



2016-2017 Annual Report

June 13, 2017

President's Address

Submitted by George Schnarr

Welcome to the 2017 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!

2016-2017 Season Highlights

- This past season was a success both on and off the ice. Like last year, we had a large number of our teams compete in the playoffs and several championships were won with many more teams reaching the levels of finalists and semi-finalists.

Congratulations to all the players, coaches and bench staff!

- Our parent and player surveys reached an all-time high in number of responses with very positive feedback overall. Through our Koncussion program, which provides access to diagnosis and return to play protocol, we were able to help many players and their families navigate through this challenging issue.
- We continued our tradition of celebrating the players and recognizing their efforts through our annual Waxers banquet and our Markham Waxers House League Championship Weekend. 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.
- 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.
- We also 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 for the 2017-2018 season.
- On a final note, due to the efforts of Deb Larsen, Darren Mori, and Paul Bullock we were successful in gaining membership to the North York Hockey League where our Rostered Select teams can now compete in a full select league against a large number of opponents. We look forward to our participation in this exciting new program!

Board of Directors 2016-2017

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 | 6/21/2016 (E) | 2018 |
| Vice President General Manager of AA/A/AE Rep Program | One two-year term | Mike Matthews | 6/21/2016 (E) | 2018 |
| 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 | 6/21/2016 (E) | 2018 |
| 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 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, 2017, the Markham Waxers House League fund balance was \$170,941, an increase of \$24,922 over the previous year.

Revenues were up \$95,126 in comparison with the previous season. The increase in registration revenue (\$32,752) is a result of the registration fee increase (\$20/player) initiated last season and an increase in registration. The primary increase (\$69,399) was due to assessment fees for rostered select teams, an increase in the number of teams, and sales of ice to rostered select teams.

Expenses increased \$10,510 over the 2015-2016 season.

- Ice rental costs increased \$6,814 due to an increase in hours purchased and an increase in ice fees.
- Administrative Wages and Benefits increased this year and Administrator Fees decreased due to an accounting change. All fees are paid to Canada Revenue Agency

from the house league account then invoiced to and paid from the rep account as management fees and reported as part of Administrators Fees in the Rep account.

- Seminar and clinic fees increased \$10,353 due to an increase in Hockey Development Instructor fees of \$11,000. Paid HD instructors ran house league practices in the Mite through Pee wee divisions.

| | 2015-2016 | 2016-2017 |
|---------|-------------------|------------------|
| Income | \$434,922 | \$530,048 |
| Expense | \$494,616 | \$505,126 |
| | <u>(\$59,694)</u> | <u>\$24,922</u> |

Markham Waxers Rep

As of March 31, 2017, the Markham Waxers fund balance is \$320,864 an increase of \$20,456 from the previous year.

Revenue decreased \$30,968 year over year. Team registrations decreased as we iced fewer teams. Assessments increased due to an increase in assessment fees of \$780/team to cover the cost of pant covers

Expenses increased \$38,772 over the 2015-2016 season.

- Most of the increase (\$27,966) was in Uniforms and Equipment as a result of teams purchasing pant covers and an 8% increase in the cost of jerseys and socks.
- Concussion testing expenses decreased (\$7,584) due to less teams and players opting out of testing.
- Advertising and Promotion expenses increased \$6,049 because the Waxers made more donations this past year.

We paid the administrator, ice scheduler, chief referee, and timekeeper scheduler fees of \$31,658, which are included in Administrators Fees.

| | 2015-2016 | 2016-2017 |
|---------|------------------|------------------|
| Income | \$1,450,363 | \$1,419,395 |
| Expense | \$1,360,167 | \$1,398,939 |
| | <u>\$90,196</u> | <u>\$20,456</u> |

House League Report

Submitted by Darren Mori

Due to the dedication of a team of remarkable volunteers, the Markham Waxers House League (MWHL) had a very successful 2016-2017 season.

Registration Summary

| Division | Teams | Players | Volunteers |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Mite | 10 | 138 | 51 |
| Tyke | 6 | 80 | 26 |
| Novice | 4 | 62 | 16 |
| Atom | 8 | 122 | 37 |
| Peewee | 8 | 112 | 26 |
| Bantam | 4 | 78 | 16 |
| Midget/Juvenile | 6 | 98 | 21 |
| Total | 47 | 690 | 193 |

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 has done an outstanding job organizing both the equipment storage and checkout. He works hard at keeping our equipment in good working order, which helps us keep our equipment costs to a minimum.

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.

| Division | Convenor |
|-----------------|---|
| Mite | Jo-Anne de Lima Leclerc Alifa Somani |
| Tyke | Kim Ellyett |
| Novice | Nadia Camara |
| Atom | Ann Marie Lovatsis |
| Peewee | Deb Larsen |
| Bantam | Lorraine Gilmour |
| Midget/Juvenile | Lorraine Gilmour |

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 coaches: Wern Siemens, John Lovatsis, Errol Misquitta, and Chris Cadorin; and trainers: Robin Coote, Peter Lam, and George Tashos.

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

| Division | Coach Name |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Initiation – Stamkos Division | Denis LeClerc |
| Initiation – Gaunce Division | Jamie Ritskos |
| Tyke | Alex Smith |
| Novice | Sal Paglialunga |
| Atom | Nicole DeKort |
| Peewee | Rich Bacchiochi |
| Bantam | Derek Brazier |
| Midget/Juvenile | Tyler Lake |

Annual Equipment Swap

In August, we held our seventh 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 outfitted many families with full equipment for less than \$70.

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

Four 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.

| Rostered Select Team | Head Coach |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Initiation | Jamie Ritskos |
| Tyke | Colin Hartill |
| Novice | Sal Paglialunga |
| Minor Atom | Nicole Dekort |
| Atom | Al Simpson |
| Minor Peewee White | Werner Siemens |
| Minor Peewee Blue | George Monbouquette |
| Peewee | Tim McFadden |
| Minor Bantam | Mark Schuler |
| Bantam | John Manousaridis |
| Minor Midget | Duane Smith |
| Midget | Richard Clark |
| Select Convener | Paul Bullock |

March Break 3-on-3 Tournament

This year we offered ice time to our divisions to run a division-wide 3-on-3 tournament over the March Break. Three divisions participated: Initiation, Novice, and Bantam. Thank you to the volunteers who provided a great on-ice experience for our players over the break.

VP/GM AA/A/AE Report

Submitted by Mike Matthews

During the 2016-2017 season, twenty-four of a possible twenty-seven teams were iced. This was a decrease from twenty-five teams iced during the 2015-2016 season. Additional teams were entered in the Atom (two AE teams) and Minor Peewee (two AE teams) divisions. These multiple team AE programs have received positive feedback from the parent groups and all four teams have been competitive at the AE level. The plan for 2017-2018 is to continue down this path and enter two AE teams at the Minor Peewee and Peewee age groups.

We continue to face challenges in the Minor Bantam to Midget age groups where only seven of twelve teams were iced. Across the York Simcoe Minor Hockey League (YSMHL) participation at the Midget age group continues to be a challenge. The plan to introduce a non-contact category for Minor Bantam through Midget ages in the York Simcoe Minor Hockey League is hoped to improve participation in these age groups going forward.

York-Simcoe Championships were won by the Minor Bantam AA and Midget A teams. The Minor Bantam AA team had a very successful playoff run, reaching the finals of the OMHA playdowns, unfortunately losing to Garden City in the finals.

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

- Allison Thompson
- Pat O'Callaghan
- Debbie Williams
- Cory Woron
- Lesli McKee

Special thanks to Jeannie Daniels who decided to step down at the end of the season, having served as a convenor since the 2009-2010 season. Thanks to Jeannie for her dedication and continued advocating for fair and consistent treatment of all players within the association

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 2016-2017 recipients are:

- AA Jamie Bruno, Novice
A Rory Lue-Kim, Peewee A
AE Brent Milburn, Minor Peewee

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 2016-2017 season, 85.7% of registered players at AA and 95.0% of A were Markham residents. Richmond Hill residents make up the majority of "out of town" players at 7.8% at AA and 2.9% 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/E and House League organization. We are recognized and treated as a separate organization in the eyes of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) and Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF).

Season Synopsis

- Nine AAA teams from Novice through Midget
- 160 players registered to the teams
- 59 bench staff registered
- Approximately 633 games played including exhibition, league, tournaments and playoffs
- Combined league record 133-119-46
- Four teams above the “500” level, one team at the “500” level and four below the “500” level
- Minor Atom team made it to their OMHA championship weekend after two great playoff series victories.
- Atom team hosted the 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 2018.
- Atom team then went on to the OHF championship, where the team lost in the semifinals.
- Midget team made it to the OMHA championship weekend and captured the bronze medal.
- Dan Daoust, head coach of our Midget team, was our AAA Coach of the Year. This was our third year accepting nominations from players and parents in this process and it worked well.
- Charlie Dafonseca from our Minor Midget team was selected in the recent OHL draft. Paul O’Doherty was selected in the new OHL Midget Draft. We have many graduating Midget players moving on to various levels of Junior Hockey.
- During the season, Johnathan Yantsis left our Midget team and go directly to the OHL’s Kitchener Rangers.
- Our teams attended 40 tournaments spread across Ontario, Michigan, New York, and Quebec, resulting in many lasting memories for players, families, and teams.

Issues/ Ongoing Matters/ Work in Progress

- Strive to keep more Markham/Stouffville residents playing AAA hockey in our organization
This is an annual goal that we stress to our coaches.

- Work with coaches to improve/promote communication levels with players and families
Coach surveys completed by parents show we are improving some but still have 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. We also had the highest response rate in overall surveys being completed by parents and players this past season.
- Continue the 2-year OHF mandated pilot project of Freedom of Movement at the Midget AAA level
The pilot, started in the 2013-2014 season, will continue for at least one more year. This will take it to the fifth year, so it may be no longer a Pilot project.
- Continue coach development
The Mentor system and clinics help to improve the knowledge level and provide a valuable sounding board for all of our registered coaches.
- Meet the new High Performance – HP1 program, which is mandated for all head coaches in Minor Bantam and above.
We will be able to meet this requirement.
- Continue to work on issues which arise as a result of being in the Lake Ontario Region (LOR)
Being a member of the LOR and dealing with the ever-changing rules/system does not get any easier. The OHF passed major revisions to the LOR agreement in March of 2017 that take effect for the 2017-2018 tryout season.
- Continue to keep hockey affordable
The costs of minor hockey for all members is an annual ongoing issue that must be considered in all decision making.
- Continue to develop players through offering player and goalie clinics
The Hockey Development group are doing a good job with these clinics, which are helping with the player numbers in the younger age groups.
- Continue to incorporate the ETA expanded period lengths trial in Midget through Bantam divisions
- Continue using the four-official pilot in the Bantam through Midget divisions
- Continue using electronic game sheets
All of our AAA teams checked out Waxers iPads for use during the 2016-2017 season so they could utilize the Electronic Game Sheet software program. Teams and timekeepers received training before the season began. We will hold training for the 2017-2018 teams and timekeepers in September 2017 prior to the season's start.

Special Events Report

Submitted by Deb Larsen

Players' Banquet

On Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 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 season.

The evening began at 6:00 pm and dinner was served at 7:00 pm. Darren Mori 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 Kieran McFadden; 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-four Markham Waxers teams attended. Approximately 782 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, Deb Larsen, Annie Lee, Lari Nakamichi, Dale O'Callaghan, and George Schnarr.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

The Markham Waxers Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 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 85 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 – Dan Daoust (Midget AAA)
- AA – Jamie Bruno (Novice AA)
- A – Rory Lue-Kim (Peewee A)
- AE – Brent Milburn (Minor Peewee AE 2)

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 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 2016-2017 Season

- This year the Player Development Programs/Clinics were moved to Crosby Arena. All Clinics had a hard cap limit to assist with the smaller ice surface at Crosby Arena.
- 119 players registered for the Fall Clinics. 144 players registered for the Winter Clinics. 133 players registered for the Pre-Tryout Clinics. This accounts for a total of 396 players. Slightly higher than the previous 2015–2016 season.
- Due to high demand in the Winter Session a 2nd Shooting & Scoring Clinic was offered on Mondays at Mt. Joy arena from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm.
- The shooting, defensive, and pre-tryout clinics continue to be a huge draw for parents and players.
- This season also saw the expansion of our Junior Instructor Program. 7 new junior instructors were added to the Hockey Development team.
- Feedback on the coaching seminars, Coach Mentorship Program, and Player Skill Development programs was very positive once again.
- This past season Coaches were offered the opportunity to attend both the NHL Coaches Clinic in Buffalo and the OHL Coaches Clinic at UOIT.
- The OMHA continues to endorse our coaching seminars with Professional Development Points under the new NCCP Coaching Requirements.

Coach Mentorship Program

Coach Seminars

The Hockey Development program presented two coach seminars.

- In October, Terry Brown (Trenton), Paul Legault, Ed Mauro 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 Chris Dennis presented to both 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 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.

2016-2017 Coach Mentors

- Ted Baker
- Dan Daoust
- Kim Rasmussen
- Phil Kestin
- Rob Binetti

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

- Scott Badali
- Robert Matthews
- Emmanuel Bertsoulakis
- Eric Daoust
- Adam Turner
- Benjamin Carr
- Paul Giallonardo
- Jacob Misquitta
- Charlie DaFonseca
- Michael Gouglas
- Ben Reeves
- Kieran McFadden
- Darren Mori
- Benjamin O'Callaghan
- Michael Pellegrini
- Al Nixon
- Jamie Bruno
- Sam Sasaki
- David Titanic
- Scott Della Vedova

Plans for 2017-2018

- Work closely with the OMHA/Hockey Canada in preparation for any new programs and accreditations.
- Work closely with the Markham Waxers House League Hockey Development Team.
- Schedule coach seminars throughout the season.
- Continue to recruit new junior instructors and mentor them.
- Ensure all coaches gain certification status for the upcoming hockey season.

2016-2017 Coach Mentor Team

- Ted Baker
- Phil Kestin
- Dan Daoust
- Rob Binetti
- Paul Titanic

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

2016-2017 Highlights

Markham scheduled officials for 1,474 games

- 513 house leagues games with teams from tyke to juvenile
- 854 rep and select games including exhibition, regular season, and playoff games
- Markham supplied officials for 107 tournament games.

During the playoffs, 34 of our home games were covered by "out of town" officials. Markham officials covered 33 games at other centres during playoffs.

Referee Development

- Markham and the Whitchurch Stouffville Minor Hockey Association hosted an OMHA entry level referee clinic in October 2016. From this clinic, Markham received four young officials. They all worked in our house league division.
- We will host another entry level clinic for new officials this fall.
- We have three officials that will be attending a Level 3 OMHA clinic this coming season.
- Our area supervisors worked with several officials and promoted two officials to the next level.
- 27 officials on staff for our rep and select games and 11 for house league.
- We also used officials from other OMHA centers.

Timekeeper Scheduler's Report

Submitted by Debbie Williams

During the 2016-2017 hockey season, timekeepers were provided for approximately 1,300 games (exhibition, tournament, regular season and playoffs), including house league (Peewee to Juvenile), select and rep.

This season's roster consisted of over 30 timekeepers, approximately 10 of which were new hires. In the AAA Zone, this was the first season using iPads for official timekeeping at all ages, with no paper game sheet. Several senior timekeepers were trained for this process.

We also lost a few experienced timekeepers who moved out of the area for post-secondary education. However, we are also starting to see some who wish to continue working while they are in university or college nearby. This adds a welcome depth to the roster of mobile, knowledgeable timekeepers.

Individuals have already expressed interest in becoming timekeepers next season. New hires must be a minimum of 14 years old or entering grade nine and must show a strong work ethic. Those interested should complete the Timekeeper Application, which is available on our website beginning August 1st.

Ice Scheduler's Report

Submitted by Joe Quercia

During the 2016-2017 Hockey season, the Waxers and MMHA used a total of 166.5 hours of ice per week for the following:

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

Additional ice at CanLan Ice Sports in Scarborough was purchased and used as practice ice for teams. The Town of Whitchurch Stouffville allocated Saturday evening ice for Waxers rep 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 2017-2018 season was a success. Tryouts were held at Centennial, Angus Glen, and Stouffville arenas.

Playoff Format

As each season progresses, ice schedulers and representatives from other associations continue discussions with playoff formats 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 participating with ongoing discussions. 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

- 1003 Regular Season games (Rep and Select)
- 396 Playoff Games were scheduled
- 191 Tournaments Games were Played
- 2256 Practices scheduled (Rep and Select)
- 34 Clinic Sessions
- 169 Exhibition Games scheduled

Waxer Organization and Team Websites

The Waxers launched a new association website back in 2015. The Website hosts each team's individual site, with all the information you need to be aware of. The organization website is the main location to review upcoming and new events that take place within the organization. As ice scheduler for the Waxers, the major benefit of the new website is the collaboration between all changes that occur from TheOneDB is linked 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
- **NEW** – Mobile and tablet access is now available for team managers to manage and update their team website. Parents with VIEW access only can see their team schedules and receive updates when changes occur.

Head Trainer Report

Submitted by Barb Matthews

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. Eighty-three percent of Waxers athletes (472 of 569) participated in the program.

At the end of the season, we conducted a survey of all Konkussion participants. The feedback regarding the program was very good. In general, parents commented that the program enabled them to make more informed decisions regarding Return to Play after injury.

The Waxers Board of Directors is assessing the program based on inconclusive data on the benefits of baseline concussion testing, particularly in younger children.

In the fall of 2017, the Waxers will hold a mandatory OMHA Trainer Action Clinic for all association trainers—both rep and house league. The session provides a more hands-on approach that has been identified as lacking in the current online trainer certification program. The sessions will focus on practical tips provided by EMS personnel with emphasis on team emergency plans, return to play protocol and concussion recognition. The cost will be covered by the association.