



Chief Trainer Final Report 2024-2025

Another incredible year has wrapped up, and our trainers truly excelled in reporting injuries and ensuring all necessary paperwork was submitted to Hockey Canada.

This season, we recorded a total of 36 injuries, with 24 being suspected concussions. Thanks to everyone's diligence, all incidents were promptly reported and sent to OWHA.

As my time on the board comes to a close, I'm eager to share my knowledge with my successor, empowering her to continue supporting our outstanding trainers throughout the 2025-2026 season.

Sincerely

Anita White

Chief Trainer

BWHA Director of Coach and Player Development Report- Year End Summary

Upon reflection, the past season has been a period of significant growth and enhancements for the development of both players and coaches. As the Director of Coach and Player Development, I continue to strive and focus on opportunities to help strengthen our association. Our vision remains dedicated to empowering and inspiring female athletes to pursue their passion for hockey, while creating ongoing opportunities for growth in both players and coaches.

Vision for Competitive Program

Our competitive program is recognized for its commitment to excellence, innovation, and holistic development. We aim to create an environment where athletes are challenged to reach their highest potential, both on and off the ice. Through strategic development and unwavering support, we strive to cultivate a culture of resilience, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Our program is dedicated to fostering a community where athletes can thrive, build lasting relationships, and develop the skills necessary to succeed at the highest levels of competition. We aspire to be a beacon of excellence, and inspiring future generations of athletes to pursue their dreams with passion and determination.

Vision for House League Program

The vision is to establish a vibrant and inclusive house league program that provides a welcoming environment for athletes of all skill levels. Aiming to foster a sense of community and camaraderie, where players can enjoy the sport, develop their skills, and build lasting friendships. Through structured training, supportive coaching, and engaging activities, we strive to create a positive and fun atmosphere that encourages participation and personal growth. We are committed to promoting fair play, teamwork, and sportsmanship, ensuring that every player feels valued and motivated to reach their full potential.

Summary of Initiatives Executed in the 2024/2025 Season

High Performance Program: This program was met with great satisfaction from participants, tailored to help players maintain and excel at the highest level of performance. We will continue to enhance the program to meet growing needs.

Coaching Support & Development: We continued to acknowledge the hard work of our volunteer coaches by providing support measures aimed at growth. This included our "Coach the Coach" program with Two Way Hockey, offering opportunities for drills and technique improvement. Competitive coaches were given access to resources for personalized assistance. To support our dedicated coaches and acknowledge their invaluable contributions, we introduced a pilot program for reimbursement, aimed at alleviating some of the financial burdens associated with coaching and encouraging continued professional development.

DS Program: Through collaboration with the House League Director, we successfully launched teams for U11, U13, U15, and U18. The return of this program was captivating, and we are committed to continuing its planning to enhance opportunities for players within the House League system.

Skill Enhancement : Affordable development opportunities to players at all levels through a comprehensive sixteen-week program. This initiative was shared between the House League and the competitive program, ensuring broad access to high-quality training. Highlights included power skating sessions led by Olympian Vanessa Crone, focusing on enhancing skating techniques and speed. On-Ice hockey skills training, conducted by the development team at the NTR, these sessions aimed to improve overall hockey skills.

Goalie Training: A dedicated twelve-week program designed by Greg Redquest to refine, enhance, and attract all skill levels.

Additionally, we supported the mental performance of our athletes through the Flow State Program by Amy Ford, which is specifically designed to accelerate mental resilience and focus.

BWHA Coach Development Survey: In 2024, a survey was distributed to all parents of players on competitive teams to gather feedback and gain insights on ways to improve and build on our program. The survey was conducted using software that ensured anonymous submissions to encourage honest feedback on opportunities for program improvement.

Strategic Improvement Initiatives for 25'/26'

For the upcoming season, I aim to repeat and build on the initiatives mentioned above and continue to enhance our programming for sustainability and scalability to ensure the continued success of our players.

- Goalie Development Strategies: Exploring additional opportunities and providers to build our goalie development program for players and coaches.
- Mentorship Program: leverage the expertise and experiences of past BWHA players to support our coaching staff and athletes, fostering a culture of continuous improvement.
- Enhanced Coaching Support: Continue to provide comprehensive support to our coaches, both on and off the ice focusing on ways to enhance resources for training and development. Other areas of focus are mentorship, resource allocation, financial assistance, mental health, recognition, communication, and collaboration. This holistic approach ensures our coaches are well-equipped, motivated, and valued, enabling them to deliver the highest quality training and guidance to our athletes.
- Continue to search for more female instructors and coaches to serve as powerful role models for our athletes and inspire them to become future leaders.
- Look for ways to maintain a positive and enriched experience for all our players, ensuring they enjoy their time with BWHA and continue to grow both on and off the ice.

BWHA AMG Report

Prepared by: Jay Zealand, Director of Competitive

Date: May 2025

OVERVIEW

This season has marked a significant step forward for the BWHA in terms of transparency, preparation, and communication. Our efforts have been focused on building strong team environments, increasing support for coaches, and ensuring fairness and integrity in decision-making. As a result, we've seen a more inclusive, organized, and productive atmosphere across the association.

COACHING & TEAM SUPPORT

In early March, we hosted our first coaches' meeting for the upcoming season—a highly collaborative session centered on team culture, alignment of goals, and BWHA policy expectations. The meeting also provided a valuable space for sharing best practices and preparing for tryouts.

This season also included:

- **Ongoing support and accountability discussions**, including regular communication with coaches to review challenges and offer guidance.
 - **Direct intervention with teams as needed**, where player-coach relations and accountability were addressed through collaborative planning, to help coaches implement improvement.
 - **Roster and player movement support** teams that needed midseason assistance through departures and injuries.
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COACHING PROCESS & DEVELOPMENT

The coaching application and evaluation process has been streamlined and reinforced with clear timelines. Observations of current coaches are underway, paired with insights from development surveys to inform hiring decisions for the 2025–2026 season.

We continue to work with coaches on:

- Completing required **certifications**
 - Updating **vulnerable sector checks** in advance of the season
 - Ensuring adherence to **Hockey Canada programming**, with a continued emphasis on skill development over excessive gameplay.
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PLAYER DEVELOPMENT & WELLNESS

Our high-performance teams have launched their programming for the season, including:

- New **mental game seminars** led by Taylor Staden, with sessions for both players and parents.
 - A continued commitment to full bench usage and proper AP player call-ups.
 - Smooth integration of a **German exchange player**, who is being welcomed into the U18-A1 team.
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ISSUES & CONFLICT RESOLUTION

We remain committed to addressing issues with transparency and accountability by ensuring thorough reviews, respectful handling of team transitions, and monitoring player suspensions. Our efforts in reclassification will be a focus for this season, with requests acknowledged and policy development in progress to provide clear criteria. Operational improvements are being made across various aspects to enhance the overall functioning of the teams and programs.

KEY TRENDS & SUCCESSES

- **Improved transparency** in decisions and policies
 - **Increased collaboration** between coaches and association leaders
 - **Greater consistency** in communication and planning
 - **Ongoing alignment** with OWHA and Hockey Canada standards
 - **Stronger focus on player experience**, development, and safety
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CLOSING

This year's progress reflects our collective effort to strengthen the foundation of the BWAH. By working closely with coaches, families, and volunteers, we are creating an environment where athletes can thrive—on and off the ice. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to these ongoing improvements and to the success of our players and teams.

Final remarks are reserved for all the volunteers in the associations; the BWAH doesn't happen without you – THANK YOU! Your dedication, passion, and countless hours of hard work make it possible for us to provide a supportive and enriching environment for our athletes. Whether it's organizing events, assisting with administrative tasks, or offering moral support, your contributions are invaluable. We recognize the sacrifice and effort each volunteer puts in, and we are profoundly grateful for your unwavering commitment. Together, we are fostering a community where athletes can grow, both on and off the ice.

Annual Report - Director of Equipment & Apparel

2024 – 2025 Annual General Meeting

2025 marks the end of my 2 year term as Director of Equipment and Apparel. The precessing two years have been challenging in both time commitments and workload, but rewarding just the same, attempting to create positive changes and a better hockey environment for our players. I will not be seeking to run in this position again due to time commitments.

BWHA Apparel Store

We continue to utilize the online BWHA Apparel Store to allow BWHA families to select and order all BWHA apparel for their players. Updates to the site and new products have been added and continually adjusted to reflect request of members and the BWHA Board. A continued investigation to allow online payment on the site is ongoing.

Office Location at 511 Welham Rd, Unit 16

Renovations of the office space are to begin in 2025 to allow better use of meeting space and to reinforce upper storage areas, allowing all equipment to be organized more efficiently and effectively. Having been in the space for the last 15 months, it has allowed a more organized approach to equipment and allowed keeping additional stock of items.

Youth and Women's House League

The BWHA Youth House League program continues to grow, creating opportunities or players and coaches to grow and succeed, with the hope to support the Competitive program. BWHA 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 BWHA continued to work with the Tim Hortons TIMBIT Hockey program throughout the 2024/25 hockey season and into the 2024/25 season. Tim Hortons restaurants support over 90000 youth hockey players by providing jerseys were to all players at the FUNdamentals (U7), and U9 age groups. This saved the BWHA approx. \$3000 in costs to outfit our teams. Going forward into the 2025/26 season, Tim Hortons has discontinued it's support of the U9 hockey program, downloading the additional cost of jerseys and socks back onto the BWHA.
- For the 2024/25 season, the BWHA 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 BWHA approx. \$1500-\$2000 annually. These sponsors working with the BWHA, 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.
- 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 this past 2024/25 season Woman's League had swelled to 12 teams, adding some additional logistic considerations that we were able to overcome to accomodate the additional teams. We hope to watch continued growth in Woman's League for the upcoming season..
- The BWHA 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 2024/25 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 2025-26 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. We will investigate options to add to our inventory, especially smaller sized equipment ..
- 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 teams, to be used throughout their season in game play against other centers.

Competitive League

- Reviews and feedback for the new Competitive Away (Navy) jersey were overwhelmingly positive in regards to feedback. The red name bars and numbering allowed a bit of a contrast to the BMHA Barrie Colts colour scheme.
- 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.
- 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 BWAH set up an apparel table at this year's Sharkfest Competitive tournament. Sales were successful and an apparel table should continue into the upcoming year.
- The BWAH Apparel table was set up at this year's Family Day Classic House League tournament in February. This allowed not only BWAH members, but those visiting Barrie for this tournament, an opportunity to purchase BWAH apparel. The two day apparel sales were approx. \$3200.

Apparel

- A year end inventory count was conducted on May 2nd, 2025, which had our independent Auditor present for the counting process. This followed the same process as previous season end counts. Please reference both our BWAH Financial report and the Auditor's report, which will reflect on the revenues generated by the BWAH apparel program in 2024/25 and the inventory. We always attempt

to keep inventory at a reasonable level, so that the BWAH is not carrying too much inventory over the summer months.

- Challenges from certain manufacturers due to discontinuing of products has caused us to examine alternate products for the upcoming season. Quality and cost are the forefront of the decision making process in exploring options going forward. Some decisions still need to be made going forward on item options.
- We will continue to work with our vendors, to keep costs as reasonable as possible, so that we can continue to provide BWAH apparel both on and off ice, at an affordable rate and at high quality. We bid Tim Viktil a happy retirement as he has closes Pro Star Power Excellence in Barrie. Pro Star has been a supplier and supporter of the BWAH for numerous years and his support has been welcomed and appreciated during my tenure in this position. Locally, we have begun to work with 400 Source for Sports as a supplier and look forward to their support and expertise moving forward.
- In 2024/25 the BWAH introduced a navy long sleeve drifit shirt with "Sharks Hockey" on the front for our hase. Reaction has been positive.

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. I wish my successor all the best in taking over this role and to all players, parents, and Boards members a thank you for the opportunity.

Michael Quirk

Director of Officials Year-End Report – 2024-2025

Game Statistics

Competitive Games: 349

House League Games: 192

Adult House League Games: 110

Development Stream Games: 16

Sharkfest: 232

Winter Classic: 179

2025 Try-Out Exhibition: 22 Games

Total: 1100 Games

This represents a 16% increase in games year-over-year (YOY).

23/24 Games: 945

22/23 Games: 869

Roster

The total roster for the regular season comprised 67 referees and 24 timekeepers. This marks an increase of 3 referees and 12 timekeepers compared to last season.

Game Assigning System

This was our second full season using the current game assigning system with no reported issues.

Game Fees

There will be no changes to the game fees for the 2025-2026 season. We are entering the second year of our current fee structure.

Clinics & 2025 Hiring

BWHA will again host entry and intermediate referee clinics in September. Detailed information will be made available on bwha.ca over the upcoming months.

Coaching and Development

We have added two additional officiating coaches to our roster, bringing the total to six coaches. Collectively, they conducted over 130 coaching sessions this past season. These sessions are essential for the development and retention of our newer officials.

Additionally, five officials attended the Level 3 upgrade clinic, all of whom passed and earned their HCOP Level 3 status.

Mike Robinson – Director of Officials



Communications and Marketing

AGM Report 2024-25 Season

Website

- We continue to use Sportsheadz for our website, team pages and apps. This system is working well and is easy to maintain and update. We continue to ensure that our information is up to date and reflects changes made through the OWHA/RAMP systems.

Newsletters

- Newsletters were sent monthly using the CleverReach system starting in the fall to provide information to all members about opportunities, news, updates and information. This has been an effective way to get information out to members regularly without it being too many emails.

Social Media

- Regular posts were made on social media to inform members about BWA news, highlights and information.
- Teams provided their tournament and playoff successes and community volunteering/assistance projects

2025-26 Season Plans

- Continue with regular website, newsletters and social media updates
- Provide options to coaches and managers to share updates on their team achievements
- Create classroom and training opportunities through the office renovation project available to all teams
- Connect with local media to provide news releases on achievements of our teams and members

Sponsorship & Fundraising Report 2024/2025 Season

A heart felt thank you to all our sponsors for their generous contributions. The financial help our community provides makes it possible for our athletes to play a sport they love and removes barriers. We look forward to working with you next season.

BWHA House League, General Sponsors & Advertising : \$22,350 (includes approximate value of in-kind contributions)

Tim Horton's	Powerline Screen
McDonalds	Pro Star Sports
Dominoes	Paul Sadlon Motors
Scotiabank	Summer Skates
Take 5 Oil Changers	Pie
Two Way Hockey	OZ Sports
Pro Hockey Life	Mind to Muscle

Tournament Vendors and Sponsorships: \$3270.75

Ice'd Pink: \$3715.47 raised for the Canadian Cancer Society at our event in October.

Plans for the 2025/2026 season:

Pickleball Tournament September
Expand Tournament Vendors
Seek out additional Sponsors
Continue Bauer partnership with the First Shift program

Tournament Director Report – 2024/2025 AGM

Sharkfest Rep Tournament (November 15-17, 2024):

OVERVIEW			
	2024 Statistics	2023 Statistics	2024 vs. 2023
# Teams	99	90	+ 9 teams
# Games Played	232	230	+ 2 games
# Divisions	15	15	<i>no change</i>
# Hours Ice Used for Game Time	281.5	244.5	+ 37 hrs
# Hours Ice Unused	22.25	42.5	- 20 hrs
REVENUE			
	2024 Statistics	2023 Statistics	2024 vs. 2023
Registration Fees	\$150,605.00	\$136,350.00	+ 10.45%
Discounts (fee reductions)	\$0.00	(\$2,040.00)	+ 150.00%
Hotel Revenue	\$ 6,896.00	\$2,560.00	+ 169.38%
Vendor Revenue	\$1,778.25	\$1,598.00	+ 11.28%
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$159,279.25	\$138,468.00	+ 15.03%
EXPENSES			
	2024 Statistics	2023 Statistics	2024 vs. 2023
Ice Rental Cost	\$65,096.09	\$53,563.55	+ 21.53 %
Ice Rental Cost – unused ice	\$5,507.04	\$11,037.02	- 50.10 %
Facilities Rental	\$1,798.40	\$2,135.70	- 15.79%
Referees & Timekeepers	\$27,961.44	\$24,224.57	+ 15.43%
Medals	\$5,830.80	\$5,729.10	+ 1.78%
Arena Banners & Awards ¹	\$2,451.25	\$1,734.52	+ 41.32%
OWHA Sanction Fee	\$990.00	\$900.00	+ 10%
Other Expenses ²	\$2,042.33	\$30.56	+ 6583 %
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$111,677.35	\$99,355.02	+ 12.40%
NET INCOME:	\$47,601.90	\$39,112.98	+ 21.70%

¹Arena Banners & Awards = gold & silver medals, champion banners & “A4A” player of the game awards.

²Other Expenses = pizza/water for officials, game pucks, hotel for tournament director.

Tournament Director Report – 2024/2025 AGM

Winter Classic House League Tournament (February 15-17, 2025):

OVERVIEW			
	2024 Statistics	2023 Statistics	2024 vs. 2023
# Teams	77	61	+ 16 teams
# Games Played	179	149	+ 30 games
# Divisions	9	7	+ 2 divisions
# Hours Ice Used for Game Time	206	174.5	+ 31.5 hours
# Hours Ice Unused	29.25	30.5 [*]	- 1.25 hours
REVENUE			
	2024 Statistics	2023 Statistics	2024 vs. 2023
Registration Fees	\$100,815.00	\$79,795.00	+ 26.34%
Discounts (fee reductions) ¹	(\$3,885.00)	\$0.00	- 150.00%
Hotel Revenue	\$4,960.00	\$4,808.00	+ 3.16%
Vendor Revenue	\$2,415.00	\$1,409.00	+ 71.40%
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$104,305.00	\$86,012.00	+21.27%
EXPENSES			
	2024 Statistics	2023 Statistics	2024 vs. 2023
Ice Rental Cost	\$41,864.54	\$31,369.95	+ 33.45%
Ice Rental Cost – unused ice	\$6,871.83	\$7,842.48 [*]	- 12.38%
Facilities Rental	\$1,832.30	\$3,254.40	- 43.70%
Referees & Timekeepers	\$14,730.00	\$11,759.00	+ 25.27%
Medals ²	\$5,141.50	\$2,791.10	+84.21%
Arena Banners & Awards	\$813.60	\$630.54	+ 29.03%
OWHA Sanction Fee	\$770.00	\$610.00	+ 26.23%
Other Expenses ³	\$1,444.69	\$0.00	+ 150.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$73,468.46	\$58,257.47	+ 26.11%
NET INCOME:	\$30,836.54	\$27,754.53	+ 11.10%

^{*}Wasted ice from 2023 estimated based on Sharkfest values.

¹Discounts = 3 teams given free registration to balance teams per division to even numbers for scheduling.

²Medals = ordered extra medals so each U9HL team went home with either a gold or silver medal (16 U9HL teams)

³Other Expenses = pizza/water for officials, hotel for tournament director.

Director of Adult Women's Hockey

2024-2025 Annual General Meeting

2024-2025 Season

- Thank you to Christa MacDougall for your help with this season.
- Thank you to Mike Robinson for providing the referees and time keepers.
- The season started in September 2024 and ended with Championship Day in March 2025.
- Since I have taken over the Adult Women's league in 2022-2023 I have managed to increase the teams from 4 to 12. With the participation almost doubling this year from 119 last year to 202 this year. The league has also grown into two divisions (recreational and competitive).
- Unfortunately , due to lack of ice availability this season a few teams were turned away.
- The recreational division was on Sunday nights at the Sadlon centre and the competitive division moved to Monday nights at Bayfield Rec Center.
- The Recreational division had 4 teams which I am hoping to grow to 6 teams next year.
- The Competitive division grew to 8 teams which I am hoping to grow to 10 teams next year.
- The women played 18 games this season plus championship day.
- The Blue Belle's won the recreational division and Georgian won the competitive division.
- On Championship day each participant received a Howies bag full of prizes. Stick tape, clear tape, grip tape, laces, hockey wax plus prizes from Warrior (tote bag, sunglasses, lanyards and pop sockets)
- The captain's additionally received headphones from Molson Canadian in their swag bags.
- Thank you to all the sponsors who so generously donated prizes for the women as well. These included, Niagara Falls Hilton and Casino, Cwench, 400 source for sports, Jim from Stroud sports, Domino's , Brand Blvd, Warrior, Molson Canadian and Howie's.
- There was approximately 50 prizes handed out to the women. Some of the bigger prizes included 3 free night stays at the Hilton, Howies prize pack, Skate Sharpening packages from 400 source, Hilton gift boxes valued around \$200 each, and cooler prize packs full of Cwench sports drinks.
- Goalie participation was increased this year with each team having a goalie.

- This season has been a success and many of the women reported they are looking forward to next year.

Next Season:

***Based on feedback from the women at Championship day I anticipate both divisions to grow next year.**

***Securing more ice will need to be a priority to accomplish this goal.**

***I have continued to foster my relationships with my sponsors over the past 3 seasons and have been discussing ways to increase their participation in sponsorship for both the adult women's league and the PWHA as a whole. (IE stick sponsors, equipment sponsorship and general hockey supplies)**

***Additionally I have been talking with my contacts in the PWHL and I am looking into securing game tickets for additional prizes in the Adult Women's League .**

***Trying to move the Sunday night league to a new rink.**

Youth House League Directors Report

Annual General Meeting - May 26, 2025

Well, another successful Simcoe Muskoka Girls Hockey League season has come and gone. This season we were able to have the U7 teams participate in some fun games amongst our SMGHL Partner Centres as well as a season fun day hosted by North Simcoe. Registration for all of our teams was amazing this season and allowed for us to have 4 U9, U11, U13, and U15 teams as well as 2 U18 teams. Our U18 division also expanded to provide 6 practices throughout the season. There were many opportunities for teams to participate in a number of tournaments as well as other fun activities such as the Timbits Jamboree held for the U7 and U9 players. We also were able to successfully have 4 DS teams this season from U11 to U18. This is the first time in many years that we had a U18 DS team.

The SMGHL was the biggest ever. All of partner centres continue to grow and expand their programs making the SMGHL even better. The SMGHL is looking forward to next season and planning is already underway. Our SMGHL partners will be taking on a bigger roll in planning and organizing the season.

The season wrapped up with Championship Weekend which was held amongst two centres, Huntsville hosted U9 and U11 and Barrie hosted U13, U15, and U18. Congratulations to all of our teams who participated in the weekend. There were some really exciting games, with some of the final games going into over time to decide the game winner.

To host a successful season, it takes many volunteers to make it all come together. We want to take a moment to thank all of the volunteers including the Division Convenors, Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Trainers, Managers and all those parents who offered to help their daughter's team. We could not do it without all of you.

First Shift: We were granted two First Shift programs this season, one in the Fall and one in the Spring. Both of these programs were full, 30 players in each session, that means we exposed 60 players to the game we all love. Those who participated in the Fall session were offered the opportunity to join our House League teams starting in January. The only exception we had was our U9 players since our teams were already full. We anticipate that many of these players will sign up with our program next season. Kate Gee will be the future coordinator of First Shift and she has already applied for next season and we are hopeful that we will again be granted two sessions.

The game of women's hockey continues to grow, and the future looks bright for girls/women to play such an exciting game. I can only imagine where this will be in the years to come.

Season planning for next season is underway. Coaching/Convenor applications will be on the website for the upcoming season. Keep your eyes on the website for updated information for the upcoming season. The season is set to start in September with development skates, followed by evaluation skates with teams being made after that. The 2025-2026 SMGHL season is anticipated to start October 4.

On a personal note, I will not be returning in the role of Director of Youth House League for the upcoming season. It has been a great 4 years, and it has been such an amazing experience. I have had the opportunity to meet so many amazing players and people and I know I will miss it. I will be around to help the new Director of Youth House League to get up and running and transition them into their new role. I am sure I will see you all around the rink throughout the season.

Thanks

Laura Carbis

Director of Youth House League

Registrar's Report

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With the Registrar role currently vacant, this report has been prepared by the President.

2024-2025 Player Registrations:

Program	Participant Registrations	Teams Rostered
Youth House League	301	21
Development Stream (DS)*	85*	4
Competitive Program	327	19
Adult Women's League	202	12
Senior Competitive Teams	52	3
TOTAL Registrations	967	55
TOTAL Members	886	

*Since all Development Stream (DS) are registered house league players, this count is removed from total registrations to determine the number of total members for the 2024-2025 season.

2024-2025 Other Registrations

Program	Participant Registrations	Total Programs
Development Programs	184	14

2024-2025 Transfers / Releases

Association	House League*		Competitive		Total	
	In (From)	Out (To)	In (From)	Out (To)	In (From)	Out (To)
Brampton Girls Hockey Association	1			3	1	3
Caledon Girls Hockey Association			2	2	2	2
Central York Girls Hockey Association		2			0	2
Collingwood Girls Hockey Association		2	1		1	2
New Tecumseth Girls Hockey Association	2	1		3	2	4
North Simcoe Girls Hockey Association			6	3	6	3
North York Girls Hockey Association				2	0	2
Orillia Girls Hockey Associations	2	1	2	3	4	4
Other Associations		1	4	3	4	4
Total	5	7	15	19	22	26

* Transfer numbers include youth players only – adult players have not been included.



Secretary's Report

2024-2025 Annual General Meeting – May 26, 2025

As Secretary of the Board for the past season, my primary focus has been maintaining accurate and organized records of all board meetings, ensuring minutes were recorded, approved, and distributed in a timely manner.

In addition to my core responsibilities, I was asked to assist with some registrar-related tasks during a transitional period. In this capacity, I familiarized myself with the RAMP registration system to better support our association's needs. Some of my contributions included:

- Assisting with the creation and organization of 2024-25 house league rosters, ensuring all teams were accurately documented and submitted as required.
- Preparing and providing volunteer letter templates to assist team staff and volunteers in obtaining police record checks, which is an essential component of our safe sport practices.
- Contributing to the setup of the registration system for next season's tryouts, ensuring a smooth and timely rollout for participants.

These additional duties were taken on in the spirit of supporting the association during a period of need and to help maintain continuity and efficiency in our operations.

As part of my continued commitment to leadership and development in sport, I attended the 6th Annual Women & Girls Leadership and Sport Conference hosted by York University Athletics & Recreation on Friday, May 2, 2025. This year's theme was "Professionalization of Women's Sports: It's About Time". This all-day event focuses on empowering female leaders in sport and provides valuable insight into equity, inclusion, and athlete development—areas that continue to shape the work we do within BWA. I am truly grateful that I was able to attend on behalf of BWA along with Cheryl Hutcheon our Director of Coach & Player Development.

This report also marks the conclusion of my term as Secretary. It has been a great introduction to the board and the operations of BWA. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served and to contribute to the continued success of the organization.

Respectfully submitted,

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