NEMHL President's Report 2022-2023 Hockey Season

A total of 77 teams played in the North East Minor Hockey League this season, we grew again! Though there will always be challenges when several associations and teams are involved, I feel that the season was a great success. The NEMHL website has been flooded with so many achievements of all sizes this hockey season!!!! The work that has been put into the league over the last many years is incredible. They have provided better clarity and boundaries in the Policies and Procedures which help the NEMHL as a whole run smoother. Working together, we will continue to work each year to update and change as challenges arise.

My "Thank you's" run large:

To every **player**, for giving it your all every time your on the ice, for being the best teammate, for yourselves ,your coaches and families. To every **Coach**, for volunteering your spare time in helping to make your teams better people on and off the ice because in the long run they are the future. To every **parent**, for being a taxi driver, a chef, and a shoulder for the good and bad games. To every **Manager**, stepping up to give your time to help your team have the very best season possible. To every **scorebox**, **penalty box**, **music player**, **50/50 seller**, **canteen helper**, (I'm sorry if I missed anyone). The games, tournaments, could not happen without you and all of the time you give .

"Thank You!" to the **entire Executive** for helping the newbie. Steve Scheidl (VP), Derek Seckinger RIC), Shaunna Galacz (Scheduler), Amanda Romaniuk (Sec/Treasurer), Brad Hicks (Webmaster), there was never time or situation that I could not count on your support in any situation at anytime. Your knowledge, your time, your commitment through out the season was absolutely amazing in what can sometimes be a not so thankful job. "Thank You!" to the **Division Coordinators**, for some this was a new role as well. Your role requires support, involvement, attention and commitment Thank you for your teamwork and support throughout the season. "Thank You" to all **Association Presidents** and their boards for being a part of the NEMHL. It is all of you that help to make our league be great! Lastly, "Thank you" to our **Officials**, without you all we could not play the game we all love!

Whether you are spending your spring and summer by the rink or pursuing other activities with your family, I wish all our members and families a fantastic summer! See you at the rink in the fall.

Yours in hockey, Kari Robert NEMHL President 2022-2023 Dear Members of the North East Minor Hockey League,

It is my pleasure to express my gratitude for serving as the Vice President of the league for the past two years. I am grateful for the invaluable experiences and the opportunity to learn from our past presidents. During my tenure, I endeavored to fulfill my role to the best of my ability, and I have encouraged my successor to do the same.

Managing a league requires considerable effort behind the scenes, and I commend Kari Robert for taking on the challenging role of President, despite no one else wanting it. As a league, we must adapt to the ever-evolving rules and regulations set forth by Hockey Saskatchewan. This year, we had to navigate and quickly adapt to the implementation of Rule 11 - Maltreatment, which brought significant changes to our league.

I understand that there may be mixed feelings about how the league was run this year. I assure you that every decision was made with the best interests of our young athletes in mind. As we seek a new president for the next year, please keep this in mind.

Kari has done an excellent job of keeping records and implementing proposed changes that will benefit the league for years to come. Please take the time to review her intended amendments.

I would like to extend my appreciation to Kari and Derek for their invaluable contributions and support throughout the year, as well as to Amanda, our secretary/treasurer, and all of the division coordinators for their hard work and dedication. As the league continues to grow and evolve, we need great individuals to serve on the executive to ensure its success.

I am proud of what we have accomplished together as a league, and I am confident that the North East Minor Hockey League will continue to thrive in the future. It has been an honor to serve as your Vice President, and I look forward to seeing the league's continued success under new leadership.

Thank you all for your commitment to the league, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavours. Sincerely,

Steve Scheidl

The 2022/23 season has ended. Congratulations to Melfort on winning the league. The league went fairly well.

We had many suspensions at this age and some of the disrespectful comment suspensions. This will be a slow process to clean up.

Only thing I would like to see is any spot's behind player benches and goalies should be blocked off from sitting to stop the hecklers. These are kids playing.

Pat Flegg-U18 Coordinator

Wrap up for U15, it was very quiet year, sounds like the playoffs were exciting and I do believe the league is running very smoothly with the current people in place. Good job to you all.

My term is done I believe, thanks for the support that I was given when needed and wish everyone a great summer.

Thanks Rob This year all in all was a good year there was two divisions and 19 teams. There where no issues needing resolving, but a couple of comments made about the season being to long with playoffs going into late March. Other than that it was a good year. Congratulations to the A and B winners.

Jason Dawe

RE: AGM Report

This year our U7 division was fortunate to host 13 teams divided into 3 leagues the Sharks, Dolphins, and Whales, with the dedication of the volunteer coaches and managers they helped make this season run smoothly.

The NE has a great hockey spirit and with that comes the dedication of many to run a season. The Parents and guardians that get these eager players onto the ice to play the sport that builds sportsmanship, discipline, and builds many friendships for years to come. The communities that come together to ensure tournaments are successful and welcoming the visiting teams. The rink staff making sure the facilities are ready for the game. The NEMHL board members who are always ready to solve a situation or be there for support in any capacity. The managers who ensure the schedule is set and keep the team updated on any upcoming news or events. Lastly, the coaches who dedicate the many hours on and off the ice, encouraging the players to play their best and helping support each skater to learn the skills for the game. We thank you for dedicating the time and support to helping make this season a success.

This is the 2nd year that there has been a U7 Division within the league meaning there is a bit of a learning curve that comes with it. We had a hiccup at the beginning of the season with sanctioning games with HS but was quickly solved by our NEMHL leaders, thank you. A friendly reminder of the golden rule was required at the beginning of the season but thankfully coaches respected the rule in helping our players develop in all aspects of the game. Moving forward it would be nice to utilize ice on both sides during games for bigger association that allow feasible ice fees as costs go up. Again, more tweaking that can be done in the coming years but with the support of the many we will develop this division for communities within the NE to continue to play for the love of the game.

I thank you again for your time this season, I wish everyone the best-off season, and look forward to next season!

Best Regards,

Bailey Danderfer

NEMHL U7 Division Coordinator