

April 15, 2024

CVMHA Members,

This was a year with many successes for our organization, and it was a pleasure for us both to have been involved.

The Directors at Large were responsible for the organization of the NHL/NHLPA First Shift program, which is designed to facilitate entry into hockey with an accessible, affordable, safe, and fun introduction to the game. The local program was very successful with 43 happy registrants, many continuing in minor hockey and CVRD programs. A big thank you to the NHL/NHLPA, Bauer, Hockey Canada, and all our dedicated coaches and volunteers who helped this run so smoothly.

We helped facilitate a local Buddy Check for Jesse event this past season. Buddy Check for Jesse is a Victoria-based charity created by Dr. Stu Gershman to bring awareness to mental health in sport, in memory of his son, Jesse Short-Gershman. With the help of Louisa Perry and all our division managers, the event was very well received by all our teams. Thank you to the Buddy Check for Jesse team for all your support and we hope to keep working with this remarkable grassroots organization!

This year we both worked to help improve our policies around first aid and safety. We helped coordinate a first aid training session with the CVRD, worked on improving policies and education related to equipment, and are continuing to work on improving our policies and training for first aid attendants. Given our shared expertise in this area, we hope to continue supporting the organization in this area.

Sincerely,

Trevor Pritoula and Andrew Robb