

## 5. Board of Directors reports, 2022-2023

**President:** *Travis Foster*

Another hockey season has come and gone....

Our season began with our annual Hockey Development Program ran by Blaine Boyle. HDP gives players the opportunity of four skates to 'shake the rust off' before the season starts and before tryouts in U11 and U13.

U7 -our initiation group of players ran as normal from Mid-October to end of February. PMHA formed three teams that were looked after by a group of coordinators. Our player numbers in this group is currently lower than where we want to see it so efforts were put into place to try to boost registration for next year.

U9 had 4 teams and was run out of the Central Plains league. One team finished their season in the top half of the league sending them to the league playoff.

U11 had 3 teams and was also run out of the Central Plains league. All three Portage teams finished in the top half of the Central Plains league and competed for the league banner, however they cam up short against St. Eustache.

A double rostered Gold and Sliver team were also formed over the season to compete at Provincials where both teams got some wins.

U13 ran their gold team out of the Pembina Valley league where they finished in the top half and lost in the semifinals.

PMHA had two U13 bronze teams also play in the Pembina Valley league of which one team was moved up to silver at Christmas. Both teams saw success throughout the season.

U15 played their season in Pembina Valley this year. This was the first year in quite awhile that our U15 team played here and they too had success. Although they didn't win many games throughout the season they started to click in playoffs and brought home the B-side banner. Congrats to all the U15 players!

Female hockey continues to grow rapidly in PMHA. We were able to form our own U9 and U11 female teams this year to play out of the Eastern Female league. The U9 team struggled a bit for a win but finished the season on a high note with a win, while the U11 team had success throughout the season. PMHA looks forward to building on the success of our female programs in years to come!

As for tournaments, PMHA once again worked alongside the Portage Cup coordinators in running our four annual tournaments, (U7, U9, U11 and U13). Having spoke to many people inside and outside our community I believe this relationship is one of the best decisions PMHA has made. Very positive feedback on how well ran and organized the tournaments are.

PMHA applied to host provincials this past spring. We were chosen to host U11AA which turned out to be a very successfully weekend both for players, and spectators.

Portage also saw our U11 Silver, U13 gold, U13 Silver and U15 teams compete for Provincials in different host cities around the Province.

As president I continued my dedication to the Central Plains Minor Committee and the Central Plains AAA Council by attending all their meetings and keeping PMHA in the loop of CP happenings. I also attended the Hockey Manitoba semi annual AGM held in January to keep up with the hockey ongoings at the provincial level.

PMHA realizes that we need to ensure our u7 and u9 registration numbers continue to grow so a committee was formed made up of myself, Dan, Clint and Tanner W to run a “Come try Hockey For Free Day” held in mid March. The event was a huge success with over 55 attendees of kids who had never played before. We look forward to seeing some of these players register for minor hockey this fall.

I have also been working on the Dreams Come True committee put on by Hockey Canada to be run on the weekend of the Centennial Cup. The Dreams Come True program is an organization that will help equip and help fund hockey registration for players who need financial assistance. We hope to see 30 kids take advantage of this opportunity.

Overall I believe the season was a huge success. I want to take this time to thank all the coaches, managers, board members, parents, and especially the players for all their hard work and dedication over the season. See you next year!

***Secretary: Saima Klippenstein***

The 2022-2023 season has been our first full season of pre-pandemic hockey. This year, the board held ten meetings averaging approximately 2 hours per session from May 2022 through April 2023. Board meeting minutes are available to review on the PMHA website.

In addition to directing communications, booking and documenting Board meetings, I assisted in the distribution of the CCR and Child Abuse Registry forms at the annual coaches meeting. I also took the time to volunteer to distribute skates and helmets for PMHA’s inaugural “Try Hockey for Free” day.

**Treasurer: Stephanie Northrup**

Please see the attached financial report from for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. This year was closer to normal after the challenging Covid year(s). During the financial period of the reports, Operation Red Nose did not run, this fundraiser usually generates approximately \$20K - \$25K in revenue for the association and this contributed to the shortfall of just over \$21,000.

2022-23 looks to be a more typical year.

**Registrar: Maria Nunn**

- Attended several HCR training sessions via Zoom through Hockey Manitoba
- Processed eight Change of Address Applications
- Processed one IHF Transfer
- Completed seven Chance 2 Play registration confirmation forms
- Obtained funding information for PMHA's inaugural "Try Hockey for Free" day.

Division	# of Registrations	Last Year	% from previous year
U7	36	49	73.4
<b>U9 co-ed</b>	45	47	95.7
<b>U9 Female</b>	13	0	
U11 co-ed	39	37	105.4
<b>U11 Female</b>	12	0	
U13 Co-ed	44	37	118.9
<b>U15 Co-ed</b>	22	23	95.7
Total Registrations	211	193	109.30%

**Rostered Teams 2022-2023:**

- 3 x U7
- 5 x U9 (including 1 female)
- 6 x U11 (including 1 female and 2 double rostered)
- 4 X U13 (including 1 double rostered)
- 1 x U15
- 1 x Extended season

## ***Community Relations: Daniel Bolton***

### Social Media

- Facebook Page
  - We currently have 244 followers.
  - We have a post reach of 4,924,
  - We have 3,759 post engagement.
- Instagram
  - New for this year
  - We've made over 260 posts.
  - We have 160 followers.
- Twitter
  - Pretty limited interaction, we have 129 followers.

### Survey

- Received 131 completed responses.
- 62% response rate.

### Clothing E-store

- Keystone donated 10% of the gross sales back to PMHA.
- 96 individual orders.
- 380 items sold.
- over \$14,500 net sales.

### Logo Refresh

- Developed secondary logo with local vendor.
- Picked colours and shared the colour codes and high-resolution files of the new logos with local partners to strive for consistency with our branding.
- Pro Image to donate sponsored helmet decals for all our PMHA Athletes.
- Updated Ad Box in the Mutual Rink
- Pro Image installed door wrap on the PMHA office.
- Worked to build a consistent brand with the clothing and all of our marketing material.

### Portage Terriers

- Arranged some Timbit players to scrimmage during an intermission.
- Helped Terriers marketing director to find a "7th man" throughout their regular season from PMHA membership.
- Had some Terriers out for some scrimmages and practices with the kids throughout the season.
- participated in the Teddy Bear Toss Clean up.

### Try Hockey Day

- 56 kids came out to try hockey.

## Tournaments

- Worked closely and communicated regularly with the Portage Cup guys to ensure tournaments ran successfully and that Portage Minor Hockey was represented well.
- We held 9 different age groups over 7 different weekends.
  - U9 on November 25-27th with 28 teams
  - U11 Bronze on Jan 6-8th with 24 teams
  - U13 Bronze on Jan 13-15th with 20 teams
  - U13 Gold & Silver on Jan 20-22nd with 22 teams
  - U11 Gold & Silver on Feb 3-5th with 22 teams
  - U7 on Feb 11-12th with 16.
  - U9 and U11 female on the same weekend Feb 10-12th with 9 and 8 teams respectively.
  - We had teams enter from the Pas, Thompson, Kenora Ontario, Canora, SK and for next year we have a growing list of Winnipeg teams, Rural MB, and Northern MB teams.
  - PMHA's portion of the gate was \$9,507.

## Constitution

- Formed ad hoc committee with Secretary and Risk Director to work on updating and amending the PMHA Constitution
- Updated bylaws and policies to reflect previously voted upon changes.
- Updated the AP policy, Coaching selection, and wording on Team Selection.
- Proposed GIC ladder investment strategy for savings account.

## ***Ice Manager: Bryan Dion***

Blaine Boyle was retained for Ice Scheduler for 2022/2023. Hdp ran smoothly again this year. This year we added 2 girls teams to the pmha umbrella, this has required a few more ice slots. We were able to pick up ice slots from the cp u18 program that folded in the fall. We also had issues with having enough game ice available in January to February with the number of portage cup tournaments in Portage. Our hope being that there will be more tournaments in November-December.

Another hot topic is the amt of practices pmha offers and full ice vs half ice. As of right now without adding any teams next year there is not enough Prime ice time available from Tuesday to Thursday in Portage, we will be losing our u18 slot with the formation of u17. We will require ice out of town. Full ice practices are not a necessity, kids getting on the ice more times is a priority, its old school thinking ask any hockey experts.

If anybody has any suggestions, let us know.

***Fundraising: Tori Nadeau***

Fundraising went well this season. First year back to doing cash calendars and Operation Red Nose.

People seemed to be appreciative about only having 1 shift/ child for ORN, with lower amounts of teams/ night, so we will look at continuing that.

Numbers have not officially come in from ORN, presentation will be tonight at the AGM, but we seemed to have a good turn out!

***Risk Management: Clint Martin***

Thank you to the current board members for their encouragement and patience in my first year in the role, especially to Saima & Maria who went above and beyond to help with the transition.

Coaching Applications – started receiving Coaching Applications at the end of July and had all positions appointed by mid-October including Gold & Silver Teams. Continued work with PR to push for Applicants via social media/email blasts going into the 2023/24 season as well as plans to further update the Coaching Application.

Coaches Meeting – held the annual Coaches Meeting on September 26th, well attended by most of the appointed head coaches and some assistants. Made every effort to cover all pertinent information for coaches. Notes for the 2023/24 season meeting include extending the invite to Team Managers as well as creating Head Coach/Team Manager Checklists to distribute. Vulnerable Sector & Child Abuse Registry Checks – After some minor hiccups we were able to get all checks completed, thanks to Saima for her assistance. Motion passed to purchase a scanner/copier to aid in having this process completed in a timely manner for 2023/24.

Coaching Certifications – Coaching certification deadline was extended from Dec 1 to Jan 13 which helped everyone attain the required certifications on time. After going through this for the first time and using the HCR as an administrator I, personally, will be a better resource for coaches this upcoming season.

Complaints/Incidents – Limited incidents in the 2022/23 season, all of which PMHA resolved internally through the Conflict Resolution Chart.

Survey – Lots of valuable feedback in the PMHA survey to take into consideration going forward.

Summary – Great year working with the Board, Coaches, Managers, Members & Players of PMHA...looking forward to the 2023/24 hockey season.

**Equipment Manager:** Kyle Pettinger

This year as a new board member my goal was to have an open ear to the coaches and parents that make up our PMHA association. The number one focus as I put my name forward was to increase interest in the goaltending position, PMHA has had some well used equipment and our belief was in order for kids to have a proper chance at the position we required some updated gear.

The board approved this year the following:

- 4 goal sticks
- 2 neckguards
- 4 youth catchers LH
- 4 youth blockers RH
- 4 JR catchers LH
- 4 JR blockers RH
- 9 Goal pads 20"-24" +
- 5 Chest protectors YTH & JR

We were very fortunate to stay ahead of schedule and most of this equipment was received and put into circulation prior to Christmas and shortly afterwards thanks to Keystone Sports. The second focus once the season was underway was the growing concern for convenience of pucks, pylons and practice equipment. After consulting other programs it was decided to use a crate system in which coaches no longer required a puck bag and would simply pick up pucks from the "cage" at Stride or the "box office" at BDO. This system although had a few hiccups has proved to be much more convenient and will continue to be smoothed out as we're in talks with PRRA in order to have lock boxes in the time keepers box right at ice level for added convenience. We also started near the end of the season a puck retrieval program in cooperation with Champs Corner in which kids could bring back stray pucks in return they could receive candy/slush incentives.

Overall I was pleased with how our season went and would hope the coaches and parents felt similarly. One objective still left would be to simplify the pick up of goal equipment and potentially handing out jerseys all in the course of an evening coinciding with the coaches meeting at the beginning of the year.

Jerseys are in relatively good shape although we will be reassessing in the summer months and cross referencing our numbers in order to have sufficient sets for each age group as we did run into a shortage at the U9 level this season but did navigate it well with the coaches in that age group.

Thank you to all the board members for a great year I believe we've made some good progress with our association and have a very clear common goal moving forward to continue to improve in the years to come.

## **Female Hockey Rep: Jennifer Askin**

PMHA had 2 successful female teams this season  
- 12 player U9 team & 12 player U11 team with 3 underage players

We had some PMHA female registrations who choose coed teams (7 female players in U9 & 4 female players in U11)

U13 Female registrants (4 players) & U15 female registrants (2) - These girls played out of Oakville on a female team. With players rostered from Portage, Oakville, Treherne, Elm Creek. The 2 U15 players overaged to this team.

Very impressive numbers for female hockey in PMHA with the female program only been running for 2 years.

U7 female players (6)

Central Plains ran a very successful mentor program that PMHA took part in. 1 U15 & 2 U18 players, one being a goalie. They attended almost all the U9 and U11 practises and even helped with a few games. The girls loved seeing their mentor! Definitely a program PMHA needs to be involved in for years to come.

The U18 Female Caps coach did approach me in October with the idea to run a 7th man program for the CP female players. 7th man would get the star treatment during game of the U18 Caps. Tour of their facility, be in the dressing room with the girls, skate with them and stay with them during O Canada. Unfortunately the program didn't work out, time and schedule wise for any CP teams. Something to explore in the fall.

The U9 & U11 Female CP players did get an opportunity to tour the Caps facilities on a different occasion. October 15/2022, BDO held a CP Female Hockey Day. St. Eustache girls joined PMHA girls in the festivities. After the Caps game, the young girls were able to workout with the Caps, tour their dressing room and see their workout room. During the Caps game the young fans were gifted a Caps cleanup towel as a souvenir.

The U11 female team had an amazing opportunity to play an intermission scrimmage at the Jets/Terriers Alumni game.

Meetings Female Rep Attended:

- Eastern Manitoba Female Hockey League AGM on April 12st 2022
- Preseason CP Female Hockey Committee meetings July 27th & Aug. 28th
- During the season CP Female Hockey Committee Meetings Oct. 4th 2022 & Feb. 2/2023