia campaign** conducted by the Tim Bit division generated a profit of over \$1600.
- **Scotiabank Community Hockey Program** provided \$3000 dollars towards our Bantam Rec Division.
- **Wayfair.ca** contributed \$500 for logo placement on the FYHA website.
- **Tim Hortons** supplied medals and Toques for the Mitch Clark Memorial Jamboree participants.
- **McDonalds Atomic** program once again supplied jerseys to the Atom Rec teams.
- **Nashwaaksis Lions Club** renewed as the title sponsor for our Capital Invitational with a \$3000 contribution.
- **Fredericton Hyundia, St. Mary's Entertainment and Fredericton Sports Investment** contributed \$1000 each as Division sponsors of the Capital Invitational.
- **Wendy's Restaurant** continued its support for the Novice Jamboree and Novice Division.
- **Canadian Tire** supported our Tim Bit & Novice Jamborees with donations and pricing discounts.
- **Papa John's Pizza** reoffered the fair play program and donated pizza to the Capital Invitational.

FYHA is proud to be associated with the following Corporate Sponsors;

Tim Hortons

Wendy's

Dairy Queen

McDonalds

Delta Fredericton

Papa John's

Dodge Caravan Kids

Swifty's Oil Chance

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Nashwaaksis Lions Club

Fredericton Hyundia

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Bauer

Jake Allen/NHLPA

Canadian Tire

Wayfair.ca

Costal Graphics

Scotiabank

Colpitts Developments

St. Mary's Entertainment

Fredericton Sports Investments

ET Mechanical

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Over 80 children were able to play hockey this year due to the generous support of a number of organizations that contributed over \$29,000 in financial assistance. FYHA would like to thank the following for their tremendous support;

- **Kid Sport New Brunswick**
- **Canadian Tire Jumpstart**
- **Brendon Oreto Foundation**
- **St. Mary's Entertainment Centre**

Discipline

Player suspensions for on ice incidents were down this year. A total of 6 Discipline Committees/Appeal Committees were convened during the season to deal with submitted Incident Reports. These incidents dealt mainly with Fair Play and Bullying issues.

I would like to thank the Board Members and independent individuals who served on these Discipline Committees. These folks invested some late evenings and many hours in an attempt to gather the necessary information to come to a fair and equitable decision. Some decisions took longer than the parties involved anticipated/liked. Committee work of this nature cannot be rushed and the individuals serving on these committees deserve recognition for their commitment to doing a thorough job.

Member Survey

FYHA members were given the opportunity to share their feedback concerning the 2016/17 season. A total of 310 anonymous surveys (approximately 25% of the membership) were submitted via the Survey Monkey link. A committee will be formed to analyse the results and develop recommendations for future changes. Fair Play, FYHA communication, scheduling and the discipline process were common areas of concern.

I would like to thank those individuals that took the time to complete the survey. Your feedback is appreciated and necessary if FYHA is going to continue to meet the needs of its membership.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Open on-line registration by July 1, 2017(or sooner).
- Continue to offer clinics throughout the season to further train and educate our members.
- Create Committees for special events like the Capital Invitational and Jamborees.
- Identify and develop new sponsorship opportunities.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the Board members for their guidance and support over the year and for answering all of my questions. I would like to also acknowledge the tremendous dedication and commitment from our Division Coordinators. They are truly on the front line and despite the many frustrations and setbacks, they get the job done.

I look forward to the 2017/18 season.

Respectfully submitted,



John O'Toole
General Manager, FYHA

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS ANNUAL REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the countless volunteers who put their time and knowledge to make FYHA such a success. Without you our organization would not be as successful as it is.

I also want the time to thank the coordinators, division managers, board members, your continued time commitment to the association in all capacities to ensure everyone has a successful minor hockey experience is not always shown but very much appreciated.

FYHA volunteers have taken advantage of the extensive development opportunities that help in the growth of our Coaches and Assistants to develop with the necessary skillsets to meet the demands of its members who want more than just to be able to play hockey. The vision of our current board is to grow the players understanding and development as well, compliment this growth with the growth of its Coaches through mentorship's and additional classroom and on ice sessions with qualified knowledgeable instructors.

In the weeks following the end of March signifying FYHA year end, I again find myself reflecting on the last year looking at what issues were presented and this year particularly to ICETIME. I can say this was the most challenging and by far the most time consuming! Even with the addition of the York Arena into the mix, it made no direct impact to our association. The change in additional groups where more elite teams were given prime time at the city arenas thru the week limited FYHA's ability to get back some of these nightly times. I do not understand why our association is last on the list even though we are the largest users of ice rentals that the city has. The moaning and groaning of some saying that the ice rentals are down and why did we spend so much money on updating the York! I personally can say that true prime time and what these people are saying are two completely different things!

If it was not for the relationship I had with the Rink Managers working directly on ice related issues this season would have driven me to throw my arms up and walk away! Dealing directly with these guys made for changes and additions to be addressed and constant communications made grabbing extra ice that came available easy. The working relationship developed throughout the years made it very manageable. A big thank you to these guys for allowing this relationship to grow and I hope it continues moving forward.

A huge thank you to the division coordinators for recognizing the special events early and providing this information to the teams so they could plan their tournaments around these weekends where we lost huge hours of ice. By doing a stellar job running their divisions the holes were filled and teams at all age levels were able to maintain a steady flow of game and practice times. Again this year and in years past, Ice availability during the Week day evenings were limited therefore FYHA was heavy on the weekend ice time slots. This is and will always be the case because of the number of user groups within the city and the number of ice surfaces available.

Having the right people in the right places at the right times enabled the association to be extremely proactive. This was in large part to the Division Coordinators and Division Managers that were in place and who took it upon themselves to be actively available and oversee their division. This involvement by them made all participant's aware that FYHA was there to address issues that came up immediately. Overall the role of Director of Operations has been very interesting and challenging. The main aspect of this position is Ice Allocation and scheduling. I love being actively involved as DIR of Ops and as Coach at the Midget Comp level and I continued to do this with no personal agenda but just for the love of hockey. This unselfishness and the drive to make the association welcoming and fair to all members is

the same I see from others who are on the board. We all are doing this for the betterment of membership only!

In closing I want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be part of such a great association and just to say I will not be re-offering as Dir of Operations for the 2017-2018 FYHA Hockey season.

Yours in Hockey,

Alan Underhill
FYHA Director of Operations

DIRECTOR OF COACHING & DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

As the FYHA Director of Coaching & Development, I would like to thank all of our FYHA volunteers and staff for another successful Minor Hockey season. As an active coach, I understand the time, commitment and passion that is dedicated to the development of our young athletes, on and off the ice. Coaches carry an extremely vital role within the Association as they are the primary contact for our young hockey players, leading by example and often becoming influential role models.

I've been the Director of Coaching since late December, 2016, and during this short time span, I have seen the amazing work by volunteers of other positions. Countless hours have been dedicated by these volunteers that often go unnoticed, however, you are to be commended for it. It is the care and work of each and every FYHA volunteer and staff member that ensures a great hockey experience by all in a safe and fun environment.

Coaching Certifications

Our goal is to ensure that all coaches and volunteers meet the minimum standards for their involvement within the FYHA. Again this year, it was our goal to have all coaching/bench staff achieve the required certifications prior to the December 15, 2016, deadline.

HNB supported our Association by hosting two "Hockey Canada Coach 2" certification courses in a classroom setting. In addition, HNB further supported our Association by hosting a "Coach – Development 1" course in a classroom setting.

As in previous years, the FYHA was clear that to volunteer with our Association you must formally apply through the Volunteer Application process. Criminal background checks (CRC/VS checks) are required for all new volunteers and are further required every three (3) years for all volunteers. The FYHA, along with HNB, will continue to monitor closely to ensure all our coaches and bench staff are properly certified and cleared through the CRC/VS screenings. The FYHA will also continue to support any individual that meets these requirements and wishes to volunteer within our Association.

Coach Selection Process

It is understood by me that in previous years, coach's certifications and credentials are verified. After verification, a coach selection committee is comprised of FYHA Board Members to initially select the Head Coaches for each Division based on a number of factors. Division Coordinators are invited to provide input in these selections. Next year, I will be actively seeking more input from the Division Coordinators as they interact with the coaches on a weekly basis, at minimum.

Development Initiatives

Canadian Tire 'The First Shift' program – This program is truly an incredible initiative to provide young hockey players the opportunity to play and fall in love with the game of hockey. This year, the FYHA participated in two (2) First-Shift programs, each proving to be a successful venture. Next year, the FYHA GM has made application to participate in two (2) more of these programs. Thank you to Hockey Canada, Canadian Tire, the City of Fredericton, and all that were involved in this fantastic venture.

Goalie Skill Development Sessions – Again this season, Eric Pye lead regular goalie skill development clinics for FYHA goalies.

FYHA Development Weekend – This weekend did not take place as anticipated. Next year, we will strive to ensure this weekend proceeds and is a success, with intentions of making initial plans prior to the start of the season.

Overall Assessment:

The 2016-2017 season was a successful one for our Association in regards to coaching and development. There are many excellent examples of the quality of coaches and volunteers we have in our Association, one being the FYHA Kent Kanucks – the Chevrolet Hockey Regional Good Deeds Winner for their initiative to spend an evening teaching newcomers to Canada how to skate and stick handle.

Next Season:

I look forward to hearing feedback from our coaches and membership. I intend on using this information in hopes to improve on what is already a well-organized, successful Association.

I intend on exploring the “Pre-Season Coaches Meeting,” something that had been mentioned by the previous Director of Coaching where it was expressed that there is benefit to holding this type of meeting across all Divisions instead of just with the IP Divisions.

I intend on exploring the possibility of making minor adjustments to the coach selections, hopefully adding more input from the Division Coordinators.

Development Weekend as previously mentioned. Hopefully, planning and confirmations for this weekend can begin early, to avoid potential conflicts and ultimate cancellations.

Extra ice sessions – This season there were intentions to have extra ice sessions, especially at the IP/Novice levels, to have players who require extra attention in skating. The ice sessions were intended to be used to teach the techniques of skating, in order to improve on those who may require extra attention and exposure. Next year, I intend of exploring this option, if extra ice is available.

DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The year started with the order of socks for all teams for the total of \$4117.00

Purchased jerseys for Novice a total of \$468.28

Purchased goalie equipment for Novice for a total \$1778.31

Purchased bags, pucks, saucers, cones for a total of \$4656.00

McDonalds donated 9 set of jersey's to atom and giving 9 more for next season

Timbits - 3 new sets donated by Tim Horton

Novice - 2 new sets donated by Wendys

Peewee Rec - 2 new sets by FYHA

FYHA spent a total of \$12,345.00

Requesting a budget of \$20,000 for the 2017/2018 season

Thanks

Raymond Curtis
Equipment Manger

TIMBIT COORDINATOR REPORT

This year's Timbit Division had 14 teams, and consisted of 6 Minor and 8 Major teams. Kids registered for full season were 193.

The division was lucky enough to have 37 coaches that volunteered their time to make a difference in the kids.

This year we did a Poinsettia fundraiser for one week in November. The kids sold approx 240 Poinsettia's, raising approx. \$1600. They then enjoyed sessions of floor ball and a Pizza Party.

This year's 2nd Annual Mitch Clarke Classic took place on Feb.10th-12th and had 18 teams play 3 games each. The teams were our 14 FYHA teams, Woodstock, Stanley, Moncton and Oromocto. Due to inclement weather the Classic was moved to inside at Willie O'Ree, York Arena, and Grant Harvey. We had 13 kids from First Shift join us in January. The transition was very smooth.

Yours in hockey,

Melissa Lockhart
Timbit Coordinator

NOVICE COORDINATOR REPORT

This year, over 230 players were registered in the Novice program with FYHA. This winter we were fortunate to have 65 volunteer coaches supporting FYHA's young players.

The approach to Novice practices and games this year were conducted much the same as in past years with the focus on "fun" fundamentals in both weekday practices and Saturday games.

Ice Time

Novice was given 16 ice times per week, each being one hour in length giving each team two hours a week on the ice. In November and December we lost a bit more ice than normal due to the high demand of City Special Events.

Teams

We had a total of 16 teams this season. All the team's averaging between 12 and 17 skaters.

Novice Minor consisted of 7 teams of skaters born in 2009.

Novice Major consisted of 9 teams of skaters born in 2008.

As in the past all Minor teams only played and practiced with other Minor teams and Major only played and practiced with other Major teams.

Goalies

FYHA provided 14 sets of goalie gear to the novice teams, this gave the coaches a chance to encourage more players into the net. Hopefully this will increase the amount of goalies moving forward.

Jersey's and socks

We received 1 new set of Jersey's this season from Wendy's and FYHA purchased a few new sets of socks. FYHA also purchased a few goalie jerseys.

Bauer First Shift

We had 13 First Shift kids join our teams after Christmas; the transition was met with no issues. I made plans at the beginning of the season to accommodate the First Shift players.

Novice Jamboree

We had 24 teams participating in the jamboree this season, 16 local teams and 8 away teams. Each team played 3 games. This season we decided to give out small player of the game trophies at each game and have post game snacks in the dressing rooms, which all the participants seemed to really enjoy.

Suggestions for next season

Some of the teams were much too large this year, I would recommend at least 1 more team in both minor and major.

There were many of the goalies that had no jersey to fit that matched the rest of their team, it would be good if we purchased one goalie jersey for each set of uniforms.

The Jamboree pizza party had close to 800 people that attended, this created a very chaotic scene! It would be best to go back to small group pizza parties or pizza served in the dressing rooms after the last game.

We sold tickets on a bike and a few other things and this went very well. I think moving forward we continue with this idea and look at not doing random prizes at the pizza party.

Closing remarks

I would like to thank all my volunteer coaches; the program is a success because of you. Heartfelt thanks go to all the Novice parents for always being understanding, patient and great role models for your kids. Thank you to all the Novice skaters, for always bringing smiles and hard work to all your ice times. This has been such a memorable season for me and I can't wait to see what next season brings.

Yours in hockey,

Sylvia Plume
Novice Coordinator

ATOM COORDINATOR REPORT

- 216 players were registered for Atom and were spread across 13 teams.
- 4 Atom Comp Teams and 9 Atom Rec Teams.
- 15 of the Atom players were female- 3 in Comp, 12 in Rec.
- 1 underage player (08) was granted special exemption by FYHA/HNB to play in Atom Comp.
- First Shift graduates added 7 Rec players in December. It was challenging to slot them in to teams that were already in season playing games but the coaches were very accommodating in making it happen.

Each of the 4 competitive teams had great coaches and were very balanced- numerous games between FYHA Comp teams ended up in tie games. The Rec teams did not seem to be as balanced. There were almost 2 tiers of teams- top 4 and bottom 5 that were competitive with each other. I suggest for the future we might look at minimising the comp playoffs where we have an AA playoff for the top 4 teams and an A playoff for the bottom 4 teams.

There was a lot of confusion with ice times, which made it hard to plan games. If I planned the games well in advance there were numerous last minute cancellations, but if we waited for other groups to send their schedules, people complained they couldn't plan around the schedule.

While all of the coaches were amazing resources who volunteered countless hours of time, **Kristy Cairns** volunteered to assist with the scheduling for the Atom Rec teams. She was an incredible help this season, coming in just when the season was extremely overwhelming. She set up the schedule, kept the standings up to date and communicated with the coaches. Can't thank her enough for her assistance.

Concerns

1. The 4:30pm ice times were challenging to get people to commit to.
2. We lost a lot of Friday ice times because of Special Events
3. Last minute ice time additions/subtractions
4. Officiating was challenging at times because some refs were quite young and coaches (mostly from outside FYHA) were intimidating.
5. Challenging to get coaches for Atom Rec- many who volunteered ended up having players in comp
6. Draft in Rec ended up being a bit lopsided because we were still getting coaches in place so some coaches had a chance to "scout", some didn't.

Recommendations

1. Aim for later start times if possible- 5pm at the earliest.
2. Have an extra floating weekday time available for Atom to use in case of cancellations (can be filled in with skills sessions when available)
3. Not sure what can be done about this as it is out of the control of FYHA.
4. Try to have 1 older/experienced ref per trio, especially during important games (playoffs, vs identified teams)
5. Put Atom Comp coaches in place earlier. Atom Coordinator and Coaches Coordinator need to recruit enough coaches to have all in place at least 1 week prior to rec tryouts
6. See Recommendation #5.

Overall it was a very successful year. The following teams had top 3 tournament finishes:

Atom A Kanucks:

Gold- Sussex MHA Invitational

Silver – Buster Harvey, Petitcodiac Minor Inv., Woodstock Minor Inv., Saint John Minor Inv.

Atom A Blizzards:

Gold- Capital Invitational

Silver- Petitcodiac Minor Inv.,

Silver- EDZA Atom A Playoffs

Atom A Lions:

TBC

Atom A Wildcats:

Silver – Pioneer Invitational – Oromocto

Silver- EDZA Atom AA Playoffs

Atom C Red Wings:

Gold- Nackawick MHA Invitational, FYHA Christmas Tournament, FYHA Year End Tournament

Atom C Penguins:

Gold- Andrew Bartlett Memorial (St Andrews)

Atom C Flyers:

Silver- FYHA Christmas Tournament

Atom C Sharks:

Silver- Rogersville MHA Tournament, FYHA Year End Tournament

Bronze- FYHA Christmas Tournament

Atom C Blackhawks:

Gold- Stanley MHA Tournament, Baie St Anne MHA Tournament,

Silver- Capital Invitational

Atom C Senators:

Bronze – FYHA Year End Tournament

Thanks so much to all of the coaches for their hard work and dedication to FYHA. Also thanks to John O'Toole & the FYHA Board for all of the hours they put in to provide this incredible opportunity for the hockey players of Fredericton!

Robin Ferdinand
Atom Coordinator

PEEWEE COORDINATOR REPORT

Thank you to all volunteers, coaches, assistant coaches, managers, parents and supporters of Pee wee hockey this year. A lot of work goes into Minor Hockey each season and it is a group effort.

The Draft at both the Competitive and Recreational levels resulted in 3 competitive teams and 8 recreational teams. The player evaluation and team drafting process for both Rec and Comp must be revisited to ensure team parity and a fair evaluation process. The current system is consistently producing uneven teams and evaluation of coach's children is problematic at both levels. There are several associations that employ superior evaluation and team creation models that FYHA can use as a reference. Ensuring team parity and a fair and transparent evaluation process should be made a top priority for FYHA going forward.

Ice allocation this year was again improved over the previous season. With the exception of the curling event, the special events were clearly communicated, which allowed for schedules to be posted a month or more at a time with very few changes having to be made. Thanks to AI for quick responses and help in confirming ice this season, it was greatly appreciated!

There were minimal conflicts between players, reduced penalty minutes, and reduced suspensions within the division this season.

Officiating was a concern of many coaches and parents. The issue was the use of inexperienced and young officials and often only two officials were present per game. It is highly recommended that a senior official be paired with one or two inexperienced officials to ensure games remain under control and the younger officials are permitted to develop without undue pressure.

The successful year end tournament in the Rec division saw the Pee wee Blues taking home the Gold, the ET Mechanical Heaters the Silver, and the Sharks the Bronze.

This year's volunteer of the year awards for the Pee wee Division have been awarded to Todd and Kelsey Pye, as well as Darren Goodine.

Again, thank you to all of the coaches/volunteers for your dedication to our children and the sport. The time and effort that you put in does not go unnoticed.

Christa Reynolds
PeeWee Coordinator

BANTAM COORDINATOR REPORT

I would like to thank all volunteers, coaches, assistant coaches, managers and parents for a great season.

The draft for both competitive and recreational levels went reasonably well, resulting in two competitive teams and 8 recreational teams.

Recreational Division

This year we had eight recreational teams. There were 102 Players and 16 Goalies the league for 8 teams with 12 to 13 players and 2 goalies each.

Ice allocations for the division fell within or exceeded FYHA guidelines. Each team played between 27 and 28 regular season games and had between 13 and 15 practices; this does not include exhibition games, tournaments or the FYHA Christmas and Year-End Tournaments.

All teams were given several opportunities for extra ice times that became available throughout the season which they could use for practice or exhibition games with outside teams.

All times were listed on the website for all to see. This open access to information seemed to be appreciated by the parents.

The FYHA Christmas tournament, witnessed the Blue Jackets beating the Devils in overtime. This led to the Blue Jackets playing a best of three games series against a strong Grand Lake team for a chance at the C-Zones and a chance to play at provincials. Unfortunately, after three well played games they lost the series 2-1.

At the FYHA year-end playoffs the Sharks brought home the gold with Devils claiming silver.

Christmas Tournament

1 st	Blue Jackets
2 nd	Devils
3 rd	Sharks
4 th	Red Wings

Year End Tournament

1 st	Sharks
2 nd	Devils
3 rd	Blue Jackets
4 th	Canadiens

All of the eight teams competed in external association tournaments throughout the season, many winning gold and silver medals.

Competitive Division

The FYHA Bantam competitive division has a successful year. There were two teams, the Nashwaaksis Lions Club Lions and the Swiftys Capitals with 30 players and 4 goalies on their rosters.

The Lions placed third in their league so they went directly to provincials in the A division. After a great weekend of hockey, they came home with silver in their division.

Challenges

The biggest challenge that I faced this year was with fair play. A discipline committee was formed to deal with the issue.

In conclusion, this was a great season that I had the privilege to be coordinator for.

Bantam Coordinator

Nancy Wilson

MIDGET DIVISION ANNUAL REPORT

Just wanted to thank Steve Meade for all his hard work over the last couple of seasons as the Midget Coordinator, he stepped down in December 2016 but had completed the schedule until the end of the season to make the transition run smoothly. Thank you Steve!

This year's winner of the Christmas tournament was the Midget Bruins who then went on to the districts against the Staley Bulldogs for a best of three series and a chance to move onto Zones. Coming up short the Bruins had a great series!

The second half of the season ran smoothly with each team having played 15 regular season games. Many of the teams attended various tournaments though out the Maritimes and many teams were very successful in winning gold, silver or bronze.

The year-end playoffs saw some great hockey, lots of game upsets, tied games and close scores. Coming out with a first place finish was the Midget Kent Kanucks coached by Steve Boulter and Mike Jennings. They defeated the Midget Hurricanes which was coached by Mark Somerville and Jeff Hanson. Third place saw the Midget Capitals coached by Brad Manderville defeat the Midget Flames coached by Joe Macdonald.

All in all we have a great season with minimal incidents. We look forward to welcoming the next person who will step into the Midget coordinator role.

Thank you to all the coaches, managers, parents and players for making this season so successful. I look forward to seeing you all at the rink for the 2017/2018 season.

Heidi Boulter
Interim Midget Coordinator