



Markham Waxers

**2015-2016
Annual Report**

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President's Address

Submitted by George Schnarr

Welcome to the 2016 Markham Minor Hockey Association and Markham Waxers Hockey Club AGM.

I begin, as always, with a heartfelt thank you to our volunteer group who dedicate their time and effort towards running this organization for the benefit of our membership. We have a cohesive and interested group who continue to do their best for our hockey community!

2015-2016 Season Highlights

- This past season started slowly but ended up on a very strong note with many teams enjoying great success in the playoffs. Congratulations to all the players, coaches and bench staff! For the first time we experimented with having two entries in two of our age groups. Even though the teams faced challenges on a competitive basis, the feedback from the players and parent group as a whole was positive.
- Another highlight was the completion of the City of Markham's revamping of the ice allocation process. After five years of efforts working with the city staff and the other ice user groups, this issue was finalized with a new formula for calculating how each group is to receive their allocation of ice time. In the end, our association benefited with approximately 12 hours of additional ice per week throughout the season. A big thank you to Joe Quercia, Deb Larsen and Darren Mori for their extra effort in arranging a schedule to best distribute this new allocation of ice time!
- We continued our tradition of celebrating the players and recognizing their efforts through our annual Waxers and Rostered Select banquets and our Markham Waxers House League Championship Weekend. The annual Markham Waxers Equipment Swap was held at the Mount Joy Arena with special guest Steven Stamkos signing autographs. The event raised funds for families who cannot afford to have their kids play hockey.
- The Saturday clinics for house league and rep players continued to be popular for those players looking to advance their skills during the season. The pre-tryout clinics for both players and goalies were another great success and we will continue to look for ways to add to this kind of programming.
- The coach mentorship program continues to provide support for both first year coaches as well as those with previous experience looking to improve their skill set.



We continued our home and away series with Whitchurch Stouffville Minor Hockey for the novice through bantam house league divisions and are considering new opportunities to expand this effort.

Board of Directors 2015-2016

Markham Minor Hockey Association

Position	Term	Current Occupant	Elected (E) / Appointed (A)	Term Expires
Past President	Immediate	Neil Bullock	N/A	N/A
President	One two-year term	George Schnarr	6/23/2015 (E)	2017
Vice President General Manager of House League	One two-year term	Darren Mori	7/3/2014 (E)	2016
Vice President General Manager of AA/A/AE Rep Program	One two-year term	Mike Matthews	7/3/2014 (E)	2016
Secretary / Treasurer	One two-year term	Gary Ashford	6/23/2015 (E)	2017

Markham Waxers AAA Zone Inc.

Position	Term	Current Occupant	Elected (E) / Appointed (A)	Term Expires
Past President	Immediate	Neil Bullock	N/A	N/A
President	One two-year term	George Schnarr	7/3/2014 (E)	2016
Vice President	One two-year term	Stephen Gaunce	6/23/2015 (E)	2017
Secretary / Treasurer	One two-year term	Gary Ashford	6/23/2015 (E)	2017

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Gary Ashford

Many thanks go to Deb Larsen, our administrator, for her diligent work keeping all of our books in excellent shape. We have once again engaged the services of Lott & Company Chartered Accountants to provide financial statements for the organization.

Markham Waxers House League

As of March 31, 2016 the Markham Waxers House League fund balance was \$146,019, a decrease of \$59,694 over the previous year.

Revenues were up \$7,343 in comparison with the previous season. The increase in registration and sponsorship revenue was offset by an increase in registration refunds and



a decrease in other income due to select teams purchasing their own ice contracts instead of being provided City of Markham ice from our ice allocation.

Expenses increased \$69,693 over the 2014-2015 season.

- Ice rental costs increased \$30,880 due to an increase in hours purchased and an increase of \$20/hour in ice fees. Extra ice was purchased to begin the season two weeks earlier, in mid-September, in order to get in a full season due to the timing of holidays during the season. The association also kept the ice on the first March Break weekend to run a house league 3-on-3 tournament, which was very well received.
- Administrators fees increased this year due to the timing of payments to our ice scheduler, referee-in-chief, and timekeeper scheduler for the 2014-2015 season (\$5,250) and the additional payment (\$4,000) to our ice scheduler due to his increased workload as a result of the York Simcoe Rostered Select loop.
- Association fees do not include a reconciliation with the UMHA for the midget and juvenile divisions and, as a result, increased \$6,886.
- Seminars and clinics fees increased \$10,426. We reimbursed a record number of our house league coaches and trainers this year, resulting in an increase in certification reimbursement costs of \$2,072. We ran a Coach 2 clinic at the cost of \$3,857, however this expense was offset in registration fees collected for the clinic. Fees for our house league coach and trainer clinic increased \$1,600 for guest speaker fees and printing costs.
- Banquets, trophies, and photos increased \$5,970. Our Championship Weekend included pizza for all divisions this year, including our ten Initiation teams, who, in the past, only received TimBits. We purchased rally towels for the Initiation and Tyke divisions for \$1,000. Due to the Markham Royals taking over space we previously used for free at Centennial, we had to rent the Bocce court meeting room for Championship Weekend for our Tyke and Atom divisions at a cost of \$450. We purchased additional ice for the Select Banquet for skills competitions at a cost of \$1,100.
- Events and fundraisers expense increased \$4,270 primarily as a result of changing venues for our Volunteer Appreciation Night. We have outgrown the Markham Vets Hall and held the evening at the Meadowbrook Golf Club. We also spent an additional \$837 in room rental for house league meetings held throughout the year, including Rookie Camp and the annual equipment swap.



		2014-2015	2015-2016
Markham Waxers House League	Income	\$427,579	\$434,922
	Expense	\$424,923	\$494,616
		\$2,657	(\$59,694)

Registration fees have been increased for the 2016-2017 season by \$20/player.

Markham Waxers Rep

As of March 31, 2016 the Markham Waxers fund balance is \$300,408 an increase of \$90,196 from the previous year.

Revenue increased \$177,939 year over year. Team registrations and assessments increased due to an increase in assessment fees of \$1,000/team and an additional three teams over the 2014-2015 season. Registration fees were increased from \$500 to \$1,000 per player and assessment fees were reduced a comparable amount so that the association could issue registration fee tax receipts for the Child Fitness Tax Credit.

Expenses increased \$72,065 over the 2014-2015 season.

- The majority of the increase (\$63,000) was in ice rental costs, which increased due to a 1% increase in the cost of the City of Markham ice and a 30% increase in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville ice. We continue to purchase additional ice from Canlan Ice Sports (\$67,890) and The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville (\$33,372) in order to run our program. The additional hours purchased for sale to house league also contributed to the increase.
- Concussion testing expenses increased (\$8,080) due to three additional teams. There was also an issue with Konkussion Inc. invoicing us for 2014-2015 players tested in the fall of 2014 at the same time they invoiced us for the testing of our 2015-2016 players. This has been addressed and going forward we will be invoiced for players during the season in which they were tested.
- Tryout costs increased \$3,718 due to the purchase of additional tryout jerseys and the need for on-ice help for tryouts associated with the three additional teams.

We paid the administrator, ice scheduler, chief referee, and timekeeper scheduler fees of \$24,908, which are included in Administrators Fees.



		2014-2015	2015-2016
Markham Waxers Rep	Income	\$1,272,424	\$1,450,363
	Expense	\$1,288,102	\$1,360,167
		(\$15,678)	\$90,196

House League Report

Submitted by Darren Mori

Due to the dedication of our team of remarkable volunteers, the Markham Waxers House League (MWHL) had a very successful 2015-2016 season.

Registration Summary

<u>Division</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Players</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>
Mite	10	133	47
Tyke	4	58	15
Novice	6	74	21
Atom	8	128	31
Peewee	6	97	17
Bantam	8	111	24
Midget/Juvenile	5	84	20
Total	47	685	175

Volunteers

The countless hours our volunteers contribute annually are what allow the MWHL to offer the programs that we do.

Thank you to Errol Misquitta who served as our Equipment Manager this year. Errol stepped forward replacing Steve Creaser.

A special thanks to our wonderful group of convenors. They work countless hours both at the rink and behind the scenes to ensure that our children have a positive hockey experience.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Convenor</u>
Mite	Kim Ellyet Alifa Somani
Tyke	Nadia Camara Ning Dong
Novice	Tami Paterson



<u>Division</u>	<u>Convenor</u>
	Debbie Yuen
	Rodney MacKinnon
Atom	Ann Marie Lovatsis
Peewee	Jennifer Siemens
Bantam	Anna Tsiampouris
	Sandra Benedetto
	Lorraine Gilmour
Midget/Juvenile	Sasha Braganza
	Lorraine Gilmour
	Connie Locker

Thank you to the men and women who volunteered as coaches, trainers, and on-ice volunteers. We are very fortunate to have so many dedicated people take on these very important roles. Your dedication and devotion to creating a fun and safe environment for our children is appreciated.

Highlights of the Year

- One hundred percent of our teams from Mite through Bantam were run by fully certified coaches and trainers. MWHL is the only minor hockey association in the City of Markham to provide a certified trainer on every bench.
- MWHL ran a ten-week session of player development clinics—from October through January—at a cost of \$125 per session. We accommodated over 50 house league players.
- MWHL hosted a Volunteer and Sponsor Appreciation Night where we honoured Errol Misquitta as Volunteer of the Year.
- We recognize our long-standing coaches and trainers. This year we recognized Tom Hiscott, Derek Gorman, and Simon Crook as long-standing trainers. We had no long-standing head coaches this season.

Coach of the year

Markham Waxers House League is proud to honour one coach in each division who exemplifies our goals of developing hockey skills, physical fitness, cooperative sportsmanship, social interaction, and enjoyment of the game of hockey. This year’s recipients are

<u>Division</u>	<u>Coach Name</u>
Initiation – Stamkos Division	Bobby Dhanjal
Initiation – Gaunce Division	Kevin Holmes
Tyke	Ryan Lawrie



<u>Division</u>	<u>Coach Name</u>
Novice	Greg Murphy
Atom	Brock Kingston
Pee wee	Mark Schuler
Bantam	Errol Misquitta
Midget/Juvenile	Vladimir Lukes

Annual Equipment Swap

In August we held our sixth annual equipment swap benefitting our *Yes, You Can Play!* program. The equipment swap provides an opportunity for families to purchase gently-used equipment at reduced prices and in time for the upcoming season. We were able to outfit many families with full equipment for less than \$70. This year, our special guest Steven Stamkos signed autographs in support of our program.

Ninth Line Series

MWHL participated in a home and away series against the Whitchurch Stouffville Minor Hockey Association (up Ninth Line) allowing MWHL players to play against another team outside our association. The program was very well received in both associations and we will continue it next season.

Rostered Select Program

Three years ago our rostered select program consisted of three teams. Last year we iced nine teams. The Minor Bantam team won gold at the Oshawa Rostered Select Tournament in January and the Bantam team won gold at the Ajax Christmas Tournament.

<u>Rostered Select Team</u>	<u>Head Coach</u>
Initiation (formerly Tyke C)	Kevin Holmes
Tyke (formerly Tyke B)	Danny Hamill
Novice	Greg Murphy
Minor Atom	Al Simpson
Atom	Peter Wonnacott
Minor Pee wee	Ryan Krkachovski
Minor Bantam	Michael Coombs
Bantam	George Mombourquette
Minor Midget	Richard Clark
Select Convener	Paul Bullock



March Break 3-on-3 Tournament

This year MWWHL introduced a March Break 3-on-3 Tournament for house league players over the March Break weekend. We had at least 4 teams entered in every division. The tournament was a huge success in large part due to Jennifer Siemen's hard work and dedication in organizing the event. The March Break 3-on-3 Tournament will be an annual event.

VP/GM AA/A/AE Report

Submitted by Mike Matthews

During the 2015-2016 season, twenty-five of a possible twenty-seven teams were iced. This was an increase from twenty-two teams iced during the 2014-2015 season. Additional teams were entered in the Atom (two AE teams) and Minor Atom (two A teams) divisions. This was a trial for the season. We saw that having two teams at the A level in Minor Atom was not successful as both teams struggled to remain competitive. As such the plan for 2016-2017 is to enter two AE teams at the Atom age group.

We continue to face challenges in the Minor Bantam to Midget age groups where only eight of twelve teams were iced. Across the York Simcoe Minor Hockey League (YSMHL) participation at the Midget age group continues to be a challenge. In 2016-2017 a 24-game schedule for Midget has been approved by the YSMHL to lessen the load for Midget aged players in an attempt to keep players in rep hockey at this age.

Once again we had good success at the AA category this season with the Pee wee AA team reaching the OMHA Finals, where unfortunately they succumbed to Burlington in a 5-game series. York-Simcoe Championships were won by the Minor Atom, Minor Pee wee and Minor Bantam AA teams and the Midget AA team was a finalist. At the A category the Novice A and Pee wee A teams won York-Simcoe Championships. The Minor Pee wee A was a finalist.

Special thanks to the conveners for all their help and support during the season;

- Jeannie Daniels
- Allison Thompson
- Pat O'Callaghan
- Debbie Williams
- Cory Woron



Coaches of the Year

Coaches of the Year were announced at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in May. Once again this year teams were asked to nominate their coaches for the awards based on the following criteria:

1. The coach is a good teacher and hockey coach.
2. The coach creates a positive, fun and respectful environment.
3. The team has had some form of success, either in the league, a tournament, playoffs, or has improved as a team over last year.

The 2015-2016 recipients are:

AA Kent Anderson, Minor Atom

A Jacques Ng, Bantam

AE James Ryan, Atom

Markham Resident Players

We continue to reinforce the importance of building teams with Markham residents. This is in keeping with the OMHA Community Hockey philosophy and also impacts ice allocation from the City of Markham, which is based upon registered Markham residents. In the 2015-2016 season, 80.6% of registered players at AA and 94.1% of A were Markham residents. Richmond Hill residents make up the majority of “out of town” players at 12.6% at AA and 3.6% at A.

VP/GM AAA Zone Report

Submitted by Stephen Gaunce

Our AAA Zone is proud to use the name Waxers and to be considered a part of the “family,” but just a reminder that our home boundaries are different than those of the AA/A/AE and house league organization. We are recognized and treated as a separate organization in the eyes of the OMHA and OHF.

AAA Season Synopsis

- 9 AAA teams from novice through midget
- 160 players registered to the teams
- 52 coaching staff members registered



- Approximately 620 games played between exhibition, league, tournaments and playoffs
- The 9 teams combined for a 132-125-41 league record.
- Four teams were above the .500 level, 2 teams at the .500 level and three were below.
- Our Minor Atom team made it to their OMHA Championship weekend and came away victorious garnering the gold medal. They now are the hosts for the Atom AAA OMHA Championship weekend in March 2017.
- Paul Giallonardo, Head Coach of our Minor Atom team, was our AAA Coach of the Year. This was our second year accepting nominations from players and parents in this process and it worked well.
- We had two players selected from our Minor Midget team in the recent OHL Draft – Connor Gillanders and Tyler Davis. We have many graduating Midget players moving on to various levels of Junior Hockey.
- Our teams attended 41 tournaments spread across Ontario, Michigan, New York State and Quebec. Many lasting memories for players, families and teams.

Issues/ Ongoing Matters/ Work in Progress

- Striving to keep more Markham/Stouffville residents playing AAA hockey in our organization; this is an annual goal that we stress to our coaches.
- Working with coaches to improve/promote communication levels with players and families; coach surveys completed by Parents show we are improving some but still work to be done. A large component of this is managing the expectation level of parents. We are attempting to meet face to face with more teams/parents to discuss any issues.
- The two-year OHF mandated pilot project of freedom of movement at the Midget AAA level, started in the 2013-2014 season will continue for at least one more year.
- Coach Development; the mentor system and clinics are helping to improve the knowledge level and provide a valuable sounding board for all of our registered Coaches.
- A new High Performance – HP1 program is mandatory for all head coaches in Minor Bantam and above. We will be able to meet this requirement



- Being a member of the LOR (Lake Ontario Region) and dealing with the ever changing rules/system does not get any easier. The OMHA and GTHL are trying to work together on improvements to the existing agreement.
- The costs of Minor Hockey for all members is an annual ongoing issue that must be considered in all decision making.
- The Hockey Development group are doing a good job with player and goalie clinics; these are helping with the player numbers at the younger age groups.
- The ETA has expanded the longer “period time” trials from Midget and Minor Midget to Bantam for the upcoming season.
- The four-person officiating pilot will include Bantam AAA along with Midget and Minor Midget for the 2016-2017 season.
- It appears that the electronic game sheet pilot conducted by the ETA for Midget/ Minor Midget and Bantam in the 2015-2016 season will move to all AAA levels for the 2016-2017 season.

Special Events Report

Submitted by Deb Larsen

Players’ Banquet

On Wednesday, March 30, 2016, at the Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall, all Markham Waxers players, coaches, trainers, staff, convenors, and volunteers were invited to attend the sixth annual Markham Waxers Players’ Banquet. All invited guests were treated to the night by the Markham Waxers Hockey Club. The evening showcased the hard work and dedication of all Markham Waxers teams throughout the 2015-2016 season.

The evening began at 6:00 pm and dinner was served at 7:00 pm. Trevor Weir served as emcee and welcomed everyone to the banquet.

The evening’s festivities included a welcome video highlighting our teams and their seasons; a photo slideshow with photos from every team; The Neil Bullock Scholarship Award—presented to Jonathan Yantsis; team award presentations for the Most Improved Player and Character Awards; player loyalty recognition for players who have been Markham Waxers for five or more years; player loyalty recognition for players who are in their Midget year and have been a member of the Markham Waxers for eight years or more; long-loyalty coaches who have been head coaches for five or more years; and referee and timekeeper recognition.



Thirty-two Markham Waxers teams attended. Approximately 716 players, coaches, staff, and volunteers attended.

A very special thank you to the banquet committee, who worked tirelessly to put this successful evening together: Sasha Braganza, Maria Giorgio, Deb Larsen, Lari Nakamichi, Dale O'Callaghan, George Schnarr, Sandy Smith, and Helen Soehner. In addition, JC Le Pichouron kindly volunteered his photographic services to capture many memories of the night.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

The Markham Waxers Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at the Meadowbrook Golf & Country Club. Up to five staff members per team were invited to attend the event as guests of the Waxers. Additional tickets could be purchased for \$20 each. Approximately 75 guests attended the dinner. They were treated to a buffet dinner, catered by Carr & Company, plus refreshments and door prizes.

Coach of the Year awards were presented in each division. The winners this year are:

- AAA – Paul Giallonardo (Minor Atom AAA)
- AA – Kent Anderson (Minor Atom AA)
- A – Jacques Ng (Bantam A)
- AE – James Ryan (Atom AE)

Hockey Development Report

Submitted by Michael Gouglas

The Hockey Development Program (HDP) operates and encompasses the Coach Mentorship Program and the Player Development Program. The mission of the HDP is to provide the support and resources necessary to aid in the successful development and continued learning of all of our coaches and players as members of the Markham Minor Hockey Association. The HDP runs under the direction of the HDP director, Michael Gouglas, appointed by the Markham Waxers Executive. The director oversees all aspects related to the program and communicates these operations to the Executive. The HDP consists of coach mentors, instructors, and volunteers.

The HDP works in partnership with the Ontario Minor Hockey Association and Hockey Canada. Whenever possible, the HDP uses resources and programs available through these governing bodies executing them at the local level.



Highlights of the 2015-2016 Season

- 385 players registered for the player, goaltending and pre-tryout clinics.
- The Shooting, Defensive, and Pre-Tryout Clinic continue to be a huge draw for parents and players.
- Feedback on the coaching seminars, Coach Mentorship Program, and Player Skill Development programs was very positive once again.
- The OMHA has agreed to continue endorsing our coaching seminars with Professional Development Points under the new NCCP Coaching Requirements.
- We now have four coaches trained to certify D1 coaches within our association. Michael Gouglas, Darren Mori, Rob Binetti and Phil Kestin will all be able to certify coaches to meet the new NCCP requirements.
- With the NHL Draft being held in Buffalo. We will have a number of coaches attending the NHLCA Coaching Clinic on June 23.

Coach Mentorship Program

Coach Seminars

The Hockey Development program presented three coach seminars.

- In October, Terry Brown (Trenton), Paul Legault and Jeff Flanagan presented a seminar for all of our House League and Rep coaches. This included an on-ice and off-ice session. It was well attended and each coach received a drill package to take home.
- In September Dave Smith and Jeff Flanagan presented to both our House League and Rep coaches at Angus Glen Golf Club.
- In February James Boyd and Chris Dennis (York U) spoke to our House League and Rep coaches at Angus Glen Golf Club.

Coach Mentors

All coaches within Markham Waxers hockey had access to a designated coach mentor who was able to provide the skills, knowledge, and support required to help them improve their coaching performance. The goal of the Coach Mentorship Program is to strengthen our coaching body and foster an improved level of camaraderie between all the coaches within the Waxers organization.

2015-2016 Coach Mentors

- Ted Baker
- Phil Kestin
- Dan Daoust



- Rob Binetti
- Kim Rasmussen

Player Development Program

The Player Development Program continues to expand. This year we successfully combined both the Rep and House League skill clinics to take advantage of our talented team of on-ice instructors. Moving forward this program will continue to improve and provide our players and parents an opportunity for additional skill instruction unmatched by many other associations.

2015-2016 Player Development Team

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|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| • Chris Bahen | • Darren Mori | • Ben Reeves |
| • Matt Bahen | • Al Nixon | • Benjamin O’Callaghan |
| • Scott Badali | • David Titanic | • Jamie Bruno |
| • Eric Daoust | • Robert Matthews | • Scott Della Vedova |
| • Paul Giallonardo | • Jacob Bauer | |
| • Michael Gouglas | • Jacob Misquitta | |

Plans for 2016-2017

- Work closely with Hockey Canada in preparation for new programs and accreditations being rolled out in the near future.
- Schedule coach seminars throughout the season.
- Continue to recruit new Jr. Instructors and mentor them.
- Ensure all coaches gain certification status for the upcoming hockey season.

2016-2017 Coach Mentor Team

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| • Ted Baker | • Dan Daoust | • Kim Rasmussen |
| • Phil Kestin | • Rob Binetti | |

Long-Term Hockey Development Program Goals

- Continue to recruit high-calibre individuals who are committed to contributing to the success of minor hockey in Markham.
- Realize better player and coach retention throughout the association.

Continue to promote Markham Waxers hockey as one of the premier destinations for young, talented players and coaches



Referee Report

Submitted by Jerry Brens

2015-2016 Highlights

- Markham scheduled officials for 1,568 games.
- 497 House Leagues games with teams from Tyke to Juvenile.
- 929 Rep and Select games including exhibition, regular season, and playoff games.
- During the playoffs, 45 of our home games were covered by "out of town" officials.
- Markham officials covered 53 games at other centres during playoffs.
- Markham supplied officials for 142 tournament games.

Referee Development

- Markham and the Whitchurch Stouffville Minor Hockey Association hosted an OMHA entry level referee clinic in October 2015. From this clinic Markham received four young officials. They all worked in our House League division.
- We will be hosting another entry level clinic for new officials this fall.
- Two officials attended and successfully completed a Level 3 OMHA clinic.
- Our area supervisors worked with several officials and were able to promote five officials to the next Level.
- 27 officials on staff for our Rep and Select games and 16 for House League.
- We also used officials from other OMHA centers.

Timekeeper Scheduler's Report

Submitted by Debbie Williams

During the 2015-2016 hockey season, timekeepers were provided for over 1,200 games ranging from exhibition, tournament, and regular season games to playoffs. Games covered included house league (Peewee to Juvenile), and select and rep home games.

This season's roster consisted of over 35 timekeepers, more than 10 of which were new hires. All new timekeepers are trained prior to being assigned their own games starting at the house league level.



This season we lost a few experienced timekeepers but hired quite a few more with the expectation that they will continue to work over the next few seasons. As always, some individuals have already expressed interest in becoming a timekeeper next season. New hires must be a minimum of 14 years old or entering grade nine and must show a strong work ethic.

Ice Scheduler's Report

Submitted by Joe Quercia

During the 2015-2016 Hockey season, the Waxers and MMHA used a total of 152.6 hours of ice per week for the following:

- House league practices and games
- Rep practices and games
- Development clinics

Additional ice at CanLan was purchased and used as ice allocation to teams. The Town of Whitchurch Stouffville allocated Saturday evening ice for Waxers AAA home games.

The team ice allocation was balanced prior to the season to address all team requests and to allow the participation of AP players with their affiliated teams. During the year ice was made available to teams for extra practice or to replace a lost practice due to playoffs.

Tryout ice booked for 2016-2017 season was a success. Tryouts were held at Centennial, Angus Glen, Clippers, and Stouffville arenas.

Playoff Format

Ice Schedulers and Representatives from other associations will continue with the playoff format and discussions to adjust any issues that may arise with the approval of the YSMHL and OMHA. Thanks to all ice schedulers for their time and effort in adhering to the new format. Ongoing meetings will be held with ice schedulers to review and provide recommendations to adjust the playoff format as required.

Thank you to all the teams for another great season and looking forward in assisting all the coaches, managers, and new staff members next season.

2015-2016 Season Ice Recap

- 822+ regular season games and Playoff games
- 2,350+ player development clinics, Practices and Goalie clinics



- 156+ playoff contracts

New Team Website

The Waxers launched a new association website for the 2015-2016 season that hosted each team's individual site. The team site is linked with another ice scheduling tool called TheOneDB. As ice scheduler for the Waxers, the major benefit of the new TheOneDB is the linkage between other associations. Ice Schedulers can see each other's schedule and assist each other when rescheduling home and away games.

Here are a few of the most important features of the new website.

- Fully integrated team websites
- Web-based site maintenance that can be shared amongst authorized people in our association
- Fully integrated scheduling by our ice scheduler
- Automatic email and/or text message notification with schedule changes, game results, and more
- Social network integration such as auto-tweeting news articles to Twitter™
- Password-protection of pages managed by the team webmasters
- Automatic archiving of previous seasons

Head Trainer Report

Submitted by Andrea Winarski

The Markham Waxers organization once again mandated that all rep athletes participate in the Konkussion program. The cost for the program, \$50.00/player, was included in the team assessment fees. In support of the program, the organization sent out an educational newsletter covering the topics of concussion, baseline testing, and Return to Play protocol.

Ninety-eight percent of Waxers athletes participated in the program. There were two reasons given for opting out of the program: the athletes had already been baseline tested by their school (St. Andrew's College) and the parents did not think the organization should dictate where players should have their baseline testing completed.

The feedback regarding the program was very good. In general, parents commented that they were able to make more informed decisions regarding Return to Play after injury.



2015-2016 Season Annual Report



43 Trainers, Coaches and Managers attended an Emergency First Aid course conducted by Rescue 7. Six participants went on to complete the Standard First Aid program and update their qualifications to Level 2 Trainer. The cost of these programs and qualification upgrades were covered by the Waxer Association.

It is our goal to hold a trainers meeting in September 2016 in order to provide support and guidance for new trainers and answer trainer's questions. At this time, we plan to once again offer the advanced, hockey-specific first aid course to the Trainers. The cost will be covered by the association.