



2021-2022 Annual Report

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President's Address

Submitted by George Schnarr

This was the second COVID season. My sincere 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 these two COVID years. 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.

All of these achievements couldn't have been possible without the many dedicated volunteers and staff of our Waxer organization so in closing a BIG thank you to all of you who persevered.

Board of Directors 2021-2022

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	4/1/2021 (A)	2023
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	4/1/2021 (A)	2022
Secretary / Treasurer	One two-year term	Vacant		

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, director of hockey development, coach mentors, chief referee, and timekeeper scheduler fees of \$79,718. 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

	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019
Revenue	\$463,459	\$268,998	\$501,518	\$518,355
Expense	\$367,233	\$239,270	\$512,189	\$570,306
Surplus (Deficit)	\$96,226	\$29,728	(\$10,671)	(\$51,951)

As of March 31, 2022, the Markham Waxers House League fund balance was \$205,412.

Revenue increased due to a return of sponsorships and a registration fee increase of \$80/player. The anticipated increase in registration revenue was offset by players redeeming their \$275 credit received as a result of the early shut down in 2020-2021.

Expenses increased from the previous year as the house league program returned to a “normal” season primarily due to increased ice costs, the return of referees and timekeepers, and an increase in the cost of jerseys and socks.

Markham Waxers Rep

	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019
Revenue	\$1,310,114	\$252,819	\$1,579,124	\$1,617,267
Expense	\$1,223,887	\$321,184	\$1,504,068	\$1,676,485
Surplus (Deficit)	\$86,227	(\$68,365)	\$75,056	(\$59,218)

As of March 31, 2022, the Markham Waxers fund balance is \$432,084.

Revenue increased year over year as hockey returned to “normal” with teams paying assessment fees and sales of extra ice.

With the return to a “normal” season, recurring expenses that we didn’t see in the COVID year returned: league fees , playoff registration fees, coach mentoring, and the concussion program. In addition, there was an increase in the cost of ice and jerseys. The U18 AA team hosted the OHF U18 AA Championship.

House League Report

Submitted by Darren Mori

Registration Summary

Division	2019-2020 Pre-COVID	2020-2021 COVID	2021-2022 Post-COVID
U21	3	1	2
	1	2	6
	4	8	3
	31	9	27
U18	12	25	33
U16	22	23	25
U15	27	33	40
U14	37	46	50
U13	50	40	50
U12	49	47	56
U11	67	46	48
U10	61	56	54
U9	61	99	50
U8	91	72	62
U7	59	57	42
	48	22	22
	16	9	4
	639	595	574

Volunteers

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

VP/GM AA/A/AE Report

Submitted by Mike Matthews

The AA program had a full slate of teams at all ages. The A program iced teams at all ages except for U15 and U16. At the AE level (U13 and below) there were teams at U11, U12

and U13. In the non-contact MD level U14 and above there were teams as follows: U14, U15, U16 (2) and U18 (3). Total teams in the AA/A/AE/MD program of 26.

The Waxers had a very successful playoffs culminating in the U18 AA team hosting and winning the OHF Championship at Markham Centennial Community Centre in front of a packed home crowd that came out to support the team. Congratulations to the players on bringing home a rare OHF Championship to Waxers and thanks and congratulations to head coach Kim Rasmussen, team manager Lesli McKee, and all the volunteers who organized and contributed to a hugely successful event that represented the Markham Waxers extremely well in both the local Markham and broader minor hockey communities.

In addition, the Waxers had great success in the York Simcoe Minor Hockey League playoffs with U18 A, U14 AA, U14 MD, and U12 A teams all crowned as YSMHL Champions. Well done by all and thanks to our volunteer coaches and team officials.

VP/GM AAA Zone Report

Submitted by Stephen Gaunce

September tryouts/evaluations for all eight age groups started things off. COVID precautions were still paramount but the ETA and the OMHA worked within the parameters to try and bring some normalcy back to the hockey life.

We fielded eight teams in the ETA. U9 was reclassified and no longer considered rep hockey. Three teams—U10, U13 and U16—made it to the OMHA Championship weekend. The U10 team captured the bronze medal.

We would like to thank all of the players, families, and coaches for all of their dedication and support throughout the season. To all those graduating players, good luck with all future endeavors.

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 2021-2022 Season

- 2021-2022 saw a more gradual return to normal with changing Covid-19 restrictions.
- Players Clinics were run in April, Fall and Winter. Adjustments were made to scheduling during any Covid-19 restrictions or shutdowns.

Coach Mentorship Program

Coach Seminars

The Hockey Development program presented one coach seminar.

- In October, Terry Brown (Trenton) and Paul Legault presented a seminar for all our House League Coaches. This included an on-ice and off-ice session. It was well attended and each coach received a drill package to take home.

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.

2021-2022 Coach Mentors

- Ted Baker
- Dan Daoust
- Chris Bahen
- 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.

Plans for 2022-2023

- 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.

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

The Markham Waxers organization continued to use the Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital (HB) concussion program.

Our policies and procedures were reviewed by James Murphy (Manager for Concussion program) to ensure they reflect updated research regarding concussion and any further recommendations in accordance with “Rowans Law.” Annual education will continue to take place for team trainers’ this season. The annual cost for these services for the 2021-2022 season was \$4,500 (+GST).

Players who suffer a concussion during the year 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 treatment varies depending on the players needs but is approximately (\$200-375).

Trainers were asked to report when a player is removed from play with a suspected concussion, and to report any other injuries sustained by players. Once reported, guidance was given regarding the proper RTP protocols when needed.