

## President's Report for the 2022-2023 Season

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This year was in my opinion, a successful season for our association. We did have a few challenges, but we made it through. We hosted many tournaments this year, including a U21 (it's first one back since the 2020 shutdown), with our teams finishing in the top 50% in most. It was also a year of multiple medals (of all colors) being brought back from teams who worked hard at out-of-town tournaments too. Great Job everyone.

I would like to thank Amy Martin (our Statistician) for stepping in halfway through the season, Sandra Barker (Referee Assignor) for taking the time out of your busy schedule to show me how the referees are entered into the system so I could have an understanding of it after 5 years, Melissa Berrigan (Ice Allocator), RIC Matt Williams, Cameron Knox (Coach Coordinator/Female Development) the 8 amazing Division Managers, all the executive members, and our Administrator for everything you did this year. Thank you to all the volunteers on each team/division, without you, the kids wouldn't be able to be on the ice weekly.

It was nice seeing our teams wearing the new logos and hearing the positive comments of the change. We plan to do a grand reveal for the upcoming season.

Our Association relies on the donations of businesses and families and to show how grateful we are, we continued our association wide give back project to our community and adopted families in need over the Christmas season and fill food and household item hampers. Thanks to the individual teams who went over and above this challenge to give back more to our community. We also continued our raffle this season, which was another success. Thanks Luisa and Tish for organizing and implementing this, it's a huge undertaking.

We had quite a few discipline issues that were needed to be dealt with, which are not easy on anyone. With many executives with kids in different divisions, it makes it difficult to coordinate meetings in a timely fashion that also is considered fair to all involved. We try our best to respond to complaints and interviews within a week of receiving them but sometimes it seems like we aren't taking things seriously as we can't do things faster. Please know, we take all complaints seriously.

It has been my pleasure volunteering for this Association. I wish everyone a happy and safe summer and hopefully I get to see you around the arena soon.