



Chief Trainer Final Report 2023-2024

This was my first full year in the Chief Trainer position and to say that I truly enjoyed every second of it would be a complete understatement. It was challenging at times, but it gave me a great sense of joy to know that I was helping the trainers in our organization.

We started off the year by offering First Aid and CPR to anyone who wished to take the course. We had 7 trainers who participated in the course.

We had a total of 24 injuries this year, 17 of them were suspected concussions.

All injuries were reported in a timely manner and were all sent to OWHA.

I look forward to the 2024-2025 season and to provide my guidance to the trainers again.

Sincerely

Anita White

Chief Trainer

BWHA Director of Player & Coach Development Report – Year End Summary

Dated: May 2024

In reflecting on the past season, the direction of the BWA continues to focus on elevating player development across all ages and competitive levels. The foundation of this success has rested upon a strategic vision aimed at managing this balance, which includes consistent programming reviews to ensure alignment with our vision. Below is the statement outlining these visions, which continue to drive long-term progress within the association:

- The vision for our competitive programming is to develop complete players with instinctive habits and versatile skills to maximize their performance on the team. Coaches are expected to create a hockey curriculum that incorporates fitness programs and on-and-off-ice assessments, with an emphasis on honing hockey skills and fostering a lifelong love for the game.
- The goal of our House League and non-competitive programming is to facilitate the development of hockey players at a fun and enjoyable level of competition, tailored to everyone's needs, abilities, and desires. Our coaches aim to create a welcoming environment where players feel comfortable and can excel.

Below is a summary of the initiatives we executed or launched in the 2023/24 season:

- **BWHA Women in Leadership Mentor Group:** The Association is thrilled with the progress made in providing motivated women with a network to enhance their skills, share ideas, and become more involved in the association. This initiative has demonstrated our commitment to growing this network and encouraging more women to participate in the game, serving as mentors for the girls in our association. In the upcoming season, we eagerly anticipate launching exciting new initiatives created by the group, which will further enhance the experience.
- **BWHA High Performance Program:** The conclusion of our inaugural season with the high-performance program was met with great satisfaction from all involved. Evaluation has continued through the spring and well into the summer as we assess program strategy, methodologies, and training to further enhance its quality.
- **Coaching Support & Development:** Throughout the past season, we continued to acknowledge our volunteer coaches and implemented support measures to aid in their growth. This included providing competitive coaches with access to coaching resources and personalized coaching assistance. Additionally, our "coach the coach" program with Two Way Hockey continued, offering coaches opportunities to attend sessions with Greg and his team, providing firsthand experience with drills and techniques.
- **U11, U13, and U15 DS Programming:** Through close collaboration with the House League director, we successfully launched teams for U11, U13, and U15 in the upcoming season. The return of these programs was incredibly exciting, and we are committed to planning for their continued success in the upcoming season.
- **Bridging the Gap from HL to Competitive:** In addition to the DS teams mentioned above, we made significant progress in providing exceptional development opportunities for players transitioning from House League to competitive play. Last season, we implemented a consistent sixteen-week program, including eight weeks of power skating with Olympian Vanessa Crone

and eight weeks of on-ice hockey skills training at the NTR. We will continue to ensure that this remains an affordable option for parents seeking to help their players take the next step in their hockey journey.

- **BWHA Coach Development Survey:** In October 2023, we distributed a survey to all parents of players on competitive teams to gather feedback that could assist in coach development and overall program enhancement. Once again, the feedback provided valuable insights, guiding us in further improving our programming. We encourage all members to seize this opportunity to provide feedback on their competitive programming and overall development, ensuring their voices are heard and their ideas incorporated into the improvement of our program.

For the upcoming season, the initiatives and tactics mentioned above will persist, and based on feedback and the evolution of our programming, we will continue to enhance these offerings as necessary to best serve our members. Specific efforts will include:

- Reviewing goalie development strategy and exploring additional opportunities for improvement.
- Continuing the search for qualified female instructors and coaches to join our teams and contribute to player development.
- More team & player mentor opportunities to connect our older competitive teams with younger players in the association.
- Providing additional support to coaches for their growth and development, both on and off the ice.
- Most importantly, we remain committed to finding ways to make hockey a fantastic experience for players. We are in the early stages of planning exciting initiatives to bring our girls together, allowing them to feel celebrated and recognized.

Annual Report: Director of Competitive Programs

2023-24 Annual General Meeting

NOTE: While the Barrie Jr. Sharks are a part of our competitive program, details of their season have been left out of this report since an entire report from the General Manager of the Barrie Jr. Sharks will be dedicated to their activities.

There were many success stories over the past season.

- U22-A (Eric McFadden) Champions – Sharkfest 2023
- U18-AA (Mike White): Champions - Mississauga Hurricanes Winter Showcase
- U15-A (Jason McKenna): Champions – 2023 Smashville Girls Showcase
- U15-A (Jason McKenna): Champions – 2024 International Silver Stick
- U13-A (Sam Skwarchuk): Finalists – OWHL Playoff Consolation
- U13-B (Mike McTaggart): Champions – Sharkfest 2023

Final League Standings and Playoffs

- 8 teams qualified for OWHL Championship Playoffs:
 - U22-AA, U18-A, U18-BB, U15-AA, U15-A, U15-B, U13-AA, and U11-B
- 2 teams advanced to 2nd round of Consolation Playoffs with our 13-A team advancing to the finals.
- Final league results for all teams: 4 teams with better results than 2022-23 ... U22-AA, U18-A2, U15-A, and U11-B

Level	Cat	Record	Result
U22	AA	25-13-2	7th Red Division
U22	A	1-19-2	5 th East
U18	AA	8-10-4	8 th Central North
U18	A1	9-9-4	4 th Central North
U18	A2	6-13-3	7th Central North
U18	BB	10-5-7	3 rd Central North
U18	B	15-4-3	5 th Central North <i>Consolation Semi-Final</i>
U15	AA	13-6-4	3 rd Central North
U15	A	14-5-3	2nd Central East

Level	Cat	Record	Result
U15	BB	11-8-3	5 th Central North
U15	B	17-2-3	2 nd Central North
U13	AA	11-7-4	3 rd Central North
U13	A	7-10-5	5 th Central North <i>Consolation Finalists</i>
U13	B	5-13-4	6 th Central North
U11	AA	1-16-3	7 th East
U11	B	12-7-1	3rd Central North
U9	B	3-1-14	2 nd Central North

Provincial Championships & Playdowns

- 12 Barrie Sharks teams will play in the Provincial Championships, April 12-14, 2024.

Level	Cat	Result
U22	AA	Qualified
U22	A	Automatic Qualifier
U18	AA	Playdown Qualifier
U18	A1	Not Qualified
U18	A2	Not Qualified
U18	BB	Playdown Qualifier
U18	B	Not Qualified
U15	AA	Automatic Qualifier
U15	A	Automatic Qualifier

Level	Cat	Result
U15	BB	Playdown Qualifier
U15	B	Playdown Qualifier
U13	AA	Automatic Qualifier
U13	A	Automatic Qualifier
U13	B	Not Qualified
U11	AA	Automatic Qualifier
U11	B	Not Qualified
U9	B	Automatic Qualifier

The following teams qualified for the playoffs, following the OWHL regular season:

- 8 teams qualified for OWHL Southern **Championship** Playoffs:
 - U22-AA (Duane Eldridge), U18-A (Laurie Taylor-Bolton), U18-BB (Mike Gould)
 - U15-AA (Sam Reid), U15-A (Jason McKenna), U15-B (John Philbrick),
 - U13-AA (Greg Patton)
 - U11-B (Scott Goheen)
- 6 teams qualified for OWHL Southern **Consolation** Playoffs:
 - U18-AA (Mike White), U18-A (Rodd), U18-B (Steve Sayeau),
 - U15-BB (Greg Coleman)
 - U13-A (Sam Skwarchuk), and U13-B (Mike McTaggart)
 - U11-AA (Tim Hatch)

Congratulations Sam Skwarchuk for bringing home a Silver Medal in the OWHL Southern Playoffs - Consolation.

2024-2025 Tryouts

Tryouts were held from April 15 to May 12, 2024, for our 2024-2025 competitive teams. 260+ players were selected to 15 competitive teams in our U9, U11, U13, U15 and U18 age groups. Discussions with Coach U22-A (McFadden) will take place over the summer to assess the need for tryouts.

Thank You to Volunteers!

Once again, this season would not have been possible without the dedication of many people, including coaches, assistants, practice staff, trainers, managers, referees, timekeepers, and others.

Jason McKenna
Director, Competitive Program

Annual Report - Director of Equipment & Apparel

2023 – 2024 Annual General Meeting

At the 2023 General Meeting, I was nominated and accepted the position of Director of Equipment and Apparel for a 2 year term. Even with the guidance of Rob Whitehead, former Director of Equipment and Apparel and Past President of the BWA, the transition has not been without its challenges, as my experience in Logistics had not prepared me for the world of retail, supply chain issues, and a major office move, but my comfort level and skill level has slowly raised with each passing week and challenge that presents itself.

BWA Apparel Store launch

We continue to utilize the online BWA Apparel Store to allow BWA families to select and order all BWA apparel for their players. Updates to the site and new products have been added and continually adjusted to reflect request of members and the BWA Board. The BWA continues to investigate the most cost effective and simple solution to link our office payment system to the portal, allowing online payment for purchases by debt or credit card, as well as create a more simplified payment system at events such as Sharkfest and The Winter Classic for BWA merchandise.

New Office Location at 511 Welham Rd, Unit 16

In December of 2023, the BWA office was moved from its Saunders road location to its new location at 511 Welham Road, Unit 16. The new office location provides numerous advantages over the previous location, including large meeting space, a more direct administrative space, and over double the available warehouse space for equipment and apparel. Renovations of the office space are to begin in the Summer of 2024 to allow better use of meeting space and to reinforce upper storage areas, allowing all equipment to be organized more efficiently and effectively.

Youth and Women's House League

The BWA Youth House League program continues to grow, creating opportunities for players and coaches to grow and succeed, with the hope to support the Competitive program. BWA allows female hockey players access to hockey from the FUNdamental U7 program through our U18 division, with additional opportunities for coaches to gain valuable experience in mentorship, guidance and coaching. Through collaboration with both our Director of Youth House League and Director of Women's House League, we assisted with the following, to ensure our players, volunteers and team staff had what they needed to have a successful and safe season.

- The BWA continued to work with the Tim Hortons TIMBIT Hockey program throughout the 2023/24 hockey season and into the 2024/25 season. Tim Hortons restaurants support over 90000 youth hockey players by providing jerseys to all players at the FUNdamentals (U7), and U9 age groups. This saved the BWA approx. \$3000 in costs to outfit our teams.
- For the 2023/24 season, the BWA again partnered with the McDonalds AToMiC hockey program which sponsors hockey programs at the U11 level for over 50000 players in Canada. Jerseys and socks are provided to players, saving the BWA approx. \$1500-\$2000 annually. These sponsors working with the BWA, allow the growth of female hockey to continue and we thank them for it.
- All Youth House League players in U13, U15 and U18 were provided socks and jerseys for the season. A new HL jersey design had been implemented for the 2023-24 season, drawing positive reaction from parents and players.
- All Women's Adult League players were also provided socks and jerseys to use for the season and since have been returned to the office for redistribution in the upcoming season, as this allows for

costs to remain as low as possible for these recreational players. For the upcoming season, it is projected that additional Woman's House League team will be added, showing the growth of Women's hockey

- The BWAH provides for use to each Youth House League team, and some of our Women's House League teams, a set of goalie equipment to use for the season. All were sanitized and inspected before being distributed to the teams for the 2023/24 season. All have since been successfully returned.
- Our BWAH goalie gear will be sanitized, reviewed and repaired over the summer months, so it is ready to be reissued in the fall to support our 2024-25 House League season.
- Any equipment in disrepair will be discarded and new or lightly used equipment will be purchased in its place, to ensure we are keeping our players safe and that our goalie equipment is up to current standards. Numerous pieces of equipment were purchased during the 2023/24 season, at an approximate cost of \$1000.
- All House League coaches are also given the ability to borrow pucks and pylons, to assist with their practices, with a nominal deposit made, which is returned to them at the end of the season, through successful return of these items.
- Jersey sets were provided to facilitate the U9 through U18 House League evaluation process. This allowed for ease of player identification and evaluation by the House League coaches, as they attempted to obtain parity with each category.
- DS Jerseys and socks were provided to the U13 and U15 teams, to be used throughout their season in game play against other centers.

Competitive League

- A newly designed Competitive Home white jersey was introduced for the 2023/24 season to positive feedback from players, coaches and parents. A scripted SHARKS logo centered on the jersey was both an update to the previous seasons logo, as well as an acknowledgement to past BWAH jersey designs. The new jersey provided a clean, and professional look, that garnered praise from other centres during tournaments and games.
- A new Competitive Away Navy jersey is being introduced for the upcoming 2024/25 season. The jersey features the BWAH logo prominently on the chest, with red and white numbering matching name bar. Players from the 2023/24 season were allowed to keep their Away Navy jersey after the season. New name bars will be required to be purchased for all competitive players in the upcoming season.
- All Competitive teams were provided a set of Game jerseys & socks (Home – White & Away – Navy), a set of C's and A's, along with team sets of practice jerseys and socks.
- We are still in the process of collecting all Competitive team Game jerseys and expect them to all been returned to the BWAH office. We are in the process of washing and drying the jerseys.
- All remaining retired Home – White jerseys and retired Away-Navy jerseys are available for sale through the BWAH Apparel portal and at the BWAH offices.
- Goalie gear was provided to our U9 and U11 Competitive teams for use in accordance with Hockey Canada's requirements
- Additional team equipment and apparel items was coordinated and supplied to various Competitive teams, such as: team water bottle sets, team jersey sponsor panels, etc.

Tournaments

- The BWA set up an apparel table at this year's Sharkfest Competitive tournament, introducing Jibbits charms, for the BWA and tournaments. Sales were successful and the BWA will continue to examine the best way to provide apparel sales in the 2024/25 season
- The BWA Apparel table was set up at this year's Family Day Classic House League tournament in February. This allowed not only BWA members, but those visiting Barrie for this tournament, an opportunity to purchase BWA apparel. The one-day apparel sales were approx. \$4500.

Apparel

- Due to some of the supply chain delays and issues, we did invest in some larger quantities of product, to ensure we could meet the demand of these items and keep our service level high to the BWA membership.
- A year end inventory count was conducted on April 29th, which had our independent Auditor present for the counting process. This followed the same process as 2021-22 season end count. Please reference both our BWA Financial report and the Auditor's report, which will reflect on the revenues generated by the BWA apparel program in 2023-24 and the inventory. We always attempt to keep inventory at a reasonable level, so that the BWA is not carrying too much inventory over the summer months.
- We did have some sizing issues with some Competitive team apparel orders in U9, U11, and U13, as availability of wind jacket sizing in Youth sizes caused a change from a lightweight to a midweight jacket. Challenges from certain manufacturers due to inventory and product products still abound but are continuing to be addressed
- We will continue to work with our vendors, to keep costs as reasonable as possible, so that we can continue to provide BWA apparel both on and off ice, at an affordable rate and at high quality. This has become challenging over the past 12 – 16 months, with the inflationary pressures that are in the market, but I would like to extend a huge thank you to our vendors for doing all they can to help us meet our stated goal.
- An introduction of new hoodie designs to augment our traditional grey and red team hoodies, happened in the 2023/24 season. A Navy and Tone on Tone Grey hoodie were introduced and greeted with very positive reviews. BWA are looking to add a long sleeve dryfit shirts for the upcoming season and other items will be reviewed.

The role of Director of Equipment and Apparel was my first time in such a position. I did not grow up in a hockey environment, but sought to contribute to my daughters hockey career any way that I could. This role has shown me the inner workings of the Association and has allowed me to have a positive impact in both her hockey career and the career of multiple women within the organization. I am looking forward to continue to provide equipment and apparel at a high quality and cost effective level for all members of the BWA.

Michael Quirk

Sponsorship and Fundraising Year End Report 2023/24 Season

Thank you to all our sponsors this year – the generous contribution of our community partners makes it possible to continue to provide opportunities for all of our athletes to play. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the 2024/25 season.

New this year is a sponsorship tab located on our website that includes information on the benefits of sponsorship, downloadable forms and will soon include information and links for all our sponsors.

BWHA House League, General Sponsors and Advertising

Total at Reporting: \$12,377 (includes approximate value of In-Kind contributions)

Tim Hortons	Take 5 Oil Changers	Skate Zone
McDonalds	Powerline Screen	NTR
Dominoes	Pro-Star Sports	Sports Medicine
Scotiabank	Paul Sadlon Motors	OZ Sports
Take 5 Oil Changers	Perfect Skating	Mind to Muscle
Two Way Hockey	SummerSkates	Zenetec

Tournament Vendors and Sponsorships

Total at Reporting: \$3,557

Ice'd Pink

A very successful Ice'd Pink Day was held this year on October 29. This full day of hockey honours members of our Sharks family who have been affected by breast cancer with the goal of raising funds for the Canadian Cancer Society. Thanks to our vendors, community sponsors, raffles and generous donations from our Sharks and visiting teams, the BWHA donated **\$6,500** to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Plans for the event next year are to expand to have even more teams involved, increased social media presence, online donation options and even more vendors and activities. We want to grow this to a high profile annual fundraising event in Barrie.

Plans for the 2024/25 Season

There are a number of partnerships in the works with new sponsors that we hope will help us get even more girls out on to the ice and provide funding for improvements in our programming. Our goal for next year is \$15,000 in sponsorship and in-kind donations.

We are continuing our partnership with Bauer First Shift to get new players out on the ice. This program provides instruction and equipment to girls who are new to the game.

We are looking to get more of our teams involved with local charity organizations to give back to the community. This year our teams helped with the Shoebox Project, Ice'd Pink, holiday food and toy drives and others. Coaches and managers will receive a package over the summer outlining the different partner charity events and how to get their team involved in helping the community.

Sponsorship information packages for all teams will go out over the summer for competitive teams and fall for house league teams. This package will provide information to coaches and managers on sponsorship rules, reaching out to potential sponsors and template letters.

Director of Officials Year-End Report – 2023-2024

GAME Statistics

Exhibition Games – 39
League, Playoff & Playdown Games - 525
Sharkfest – 209
Winter Classic - 149
Try-Out Exhibition – 23 Games

Total – 945 Games

2022-2023 Total Games – 869

Increase of 76 Games YOY

Roster

Total Roster for Regular Season was 64 Referees, and 14 Timekeepers

This represents +16 Referees, and +2 Timekeepers vs last season.

Game Assigning System

Assigning this season migrated to the SPORTSHEADZ assigning tool. No major issues and we will continue using this system heading into next season.

Game Fees

Referee & Timekeeper fees will be adjusted for next season with an average increase of 5% across the board. This keeps us competitive with Boys hockey, and other minor associations in the province.

Clinics & 2024 Hiring

We hosted clinics for the first time in 5 years last October. We will look to do the same prior to the 2024-2025, season and will generate some excitement via a recruitment drive on our bwha.ca website.

Coaching and Development

The OWHA re-launched the officiating coaching program, hiring 4 coaches to help develop and grow our officials. This program has proven to be extremely valuable to our new officials, and to those looking for more development opportunities. We will continue growing this program next season.

Mike Robinson – Director of Officials

BWHA AGM 2024

Director of Marketing and Communications Report

Transitioning from RAMP to Sportheadz as our website provider has proven to be a successful move for the BWHA. Sportheadz has empowered us to enhance our management of ice time scheduling, tournaments, and officiating year-round. Leveraging this platform, we effectively organized and oversaw all BWHA tournaments. While there were some minor challenges, such as manually inputting game codes, overall, the transition has been beneficial.

Additionally, the implementation of Cleavereach this past year has greatly streamlined our outbound email communications. This service has been instrumental in keeping all our members updated and has provided valuable insights into the effectiveness of our communications.

In summary, the adoption of these new tools has significantly improved our ability to meet the diverse needs of the Barrie Women's Hockey Association, including both our competitive and house league divisions.

Throughout the year, critical information was effectively communicated through our website and targeted email campaigns, ensuring that our members remained well-informed and engaged.

Director of Tournaments

Sharkfest Tournament Statistics:

- 90 teams
- 230 games
- 15 divisions (first time ever running U22A)

This year's tournament delivered a profit of \$39,112.98. Sharkfest was proud to continue the Avery Andrew Sharkfest Player of the Tournament awards. All 90 teams registered at Sharkfest recognized a player on their team that best exemplified "Avery qualities" throughout Sharkfest weekend both on & off the ice.

<i>Revenue</i>		
Registrations	90 Teams	136,350.00
Discounts - Fee Reduction		(2,040.00)
Hotel Revenue		2,560.00
Vendor Revenue		<u>1,598.00</u>
		<u>138,468.00</u>
<i>Expenses</i>		
Ice Rental	244.5 Hours	53,563.55
Ice Rental - Unused	42.5 Hours	11,037.02
Facilities Rental		2,135.70
Referees & Timekeepers		24,224.57
Medals		5,729.10
Arena Banners & Awards		1,734.52
OWHA Sanction		900.00
Other		<u>30.56</u>
		<u>99,355.02</u>
Net Income		<u>39,112.98</u>

Winter Classic Tournament Statistics:

This is the first year we tried bronze medals games, and it seems to be a big success. We delivered a profit of \$27,754.53. This tournament growth over 50% this year and believe there is room to grow more in the coming years.

- 61 teams

- 149 games
- 7 divisions

Revenue

Registrations	61 Teams	79,795.00
Discounts - Fee Reduction		-
Hotel Revenue		4,808.00
Vendor Revenue		<u>1,409.00</u>
		<u>86,012.00</u>

Expenses

Ice Rental	174.5 Hours	39,212.43
Facilities Rental		3,254.40
Referees & Timekeepers		11,759.00
Medals		2,791.10
Arena Banners & Awards		630.54
OWHA Sanction		610.00
Other		<u>-</u>
		<u>58,257.47</u>

Net Income

27,754.53

DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S HOUSE LEAGUE

2023-2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- Thank you to Christa MacDougall for her help in the rink, managing the call up list and her support throughout the season.
- Thank you to the Director of Officials Mike Robinson and to all the time keepers and referees.

The 2023-2024 Season:

- The season started in September 2023 and took place Sunday evenings at the Sadlon Arena.
- 119 women registered for the season. Up from 86 the previous year. This enabled me to build the league into 8 teams from the previous 6 teams last season.
- The league was divided into 2 divisions; competitive and recreational. Each division had 4 teams.
- Georgian College joined the league and placed a team in the competitive division.
- The women played 18 games and participated in Championship Day on March 24th 2024.
- On Championship Day each participant was given a swag bag to thank them for their participation.
- I was able to secure sponsorship for both swag bags and draw prizes.
- Thank you to the following sponsors: Warrior Hockey, Niagara Falls Hilton And Casino (1 night stay), Marble Slab, Skate Zone, Howies Hockey and Dominos Pizza.

The 2024-2025 Season:

- Continue to build and grow the league.
- Continue to work with Georgian College for next season.
- Look into different options to increase goalie participation within the league.

Youth House League Directors Report

Annual General Meeting - May 27, 2024

Another successful season is in the books. BWAH wants to thank all of our division convenors, coaches, and all the other volunteers who helped bring this season together and make it a success. We could not do this without all of the volunteers. BWAH also worked alongside our SMGHL partner centres to put together an exciting season.

BWAH Year In Review:

The Director of Youth House League and the Director of Coach and Player Development reviewed many aspects of the BWAH House League program prior to the start of the season. Changes were implemented to the coach selection process which became an application process. Those applications were reviewed by the board and selections made allowing us to appoint our coaches and convenors early in the season. A coaches and convenors meeting was held early on to review the upcoming season and communicate coach/convenor expectations. An information booklet was created to assist coaches with requirements and deadlines for the season.

Based on feedback from previous seasons the Director of Youth House League and the Director of Coach and Player Development reviewed and implemented changes to the player draft process. These changes improved this process and will continue to evolve.

A trainers meeting was held for all House League trainers. It was hosted by the BWAH Chief Trainer and covered all of the responsibilities of trainers in our House League programs. This was well attended by our Trainers and coaches and this will be on the schedule for this coming season as well.

The BWAH House League program continues to grow. There was 2-U7 (FUNdamentals) teams, 4-U9 teams, 3-U11 teams, 4-U13 teams, 4-U15 teams, and 3-U18 teams.

BWAH was able to have three DS teams this season U11, U13 and U15. The DS program continues to rebuild since Covid. We were able to increase our DS program over the previous season and we hope to continue to grow this program.

The U7 FUNdamentals teams were able to participate in some fun games and jamborees during the season. They also attended a Fun Day alongside our SMGHL partner centres where everyone played a couple of games and had pizza, goody bags and most importantly had fun.

Our U9 to U18 teams had a successful season being part of the SMGHL (Simcoe Muskoka Girls Hockey League) which is made up of teams from Collingwood, Huntsville, Orillia, and Midland. The SMGHL has continued to grow, and the committee is made up of a representative from each participating centre who meet regularly to work collaboratively to create the SMGHL season. Scheduling is done as early as possible in the season and continually monitored and updated during the season. The SMGHL committee does an annual review of SMGHL and Championship Rules. The SMGHL provided an enhanced championship at the end of the season. There were many successful Barrie teams and there were a lot of smiling faces at the end of the Championships. Planning for the next SMGHL season and Championships is underway.

The 2023-2024 SMGHL season consisted of the following number of teams from each of our participating centres.

Division	Barrie	Collingwood	Huntsville	Orillia	North Simcoe
U7	2	2	2	2	2
U9	4	3	2	1	0
U11	3	2	1	1	1
U13	4	2	3	1	1
U15	4	2	1	1	2
U18	3	1	3	1	1

First Shift:

BWHA held our 3rd First Shift Session which ran in February and March with the help of Coach Greg Coleman and the support team that consisted of players from U15/U18 as well as the JR Sharks. All players were once again fitted with all the necessary hockey gear provided by Bauer and we were able to introduce 30 new players to the game of hockey. All participants also received their very first hockey pictures. We have again applied for a program for next season and hope to be able to bring even more girls into the hockey family.

Looking Forward:

There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to provide a full hockey season. We recognize that every season has its own set of challenges and working with the Director of Coach and Player Development we will continue to make improvements to our programming and are currently reviewing the upcoming season. We will be reviewing the balance of practices and games throughout the season as well as assisting new coaches in getting established and getting their teams up and running as well as assisting with the transition of experienced coaches to higher levels.

BWHA continues to develop a hockey program that is well rounded and allows all of our players to develop and have fun at all levels of play.

Thank you everyone and we look forward to an amazing 2024-2025 season.

Director of Youth House League

Registrar - Report

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Player membership for the 2023-24 season was up significantly year over year with a total of 908 registered players and 51 teams – including 20 youth house league (HL) teams, 20 youth competitive teams, 3 adult competitive teams and 8 senior teams. Total registrations appear consistent in all divisions.

Youth Division

The stability of the youth division is realized by the development of those in the House League program. More players joined the association than left (9 net) which is opposite of last season. Some of the movement is due to relocation (moving) but, as always, there is movement within the surrounding associations.

Youth House League

This league saw the implementation of 3 DS teams vs 2 the year before. The youngest divisions continue to increase participation which speaks to the health of the association in years to come.

Youth Competitive League

The number of teams in this league remains relatively consistent and as such, so does the number of teams that are registered with OWHA.

Adult Recreation League

This group realized a division of recreation and competitive teams, as well as the introduction of the Georgian College team. The strength of this division is due to the efforts of those maintaining the program – players and organizers.

2023-24 Transfers

	Transfers IN	Transfers OUT		Transfers IN	Transfers OUT
Associations – Other	37	28	North Simcoe	6	5
Brampton GHA		3	New Tec GHA	13	10
Caledon GHA		4	OWHA	17	3
Central York GHA	7	3	Orillia GHA		5
Collingwood GHA	6				
			Total	70	61

Lee-Anne Whittaker

Registrar



Secretary's Report

2023-2024 Annual General Meeting – May 27, 2024

The 2023-24 season for the Barrie Women's Hockey Association was marked by significant strides in organizational governance. As the Secretary, I am pleased to present this report, focusing on our efforts to review the *Not-for-Profit Corporations Act*, 2010, S.O. 2010, c.15 ("ONCA") regulations and draft new bylaws to ensure compliance ahead of the October 18, 2024 deadline.

Recognizing the importance of compliance with ONCA, BWHA initiated a thorough review of existing regulations and bylaws. This comprehensive assessment aimed to ensure that our organization adheres to legal requirements and operates with transparency and accountability.

In response to the review of ONCA regulations, BWHA embarked on the process of drafting new bylaws to align with legal standards and best practices. This endeavor involved collaboration among board members and legal advisors to develop clear and comprehensive bylaws that reflect the values and objectives of BWHA.

I am honoured to present a Motion at this year's Annual General Meeting to repeal our existing Bylaws and accept our new Bylaws in order to ensure that we meet the looming deadline of October 18, 2024, for compliance with ONCA regulations. The association remains committed to completing this process in a timely manner, ensuring that our bylaws are in full compliance with legal requirements by the stipulated deadline.

In addition to adopting new, compliant, Bylaws, we will continue to work with the legal advisors to update our corporate records and ensure further compliance with ONCA ahead of the deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Gardiner
Secretary, Barrie Women's Hockey Association