



# **2020-2021 Annual Report**

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## President's Address

*Submitted by George Schnarr*

This was the "COVID" year. My message to sum up this season is of sincere gratitude and thanks to everyone involved in keeping those who were able to get out to the rinks and enjoy the sport of hockey but also the friendships and camaraderie that was missing for many parts of this year. It was a massive effort by the coaches, managers, other team volunteers and of course the parents and guardians all of whom had to adhere to a changing set of protocols in an effort to keep each other as safe as possible from COVID. During this great time of need in our local community, the Waxer Hockey organization made donations totaling \$50,000 that was shared between the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation, The Markham Food Bank, and 360° Kids.

All of these achievements couldn't have been possible without the many dedicated volunteers and staff of our Waxers organization, so in closing a BIG thank you to all of you who persevered when it was just much easier to have shut everything down and wait out the end of the pandemic.

## Board of Directors 2020-2021

### 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	6/27/2019 (E)	2021
Vice President General Manager of House League	One two-year term	Darren Mori	5/13/2020 (E)	2022
Vice President General Manager of AA/A/AE Rep Program	One two-year term	Mike Matthews	5/13/2020 (E)	2022
Secretary / Treasurer	One two-year term	Vacant		

### 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	5/13/2020 (E)	2022
Vice President	One two-year term	Stephen Gaunce	6/27/2019 (E)	2021
Secretary / Treasurer	One two-year term	Vacant		

## COVID Season Recap

*Submitted by Deb Larsen*

Guidelines on Return to Play were issued by the OMHA in early August. In mid-August the Waxers sent out a survey to all members who had been registered with the Waxers during the 2019-2020 season (house league through AAA) to gauge the interest in registering under the restrictions being placed by the OHF, OMHA, City of Markham, and York Region Public Health. Given the level of interest, the Waxers opened registration at all levels on September 1 as per OHF guidelines. There were no tryouts and players were limited to either playing in the association in which they were rostered during the 2019-2020 season or returning to their home association—the city/town in which they reside. The City of Markham did not open all arenas and only limited hours were available.

Registration for all players opened on September 9, 2020.

Rep on-ice development began on September 28, 2020.

House league on-ice development began on October 13, 2020.

York Region entered lockdown on December 14, 2020. It was expected to last for 28 days but was extended lasting through February and much of March. Limited hours of ice were returned to us beginning on March 27. Because of the reduced number of hours, it was decided to cancel the house league season and refund all house league players \$275.

Parents were given the option of having their credit card refunded or applying a credit to the player's Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) profile to be used for registration in the next season. The rep players were offered an abbreviated program of one hour of ice per week beginning March 27. Then the province declared a shut down effective May 2 and the OMHA cancelled the season effective April 12, 2021. Rep players were refunded \$165.

## Treasurer's Report

*Submitted by Annie Lee*

We have once again engaged the services of Lott & Company Professional Corporation to provide financial statements for the organization.

As an association, we paid the administrator, ice scheduler, chief referee, and timekeeper scheduler fees of \$61,516. Payments are split evenly between house league and rep.

The 2020-2021 season was far from normal due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no tryouts and players were limited to playing in either the association in which they were rostered during the 2019-2020 season or their home association—the city or town in which they resided. Players were limited to playing in bubbles of ten within their own association.

The Waxers have an online credit card processing account set up through Hockey Canada Registry that is used annually to process house league player registrations and deposit funds into the house league bank account. Rep player registrations normally are paid to the

team and the team pays the association an assessment fee. Due to the structure of the season, registration fees for all players were collected online through the Hockey Canada Registry.

The season was put on pause when York Region went into lockdown on December 14. The lockdown lasted through February and much of March. The House league program was shut down and players were issued a refund or credit of \$275 on their HCR profile. Rep players were put on hold in the hope of recovering a part of the season which would be extended through May. They returned to the ice on March 27. The province declared another shutdown on May 2 and OMHA cancelled the season effective April 12. Rep players were issued a refund of \$165.

The board approved a \$50,000 donation to assist our local community on three fronts: healthcare providers; those people who rely on the food bank to feed their families; and the youth who need shelter, mental health support, and education services. The funds were split between Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation, Markham Food Bank, and 360° Kids (Markham based youth shelter and related services). We also challenged our members to match our donation and show their Waxers spirit using the hashtag #WaxersFightCOVID.

### Markham Waxers House League

	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>
Income	\$268,998	\$501,518	\$518,355	\$526,374
Expense	\$239,270	\$512,189	\$570,306	\$555,235
	<u>\$29,728</u>	<u>(\$10,671)</u>	<u>(\$51,951)</u>	<u>(\$28,861)</u>

As of March 31, 2021, the Markham Waxers House League fund balance was \$109,186..

### Markham Waxers Rep

	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>
Income	\$252,819	\$1,579,124	\$1,617,267	\$1,478,373
Expense	\$321,184	\$1,504,068	\$1,676,485	\$1,400,853
	<u>(\$68,365)</u>	<u>\$75,056</u>	<u>(\$59,218)</u>	<u>\$77,520</u>

As of March 31, 2021, the Markham Waxers fund balance was \$345,857.

## House League Report

*Submitted by Darren Mori*

With the COVID limitations and protocols in place, we were able to ice 59 house league team bubbles: 8 at U7, 16 at U9, 10 at U11, 9 at U13, 8 at U15, and 8 at U21.

Thank you to our amazing volunteers who worked so hard to follow the changing protocols and kept our kids safe during this tumultuous period.

## VP/GM AA/A/AE Report

*Submitted by Mike Matthews*

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Waxers rep program was limited to smaller teams organized into in-house bubbles for games and practices. This was challenging as we tried to manage in a confined and difficult environment in adherence to OMHA and City of Markham COVID protocols. Thanks to all coach volunteers who worked to provide the players an opportunity to play hockey at some level despite the trying circumstances.

## VP/GM AAA Zone Report

*Submitted by Stephen Gaunce*

Similar to the 2019-2020 season finish, the 2020-2021 “season” was really not a normal season due to a continuation of the pandemic. COVID again reigned supreme.

There were no AAA teams rostered. Players were put into groups of 10 and practiced within their bubble. Under the circumstances, we were happy to be able to provide ice time for players.

We would like to thank all of the players, their families, and the coaches for all of their dedication and support throughout the “season.”

## 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.

### **COVID-19 Impacts of the 2020-2021 Season**

- Due to the impacts and restrictions brought on by the COVID-19 Pandemic the Hockey Development Program did not run at its full capacity.
- Modified player clinics resumed in November following the strict return-to-play guidelines approved by the OMHA.
  - Skills Clinics would Begin on November 7, 2020 and run until March 28th, 2021.
  - Skills Clinics will only be open to registered MMHA/Markham Waxer players.
  - Standard COVID-19 guidelines and procedures will be followed.
  - Clinics will run on Saturday and Sunday mornings.
  - Saturdays (7am-8am, 8am-9am) will be Goalie Clinics
  - Sundays (7am-8am, 8am-9am, 9am-10am) will be Player Clinics
  - Goalie Clinics will be limited to 15 Goalies (maximum) on the ice at a time broken into 4-5 small groups of 3-4 (Zone Training).
  - Player Clinics will be limited to 20 Skaters on the ice at a time broken into 4 small groups of 5 (Zone Training).
  - All instructors will be registered with the Markham Minor Hockey Association/Markham Waxers.
  - All clinic ice will be association purchased ice with the majority of clinics taking place at Mt. Joy Arena. On the weekends of Jan 2nd/3rd and Mar 20th/21st the ice sessions will take place at Markham Village and Markham Centennial.

### **Coach Mentorship Program**

#### **Coach Seminars**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and subsequent restrictions it was not possible to host any in-person seminars.

#### **Coach Mentors**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic there were no Coach Mentors assigned for the 2020-2021 Hockey Season.

#### **Plans for 2021-2022**

- Work closely with the OMHA/Hockey Canada in preparation for any new programs and accreditations being rolled out presently or in the near future.

- Work closely with the MMHA House League Hockey Development Team.
- Continue to recruit new Jr. Instructors and mentor them.
- Ensure all coaches gain certification status for the upcoming hockey season due to delays in certification and training due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

### **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.

## **Head Trainer Report**

*Submitted by Barb Matthews*

During the COVID-19 pandemic we ran a very limited hockey season. Members were instructed to follow all current Public Health restrictions for hockey related activities.

The Concussion program was on hold.

No Injuries were reported