



MDHA VP HOUSE OPERATIONS REPORT 2020-21

This season was certainly one for the record books, as we successfully managed to keep our teams on ice for the majority of the season, despite a global pandemic. Much of my time was spent staying up to date with Public Health Covid-19 guidelines and supporting convenors as they managed the unending regrouping of teams/bubbles. I also assisted in communication between the association and its members, and coordinated with VP Risk & Safety to troubleshoot as required when we had positive cases.

I would like to commend our Board for their determination to keep hockey afloat when many other associations were unable to proceed. A special thank you to our Convenors who did the work of six seasons in one. Behind the scenes I would like to commend the work of our Ice Scheduler Ward Mallon for his adaptability to the ever-changing ice requirements for teams. Our webmaster Darryl Swerbrick introduced Team Snap to the Association which allowed Health Checks and it was favorably received by teams and parents. This was a huge undertaking by him and we sincerely thank him for all of his work. Finally, a thank you to coaches, managers, trainers, parents, and players for your diligence and adherence to ever-changing situations and protocols; your efforts kept us all safe and on the ice.

In closing I would like to take the opportunity to say a special thank you to Andrea Benson-McDougall as she steps down as our President, for her many years of service to the MDHA Board. We sincerely appreciate your volunteer work in so many roles over the past ____ years. We hope your role as Past President will give you more time for riding and sharing with your growing family.

Goals for next season:

- Help identify new volunteers to fill vacancies on the MDHA board

- Assist the implementation of Hockey Canada guidelines for return to play in the post Coronavirus environment
- Support the transition to Atom-U11 Pathway
- Support the development of new competitive agreement with RMHA/MDHA “Castor River Canucks”
- Continue to encourage the affiliation and development of players/goalies at all age groups
- Attend GHA/HEO meetings as a representative of MDHA and to further understand the workings of each level of governance

In closing, I would like to offer my thanks to our President for her leadership, my fellow board members for their commitment and support, to our volunteers for their time and energy, to our parents for their passion and to our players for their love of the game!

Yours in hockey,

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