



2019-2020 Annual Report

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President's Address

Submitted by George Schnarr

In looking back now to March 2020 as the season was almost completed but instead abruptly ended due to the pandemic, we are thankful and fortunate to have had a strong group of volunteers across all our programming. Our financial position remains solid and that supported our decision making for the 2020-2021 season with more details to be reviewed at the 2020-2021 AGM this coming June.

Board of Directors 2019-2020

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	6/26/2018 (E)	2020
Vice President General Manager of AA/A/AE Rep Program	One two-year term	Mike Matthews	6/26/2018 (E)	2020
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	6/27/2018 (E)	2020
Vice President	One two-year term	Stephen Gaunce	6/27/2019 (E)	2021
Secretary / Treasurer	One two-year term	Vacant		

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Deb Larsen

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

As an association—Rep and House League—we paid the administrator, ice scheduler, director of hockey development, coach mentors, chief referee, and timekeeper scheduler fees of \$94,752, which are included in Administrators Fees. Payments to the administrator, ice scheduler, and timekeeper scheduler are split evenly between house league and rep. Payments to the director of hockey development and coach mentors are covered in rep team assessment fees.

Markham Waxers House League

	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017
Income	\$501,518	\$518,355	\$526,374	\$530,048
Expense	\$512,189	\$570,306	\$555,235	\$505,126
	<u>(\$10,671)</u>	<u>(\$51,951)</u>	<u>(\$28,861)</u>	<u>\$24,922</u>

As of March 31, 2020, the Markham Waxers House League cash reserves were \$13,919 with current assets of \$82,002, a decrease of \$30,992 over the previous year.

We suffered a slight drop in revenue this year (\$16,837) in comparison to the previous season, primarily due to the drop in registrations (89 fewer players registered in 2019-2020).

Expenses also decreased \$58,117 over the previous season, primarily due to lower ice costs due to fewer hours.

Markham Waxers Rep

	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017
Income	\$1,579,124	\$1,617,267	\$1,478,373	\$1,419,395
Expense	\$1,504,068	\$1,676,485	\$1,400,853	\$1,398,939
	<u>\$75,056</u>	<u>(\$59,218)</u>	<u>\$77,520</u>	<u>\$20,456</u>

As of March 31, 2020, the Markham Waxers fund balance is \$414,222 an increase of \$75,056 from the previous year.

Revenue decreased \$38,143 year over year, primarily due to the lower ice sales to house league and rep teams and the assessment fee refund given to teams due to the COVID-19 shutdown.

Expenses decreased \$172,417 over the previous season. City of Markham ice decreased as all ice contracts were voided due to the cancellation of the season as of March 13, 2020.

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 successful 2019-2020 season right up until March 13 when we were forced to shut down due to COVID-19.

Registration Summary

Division	2019-2020			2018-2019		
	Teams	Players	Volunteers	Teams	Players	Volunteers
Initiation	8	123	34	10	150	37
Tyke	6	91	25	6	88	30
Novice	4	61	19	4	65	17
Atom	8	128	31	8	130	38
Peewee	6	99	25	6	106	32
Bantam	4	64	16	6	64	10
Midget/Juvenile	6	73	20	4	66	12
At Large			3			
Total	42	639	173	44	669	176

Volunteers

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

A very special thanks to Ann Marie Lovatsis, our Bantam convenor. Ann Marie has been a convenor with the Waxers for many years. This year her son decided he didn't want to play. But that didn't deter Ann Marie from volunteering—that's dedication. Ann Marie has worked countless hours, both at the rink and behind the scenes, to ensure that our families have a positive hockey experience. She's liaised with the goalie families year after year to ensure that the games in her division always had a goalie in net. Thank you, Ann Marie.

Thank you to the men and women who volunteered as coaches, trainers, and on-ice volunteers. We are fortunate to have so many dedicated people take on these important roles. Their 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 (Initiation through Midget/Juvenile) were run by fully certified coaches and trainers.
- Due to the COVID-19 shutdown, we were unable to host our annual Volunteer and Sponsor Appreciation Night. Nor were we able to honour our Volunteers of the Year nor our long-standing coaches and trainers. We hope to bring those volunteers back at our next appreciation night and honour them then.

Equipment Swap

In August, we held our tenth 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 continued participation in the Ninth Line Series against the Whitchurch Stouffville Minor Hockey Association allowing MWHL players in the Atom and Pee wee divisions to play both a home and away game against a team outside our association. The program was very well received in both associations and we will continue it next season.

Bantam Interlocked Regular Season

MWHL's Bantam division played an interlocked regular season with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association (WSMHA). Both associations had only four Bantam teams. The interlocked schedule allowed the teams to play a variety of teams over the course of the regular season. In keeping with WSMHA's practice, the teams played two games a week, but did not have a dedicated team practice.

Midget/Juvenile Games

Players in the Midget/Juvenile divisions were offered two one-hour game slots per week in lieu of the one hour-and-a-half game slots offered in previous years. It was very well received, and the players enjoyed the extra day on the ice.

Rostered Select Program

The Waxers iced nine rostered select teams.

Team	Head Coach
Initiation	John MacIsaac
Tyke	Denis Leclerc
Novice	Bobby Berkenblit
Minor Atom	Feisal Sachedina
Atom	Al Simpson
Minor Pee wee	Jeremy Sutherland
Pee wee	Desmond Wong
Minor Bantam	Grant Seppanen
Bantam	George Mombourquette

Team	Head Coach
Midget	Ben Milosevski

House League Hockey Development Program

This was the fourth year that our Hockey Development team supported teams and coaches from initiation through peewee. This successful program allows coaches the opportunity to learn and develop as coaches from individuals with experience. The HD team plans and leads the practices while involving the division coaches and trainers in the running of the player practices. The Hockey Canada curriculum is followed to ensure that all players are challenged at practice and given the opportunity to develop at a level appropriate to their skill level.

VP/GM AA/A/AE Report

Submitted by Mike Matthews

The AA/A/AE/MD program had a full slate of teams at all ages except for Minor Bantam which did not have an A team but did have two MD teams as the trend toward players choosing non-contact after Peewee seemed to take hold. There were two MD teams in addition to the AA and A category teams at Bantam and Minor Midget as well. For a total of 29 teams.

The season came to an abrupt finish in March with the pandemic lockdown cutting the playoffs short. The Minor Peewee AA team qualified for the OMHA Championship and were crowned Co-Champions as the championship was not completed. Congratulations to Jamie Bruno, his coaching staff and the Minor Peewee AA team.

Thanks to all the volunteer coaches, trainers, and managers for all their effort in supporting our Waxers teams and families.

VP/GM AAA Zone Report

Submitted by Stephen Gaunce

The abrupt end to the 2019-2020 season, brought on by the shutdown of hockey due to COVID-19, caused an unfortunate end to the season for most teams.

Playoffs had begun for some teams, a few were finished, a few were on their way to attending OMHA Championships, and one team (Minor Bantam) was ready to host the OMHA Championships. As we know, nothing returned to normal.

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

Special Events Report

Submitted by Deb Larsen

Due to COVID-19, our annual Players' Banquet and Volunteer Appreciation events were not held in 2020.

Head Trainer Report

Submitted by Barb Matthews

The Markham Waxers organization continued our enrollment in the early concussion care program offered by Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital (HB) to support us in our efforts to assist team staff with concussion awareness.

Changes to this program reflect updated research regarding concussion and further recommendations in accordance with "Rowans Law." As such, baseline testing is no longer conducted. Annual education will continue to take place for team trainers and an additional session will be arranged for families. Players who suffer a concussion during the year will have access to the Holland Bloorview's early concussion care program with the fees being billed to and covered by the Waxers Organization. The cost of this updated program for the 2019-2020 season was \$6,050.

The program was well received, and the educational aspect was excellent. The Waxers trainers did an excellent job ensuring our players who were suspected to have a concussion followed the updated concussion protocols. As such, all were assessed and cleared by a medical doctor prior to returning to play.