



2013 – 2014

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

APRIL 17, 2014

WOOLWICH MEMORIAL COMMUNITY ROOM

8:00 PM

VP REP
MIKE LAENARS



I would like to take a moment to thank all executive, coaching staff and volunteers for making this another successful year for Woolwich Minor Hockey.

I would also like to acknowledge Rob Waters for the incredible amount of work and time he puts in behind the scenes for the betterment of Woolwich Minor Hockey.

We have had very good year with our Repteams with 6 moving on to the Quarter finals from the preliminary round or the OMHA Playdowns. From there three teams made it as far as the Semi-final round. Congratulations to all Rep teams for a strong showing in the OMHA Playdowns.

Within the Tri-County league playoffs, Woolwich had 5 teams making the finals and 1 team bringing home the championship congratulations to the Peewee AE team on their win.

The NRP policy is working well and Woolwich has seen many players from Peewee to Midget come and compete within our associations. We have also had many players from Woolwich move to AAA with Waterloo or Guelph as well. Woolwich will continue to accept NRP cards for Peewee level players and above wishing to come here to play for the 2014-15 season.

We will also be implementing Hockey Canada's new policy of Parent Respect in Sport whereby one parent of any player for Woolwich Minor Hockey must complete the online course for the player to be rostered to a team.

As my predecessor Paul has mentioned in previous years, try to keep the fun in the game, cheer on all players, and enjoy your time at the arena. The seasons will pass by quickly! Enjoy them.

In closing, I would like to say that I have enjoyed my first year on the Executive and look forward to another great year.



VP LOCAL LEAGUE
ROB MOYER

The 2013/14 hockey season is in the books and we had another great year! We had 9 of our 16 LL teams compete in the division finals for Grand River Championships. Three of them won their divisions: Novice LL1 (C division), Atom LL4 (A division) and Midget LL3 (C division). Many of our LL teams also won tournaments as well! Congratulations to all our players who gave it their best this year!

Our LL teams have showed once again that WMHA has a strong commitment to developing players and ensuring the players have an enjoyable minor hockey experience.

Our success as an association not only comes from good hockey players but also the support of the volunteers who commit their time to coach. Without our team coaches and their staff, we would not have the success we seem to always enjoy. A big thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to help out in some way with the teams. I also want to thank the LL Conveners – Kurt Wilkie (Novice) Bill Carter (Pee Wee) Tim Metzger (Bantam) and Tom Arndt (Midget) for assisting me in making sure the season ran smooth from start to finish.

In closing I hope you all have a great summer and remember we will be looking for staff for all our teams next season so please be ready to volunteer to make sure we can continue to teach our players the finer points of the game and enjoy this great sport.

See you next season!

VP COACHING
MATT ROEMER

Thank you to all the coaches, managers and trainers that have donated countless hours of their time to our association.

We received 143 coaching evaluations equaling last year's response. We received some constructive feedback on the evaluations. These reviews were very valuable when considering prospective coaches for the 2014/2015 season.

Coaching Applications were accepted until March 15th for Tyke-Major Midget age groups. Coaches were selected by the Coaching Selection Committee. The Committee consists of the President, V.P Coaching, V.P. Rep, V.P Local League, and V.P Player Development. We will be accepting applications for AE coaches upon completion of the A/AA tryouts.

Coaches, Trainers, Managers, and Sponsor Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for the end of April and will be paid for by WMHA to thank the volunteers for their contribution to help make WMHA a great association. Once again the dinner will be held at the Elmira Golf Club. We anticipate 95-100 attendees.

Clinics for new or expiring coach and trainer certificates will be posted on the website and in the next newsletter. We recommend that our staff take the WMHA clinics as this keeps our costs down for the Association.

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VP PLAYER DEVELOPMENT
FRED HALE / KEVIN SCHMITT



This past year a number of player and coach development initiatives were introduced.

Each rep team from Tyke Select through Minor Bantam (including all AA, A and AE teams in that range) were provided 8 weekday morning power skating sessions. These sessions ran from end of September through mid-January and were designed and led by Woolwich Hockey Academy (WHA). Tony Code and his staff were regularly available to rep coaches to discuss development issues and challenges and to discuss the components of each on ice session. Team coaches not only aided in the instruction but had the opportunity to broaden their own coaching skills and vocabulary by observing WHA staff teaching skating and individual tactics and applying correction. In addition each rep team from Tyke Select through Major Peewee were provided a 90 min practice every other week at 4:00 pm bringing their total practice ice to 4.5 hours for every two week cycle up until the beginning of playoffs.

As well, each rep team from Tyke Select through Major Bantam were provided 8 professionally led goaltender clinics on Saturday mornings from early October through end of January. Sessions were designed and led by Steve Sumka from 'Angles Goalie Training'. On his recommendation, each team was encouraged to choose a goaltending instructor/facilitator to attend each of these sessions with their team's goaltenders. Combining professional and/or knowledgeable training with a dedicated goaltender coach/facilitator appears to provide the greatest opportunity for development and focus of young goaltenders. We strongly encourage all coaches to follow through on this next year and make the most of this goaltender development initiative.

We offered Local League development on 12 Saturday mornings from Thanksgiving through early January. It was optional and open to all LL players and included 8 power skating sessions and 3 goaltender clinics. We had approximately 12 skaters sign up for the power skating and 5 goaltenders for the goalie clinics. Power Skating sessions were run by WHA and goaltender clinics were run by Angles Goalie Training.

We held two 'hitting' or body contact clinics mandatory for all 2001 players as they prepare to re-enter full contact hockey at tryouts in May and regular play next season.

Additionally we doubled the amount of ice offered to our initiation (mini 4, 5s) by adding a regular weekday morning hour of ice time.

Going forward next year we plan to continue with all the above initiatives making adjustments and improvements to the timing, duration, and content of each of these offerings.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR / REGISTRAR
JODI YOUNG



My goal at the hockey office is to be accessible for our coaches, parents and players. In saying this I did not hold regular office hours this year but instead was available through email and phone daily. Using this system I felt that my time was best used when and where required. I would also like to say that I believe our new website has added to keeping everyone aware of the happenings within our organization.

Registration Summary

- Total registrants for the 2013-14 season was 584.
- 32 teams total + 55 Initiation and 50 Pre Novice players.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
KELLY SEABROOK

Another successful year for the peppercorn and cash calendar fundraisers.

Cash Calendar fundraiser realized a profit of \$5,830

Peppercorn fundraiser realized a profit of \$9,110

Tim Waters ran another successful golf tournament raising \$7,885

TOURNAMENT CHAIRS
TRACEY WILLIAMS / LEANNE ROLLINS / JASMINE ROTH

Woolwich Weekend

First and foremost, we want to give a great big shout out to all of the Volunteers that helped make this weekend possible!! Without the families that help before and during the weekend, our Tournament would not be possible!

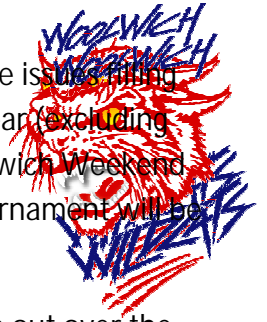
Overall, the weekend was a great success. We had 44 teams participating this year - over 6 divisions, with the Midget LL division being added for the first time. We had a record of 92 games being over 3 days on our 3 ice pads. The feedback was excellent from the teams and we hope to see many returning teams next year!! Our profits were up this year from last year, with Woolwich Weekend earning a profit of \$8655.00.

As we have in the past few years, we did struggle with registration in the Minor and Major Pee Wee categories and unfortunately had to cancel those divisions.

We are discussing perhaps moving the tournament to the last weekend of November for 2014, to allow Local League and AE teams to have more time to form and hopefully, receive more registrants in these divisions. We

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have spoken about removing the Rep divisions (except AE) from the Tournament, as we do have issues filling these divisions - since Rep Teams in the OMHA are only allowed to enter 2 Tournaments per year (excluding Early Birds, Christmas and March Break tournaments), the competition is strong to make Woolwich Weekend one of the tournaments that teams choose. A decision on the divisions we will host for the Tournament will be made in May, after some further deliberations. Feedback is always welcome!



And as always, we are looking for volunteers to serve on the Tournament Committee or to help out over the weekend. Please contact Tracey if you are able to help out!

Woolwich Cup Challenge

This year we added the Atom division to the tournament. In turn we were able to add an additional 10 teams to the tournament with both divisions filling up quickly. With the addition of the Atom division we were able to raise over \$4800 for WMHA. I am looking forward to next year and hope to have the same results.

EQUIPMENT

GARRY MAYBERRY / PAT LEONARD

Thank you to all the coaches, managers and especially Garry Mayberry for his patience and assistance as I transitioned into this new role.

This year we were fortunate to win the Goalie Assist Program, sponsored by the Insurance Brokers of Ontario. Winning this Assist Program has provided WMHA with brand new goalie pads, chest protector, blocker, catcher, stick and bag. All of which were presented to us by Joslin Insurance.

Away jerseys were purchased this year, with changes to the numbers and fonts on the name bars, addressing some concerns from last year regarding the visibility of the number and names. Since this change we have only received positive feedback.

Presently we are in the process of preparing a tender for new composite socks. Budget permitting and with the approval of the executive, we hope to implement these new style socks into the organization next year.

SPONSORSHIP

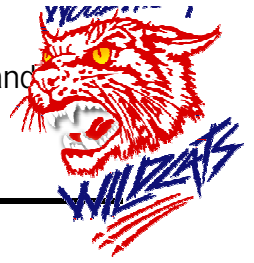
CHRIS WILLIAMS

A great big thank you to all of our Sponsors for continuing to support Woolwich Minor Hockey! Year over year we have many repeat Sponsors who support our organization and it is much appreciated by all our players and families. And of course, thank you to all of our new sponsors that came on board this year.

A special shout out to Garry Mayberry and all of his help over these past few years, helping me sort out the Team sponsorships and organizing all the jerseys with their correct sponsors - thanks Garry!

This year we raised over \$16,000 in sponsorship dollars. We tried a new idea of printing arena banners that were set up at the WMC and in St. Jacobs. This allowed another entry point for Sponsors to support the WMHA without having to pay a larger team sponsorship fee - all of the Team Sponsors were also represented

on the banners, as well as the jerseys. We received lots of positive feedback from the sponsors and membership about this new idea.



WEBMASTER
LEANNE ROLLINS

Big change this year moving to a new website system that affected not only communication, but also scheduling. We rolled the site out in August, and it was up and running smoothly in time for Fall tryouts.

Despite some initial confusion, the team managers and coaches seemed to get on board and most teams made good use of their Team Sites.

Scheduling via the new website proved to be a very easy and intuitive process. We anticipated that this new process would cut the time required to schedule by ½ throughout the course of the year. We should analyze if this time and \$ savings was achieved.

We also purchased the Tournament module, which proved to be worth the additional \$. Teams seemed very impressed with our digital sophistication, and everyone liked having the results posted immediately on the website for all to see.

PHOTOS
PAT LEONARD

Thank you to all the teams, coaches, managers and Jasmine Roth Photography for make the photography sessions run smoothly.

I have received only positive comments regarding quality and pricing. Of all the hundreds of photographs that were taken and printed, there were only a couple of concerns mentioned regarding time service of delivery. These concerns were passed onto the vendor for next year.

Team photographs have been hand delivered to sponsors and thanked for their support of the Woolwich Minor Hockey Association.

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

DAVE LEE

Continued the CMRG Concussion Management Program this year with all players Minor Atom and above in the Local League and Rep programs. All players completed their tests before the start of the regular season. The cost was \$25.00 per player which was included in their registration fee.

Thank you to the coaches and/or trainers for attending the meeting. Thanks to Kevin Moser for his help in explaining how to use the Scat Assessment Tool as well as his own experiences with detecting signs of a concussion during his years as a trainer.

Please send me an email with any feedback that you may have. dave.lee2@sympatico.ca. Thanks and have a great summer

TREASURER

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