



## Presidents Report

As I finish my second and final year as President of TASA Minor Hockey, I am fortunate to have been surrounded by fantastic kids, dedicated parents/guardians/caregivers, coaches, managers, treasurers, safety reps, volunteers, fans and the Executive.

This season was definitely different from the first year of the pandemic. When we started the year, there was a thought that the season would be more of a “normal” year. Our prep camp was a success in September and our tryouts started right on schedule – October 1<sup>st</sup>. Once through tryouts, we were able to complete evaluations for U7, U9 and recreation. To the delight of everyone, games started at the beginning of November and for a period of six weeks – all seemed great. Unfortunately, COVID was not done with us and our season paused in December until after Christmas, with games only resuming in mid February. However, once mid February came, it was game on. We were able to resume games and play through to finish the season, including provincial championships.

Kyle (TASA’s Technical Director) put on several programs throughout the year and always well attended. This included summer skills, fall development, power skating, a March break session and spring skills.

In October, we completed tryouts and evaluations for U7 to U18. TASA had 833 members, 16 competitive teams, 16 recreation teams, 8 – U9 teams and 4 – U7 groups. TASA had a successful season on the ice – and the ability to have the Day of Champions, Provincials and play the semi-final and finals was so exciting. Our association had strong representation again this year in semi-finals and finals. When the Day of Champions and Provincials ended, TASA will be hanging the following banners in our home rink:

Competitive	U13AA, U13A, U13B, U18AA
Provincial Champions	U13A and U18AA
Recreation	U13C Ducks (Silver), U13C Panthers (Bronze) U15C Sharks (Gold), U18C Sharks (Silver)

This season, with the assistance Stacey Doyle (Fundraising Coordinator), TASA Minor Hockey began the monthly 50/50 draw with the first one being in December. This initiative has offset registration for next year for participating players in excess of \$25,000.

I would like to thank the following groups:

**Our Players** – Whether it was the first game that you were playing or if it was your last game with TASA Minor Hockey, you played the game with enthusiasm, excitement and determination. From my interactions throughout the year, the ability to play the majority of the year and continue to play meaningful playoffs and provincials as well as to participate in tournaments was welcomed by all who played.

**Our entire Executive** – Darren, Mary-Lou, Heidi, Kevin, Matt, Sheldon, Anjelica, Stacey, Ainslie, Sonya, Ron, Bernie, Karen – worked to ensure that our kids could play the hockey in a safe environment. The addition of the safety layer meant many more meetings, emails, training, risk management and communications. Without this dedicated team, we could not have had a successful season.

**Our Team Staff** – Coaches, Managers, Treasurers and Safety Reps – volunteered their time to coach, mentor, manage and ensure safety protocols were followed. Our Association is very lucky to have such a dedicated group of individuals.

**Our Referees and Timekeepers** – Without you, our games would not be played. To all the new referees and timekeepers to those who have been with our association for longer – thank you for your dedication.

**Our Volunteers** – as with the previous year, our Association relied on volunteers to ensure our programs, games and practices could happen. Whether it be checking in players for a development session or volunteering to help with checking in spectators, our volunteers were there to keep things running.

**Our Parents/Guardians/Caregivers** – I wanted to personally thank you for all you do. Whether it be the early morning practice or the game across the harbour, you were always there to support the players. It was great to have the cheering sections in the rink for our TASA Ducks this year.

I would like to also to thank three of our Executive members who will not be returning – Heidi Ballie, Darren Howie and Anjelica Frank

Hats off to a pandemic hockey season! Have a wonderful summer.

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