

U7 2021-2022 AGM Report

I took over as U7 Convenor in early October and therefore am unable to speak to the very early months of the season. However, I do remember that there was a Fun Skate scheduled for all U7 in early September, which I believe, is an important starting point.

This year we had 75 registrants despite COVID being a concern. With the vaccination mandate that went into place in November, we only lost two players.

Teams were broke down into five teams based on age and experience.

- U7 1A – Green – 16 Players
- U7 2A – Red – 15 Players
- U7 2B – White – 14 Players
- U7 3A – Black – 14 Players
- U7 3B – Blue – 16 Players

As with past years, Tim Hortons provided all the Jerseys and socks for each player to keep at the end of the year, which for many is a very nice souvenir especially since many of the kids are new to hockey. There was a slight mix up with one team's sock order but it was quickly resolved before we hit the ice.

Tim Hortons, again another valuable souvenir for all of the youth, also provided Fun Day medals.

Fun Day was another success this year, thank you to our Tournament Coordinator who did most of the work. We were able to raise ~\$2500 which resulted in each team receiving \$500 to go towards end of year parties and/or souvenirs. As with all years, finding volunteers to monitor the stations was difficult at first... but we were able to coax parents to sign up.

To list a couple of activities:

- Free Pancake Breakfast (served by our local Fire department) (Thank you Vicki K)
- Chuck a Puck
- Raffles
- Silent Auction
- Bake Sale

We had amazing coaching staff this year... very easy to work with and willing to go the extra mile for our kids. To that point, one of our coaches was selected as one of HEO's "Coach of the Week". As with most years, there were many new parents, so again a lot of training needed to be completed but I don't see that changing at this level.

Many families were eager for a normal hockey season. They were thrilled that we were moving ahead and getting back on the ice. Despite being shut down for January, we had another great year and many smiling faces both on and off the ice.