

First of all I want to say “Thank-you” to all members of our hockey family! I have enjoyed my year as your President. I feel that our association made some great strides forward this past year. All members on this year’s Executive Board worked tirelessly toward making this a great year, and I want to acknowledge and thank them as well.

At last year’s AGM it was made very clear that association members wanted the Executive to continue to explore hiring a paid hockey person, and for the Constitution and By-Law documents to be updated.

The first order of business was the Director of Hockey Operations position. A screening committee took over from the ‘DOHO Committee’, and several applicants for the position were contacted and interviewed. Out of all applications only two were referred to the ‘Hiring’ Committee, which consisted of only Board members. Both of these applicants presented very well, but the final decision was to hire Mr. James Eccles and make him the Director of Hockey Development (DHD). This was pursued and James came onboard on August 19, 2013.

The Rep tryouts and start of the hockey season took precedence at that time. In November, with the season well under way, the Executive began to look at the Constitution and By-Laws. It took many meetings before we had enough to send to our lawyer, and the proposed new By-Law document which we are presenting to RMMHA members for ratification. The new by-laws call for a smaller Executive (13 compared to 21). They make it much clearer who is a member, and which members have voting rights. They also allow for others to apply for membership, or a right to vote at AGM or special meetings. I’m happy to say that the 2013/2014 Executive heartily endorse this document. As for the Constitution, it has been cleaned up and is posted on our web site.

Throughout the season Mr. Eccles has worked on hockey development for all players and teams. James has made himself available, often working very long hours and not taking many days off. For those who have not had a chance to attend any of the development sessions, James and his Development Team have worked wonders with the players who have had a chance to make it out. These sessions will continue during the off season in April, May, and June with a program that is offered to RMMHA members only at a very good price. I encourage our members to take advantage of this and register your child(ren) early for the upcoming hockey season.

RMMHA enjoyed on-ice success this year. Atom C6, Pee Wee C3, Bantam A3 and Bantam A4 all won their respective League banners. As of the date of this report (February 19th) Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget A4 teams are continuing with their playoffs to the Final 4, giving those teams a good chance at competing at a Provincial tournament. Our Midget A1 team, once again coached by Mr. Spence Levan, had a great season finishing fourth, 2 points out of first place in Tier 1. Unfortunately they did not have a good game in an elimination game and were unable to continue in a quest for a Provincial chance. Our Juvenile A1 team continue in playoffs and have a good chance at making the Final 4...at least according to our RIC Coach Bedard. All house playoffs are ongoing with many of our teams being in the mix for a chance at

a banner.

With this past season being a success, I want to encourage next year's Executive to continue down this path. RMMHA continues to be the model Minor Hockey Association. We have a great history, with a very promising bright future.

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