



# **Antigonish Minor Hockey Association**

## **Annual Report**

**2023-2024**

## Presidents Report to our Membership

Dear AMHA Members,

It is my pleasure to have had the opportunity to stick handle through all the accomplishments of the 2023-24 hockey season with you all.

This past season like many other associations, AMHA faced many unknowns as well as changes in programming but was successful in working through the ever-changing challenges to provide an opportunity for each player to have a place to play.

AMHA has been fortunate over the years to have wonderful volunteers on many levels who spend countless hours ensuring programing could be offered and this season was no different.

AMHA continued to see growth of our programs which includes players advancing to U18 AAA, U16 AAA, U15AAA, Female U18 AAA, High School as well as high performance programming through education in the US and Hockey Nova Scotia High Performance. The dedication of players, parents and coaches over the years is truly something the hockey community should be proud of.

AMHA initiated a 4-team pilot U11B league in the North with support from HNS Minor Council that was successful on many levels. Hopefully the success of this pilot league will encourage Hockey Nova Scotia revisit B leagues in the North.

AMHA will be working with the Quad County board to have a working agreement in place.

I'd be remised if I didn't thank the parents and their friends/family, community businesses and community members for their continued support of our annual 50/50 lottery. Without your support AMHA can not continue to offer the programming and partnerships we have.

I would like to thank AMHA Board members for their support and dedication over the past season.

Yours in Hockey,

Robert Kavanaugh  
President, AMHA

## VP Operations Report

Dear AMHA Member,

It has been my pleasure to have volunteered as Vice President of Operations once again for the 2023-2024 hockey season.

One of the highlights of this season was the successful establishment of a B League, which has opened more opportunities for children to participate in rep hockey. This initiative was a significant milestone for our organization, allowing us to extend the benefits of competitive hockey to a broader group of young athletes. The positive feedback from players, parents, coaches and other associations has been positive and we are hopeful a B league will continue in our region.

This season we were faced with new last-minute first aid requirements for our coaches, which required us to adapt and implement changes swiftly. We are happy to have established new universal first aid kits for each team and are very appreciative of the community health care leaders who supported us with their expertise in this initiative. This season HNS implemented a seasonal structure that only permitted tryout season to start later in September. We were presented with a new timeline, and our ability to pivot and adjust our plans was crucial. The dedication and flexibility demonstrated by everyone involved ensured that we met these new requirements without compromising the quality of our programs.

I want to express my sincerest thanks to the volunteers who support our organization. The countless hours and commitment you provide are what keep AMHA running smoothly but above all provide a safe, fun and development focused experience for our players. From coaching and managing teams to organizing events and handling administrative tasks, your efforts do not go unnoticed. It is your passion and dedication that make it possible for us to offer these valuable experiences to our players.

As we look ahead to the next season, I am confident that our organization will continue to grow and thrive. Thank you once again to all our volunteers, players, coaches, and families for making this season a success.

Margaret Boyle  
VP Operations

## VP Female Hockey Report

Dear AMHA members,

It has been my pleasure to volunteer as Vice President of Female Hockey for the 2023-2024 season. I enjoyed meeting lots of new players and families while being at the rink. Once again, this year we continued growing the partnership with the Quad County Whitecaps, ensuring that females from the area had a choice between AMHA's coed/minor programming and QC's female only programming.

Female players from Antigonish, Guysborough and Cape Breton areas played a large role in the success of this year's 50/50 and were very lucky to benefit from all the perks that come from contributing to this fund. There will always be challenges that come along with trying to ensure that female players from such a large catchment area have a successful season, but even with all the issues surrounding travel and ice I believe that for the most part our girls taking part in both the coed program and the female only program were able to build friendships and enjoy their season.

On behalf of the Antigonish Minor Hockey Association and the Quad County Whitecaps I would like to thank all the volunteers that took part in making sure that all female players had a place to play where they felt comfortable.

See you next season,  
Erin Chisholm

## Registrar Report

Current and previous year membership

2023-2024 = 460

2022-2023 = 394

2021-2022 = 600

2020-2021 = 559

2019-2020 = 505

2018-2019 = 480

2017-2018 = 478

2016-2017 = 521

**Quad County is no longer included in our numbers which is why our numbers seem lower. All females playing female hockey from U9 and up are now registering with QC.**

Breakdown of rep teams:

DIVISION	TEAMS	TOTAL
U9	3 (Dev, Int, Adv)	
U11	5 (AA, A, 2xB, C)	
U13	3 (AAA, AA, A)	
U15	3 (AA, A, C)	
U18	1 (A)	
SLEDGE	1	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14</b>

Regards,

Angie Glenn

## Risk Management Report

Risk Management for 2023/24 was busy as usual. Several on ice helpers and bench staff needed to update their credentials. We also needed to have at least one person on the bench be certified in First Aid and as a result we offered three different First Aid Training sessions. We also created First Aid bags with the help of Dr Jane Anne Howard. We will need to continue with First Aid sessions as we need all helpers certified in the near future. A couple of reminders are: the risk manager works diligently between August-Dec 1 but after that point those who are not approved must work on getting all their items and courses sent to me, including the CRC independently (I do not chase adults to get these courses complete). I rarely go to the RCMP station past Dec 1 as that is my deadline. Several coaches were unable to be on the bench come Dec 1 as they did not follow my advice or guidelines--this is the individual's responsibility and not mine. We should reiterate the process and personal responsibilities at the next coaches and managers meeting. Hockey Nova Scotia moved from in-person clinics from Virtual clinics this year. Again coaches need to be prepared to take a weekend and do these courses prior to Dec 1 or they will find themselves unable to coach after Dec 1. Changing rosters is not a process we should be allowing or encouraging which should be shared with members.

Lindsay MacInnis

Risk Manager AMHA

## Sledge / Para Hockey Report

The 2023/2024 Sledge Hockey season was the most successful to date. Our registered members went from nine the previous season to 21 players. Due to the increase in numbers, our program could not continue the Sunday morning novice host league. We did not have enough sleds to accommodate all the sledge players plus the novice players. Wednesday skills was run once again by the HKIN385 class, this was once again very successful. We applied for grants this past season and received a \$10,000 grant for new equipment and some upgrades from sport Nova Scotia, we received a new sled from Rinks to Links and the Truckers Association kindly donated \$1000.

In February, our Bulldogs participated in an intermission game during a home hockey game between the junior B Bulldogs and Strait Pirates. The crowd really enjoyed the game, and we had a lot of positive feedback from fans. We also hosted Glace Bay Miners for their first ever competitive game. We provided pizza and drinks for post game party afterwards in the boardroom.

In March, our Bulldog sledge team was asked to participate in the pucks for purpose fundraiser, which raised money for Canadian cancer society in the motion ball special Olympics. This was a great evening enjoyed by all. The Bulldog Sledge Hockey program made history; Hockey Nova Scotia added a provincial tournament to the sledge component. For the provincial tournament the Bulldogs hosted and won Game 1 vs Glace Bay.

April was another busy month, the Bulldogs played game two of provincials in Bridgewater. We ended the season, finishing third in the province and taking home the bronze medal. Some players also participated in the SEDMHA tournament in Bedford, as well as travel to Glace Bay for a game.

A very significant moment for our program this year was when Bulldog Quentin Mailman made team New Brunswick in the quest for a national title in Quebec. The team was successful and took the gold medal game to OT with a very exciting win with just one point eight seconds left on the clock. We are very proud of Quentin and look forward to watching him work hard next season as a newly named team Atlantic will be hosting nationals in New Brunswick in May.

Angelina MacLean  
Sledge Coordinator

## Ice Coordinator Report

Programs for 2023-24 season, total ice time was 2825 hours.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Ice Time</u>
<b>IP</b>	
U07 - IP4	50
U07 - IP5	54
U07 - IP6	60
<b>Skills</b>	
U09 - Age 7 Skills	30
U09 - Age 8 Skills	30
U11 - Age 10 Skills	6
U11 - Age 9 Skills	5
U13 - Age 11Skills	5
U13 - Age 12 Skills	5
U15 - Skills Age 13	8
U15 - Skills Age 14	8
U18 / HS - Skills	6
<b>House Leagues</b>	
U09 House Canucks	24
U09 House Flames	25
U09 House Jets	25
U09 House Nordiques	24
U09 House Oilers	24
U09 House Only	16
U09 House Senators	23
U11 House	22
U11H Avalanche	30
U11H Golden Knights	31
U11H Jets	29
U11H Wild	29
U13 House	21
<b>U9</b>	
U09 Adv Bulldogs	66
U09 Dev Bulldogs	66
U09 Int Bulldogs	67

<b><u>Program</u></b>	<b><u>Ice Time</u></b>
<b>U11</b>	
U11 A Bulldogs	100
U11 AA Bulldogs	109
U11B - Black	71
U11B - White	80
U11C	70
<b>U13</b>	
U13 A Bulldogs	95
U13 AA Bulldogs	110
U13 AAA Bulldogs	137
<b>U15</b>	
U15 A Bulldogs	77
U15 AA Bulldogs	110
U15 C	60
<b>U18</b>	
U18 C Bulldogs	76
<b>Sledge</b>	50
<b>Checking Clinic</b>	1
<b>Officials Training</b>	9
<b>Tournaments</b>	
U11AA Leroy MacDonald Tournament	29
U11A Tournament	21
U11AA League Tournament	20
U11B League Tournament	15
U11B Tournament	23
U15AA League Tournament	25
U09 Jamboree	40

## Regular Programs

**Note: Female teams split their ice time between Antigonish, Port Hawkesbury and Port Hood. This report shows their local ice only**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Ice Time</u>
Ant AMHAFH U11/13 Orange	13
Ant AMHAFH U11/13 Yellow	14
Ant AMHAFH U11/U13 Teal	14
AntAMHAFH U11/13FS	17
AntAMHAU9FS	38
Canadiens	20
Leafs	20
QC U09 (BLACK)	44
QC U09 (TEAL)	2
QC U11A (BLACK)	51
QC U11A (TEAL)	1
QC U11A (WHITE)	48
QC U11AA	40
QC U13A (BLACK)	23
QC U13AA	31
QC U13AAA	59
QC U15A (BLACK)	90
QC U15AA	36
QC U15AAA	61
QC U18A (BLACK)	23
QC U18A (TEAL)	26
QC U18AA	37

*Ice Coordinator*

## Coaching Coordinators Report

Dear AMHA Members,

2023-2024 was business as usual with our core of coaches, helpers and volunteers ready for action. I joined the ranks a little later than most should, but I was happy to jump in with both feet and see what I could do to help. We began with the U13AAA's and progressed throughout many levels ultimately placing every child that wanted to play rep hockey on a team.

The U11 group presented a challenge as we navigated through many players looking to play rep hockey. In the past we have struggled to have the appropriate teams, either being too strong or too weak compared to other organizations. With the work of our President and Vice-President we established a U-11B region, in which we were able to have 2 teams participate. I believe these players got placed appropriately within the B and C levels, putting them on a more even playing field compared to previous years. They were very competitive against other teams in the province, and they all had a very successful season.

As in previous years, we were able to certify over 10 more coaches, with little or no expense to the participant. It is important that we continue to certify our volunteers. I encourage anyone interested in becoming a coach to reach out to me, and we can talk about all the different levels and ways to complete it.

Looking forward, I hope to continue to develop our core of parents, helpers and volunteers. It will strengthen our organization, and ultimately help our children both on and off the ice. I thank these people and without this commitment, hockey in Antigonish is not possible.

Mike DeCoste  
Coach Coordinator, AMHA

## Safety Rep Report

Dear AMHA Members,

Our season started out fantastic.

We have successfully rolled out 40 new safety kits to the AMHA and QC this year, which will be a great asset to all patrons moving forward. Huge thank you to Dr Jane Howard for taking the initiation, creating and putting together the fabulous kits for our teams.

Thank you to everyone for all your help and patience with my first season as the rep.

Sincerely,

Brittany MacIntyre

## Nominating Committee Report

The following list of people has let their name stand for the Board of Directors and executive for the year 2024-2025:

A list of returning Board members includes:

- President – Robert Kavanaugh
- Vice President Operations – Margaret Boyle
- Vice President Finance – Dauphine MacHattie
- Lottery Coordinator -Garrett Juurlink
- Vice President Female Hockey – Erin Chisholm
- Female Coordinator – Rossie MacInnis
- Treasurer – Aldona Gerroir
- Secretary – Susan DeYoung
- Equipment Coordinator – Karen Armstrong
- Risk Coordinator – Lindsay MacInnis
- Coaching Coordinator – Mike DeCoste
- Officials Coordinator – Brian MacDonald
- Sledge/Para Hockey Coordinator – Angelina MacLean and Caleb Mailman
- Safety Person – Brittany MacIntyre

A List of Board positions for which members have put forward their names ????

Vacant positions on the Board of Directors are:

- Registrar

## Lottery Report

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### **Antigonish Minor Hockey Association Schedule to the Financial Information**

Year ended April 30

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#### **Schedule of 50 / 50 fundraising**

	<b>2024</b>
Revenue	
Ticket revenue	<b><u>\$ 1,279,593</u></b>
Expenditures	
Prize payouts	<b>652,114</b>
Player entitlements	<b>246,194</b>
Other costs	<b><u>66,146</u></b>
	<b><u>964,454</u></b>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<b><u>\$ 315,139</u></b>

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Financials

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**Antigonish Minor Hockey Association**  
**Statement of Financial Position**

April 30

2024

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**Assets**

Current

Cash and short-term investments	\$ 445,257
Accounts receivable	<u>22,444</u>
	<u>\$ 467,701</u>

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**Liabilities**

Current

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ -
Payable to players and teams	<u>246,193</u>
	246,193

**Surplus**

	<u>221,508</u>
	<u>\$ 467,701</u>

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## ANTIGONISH MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

APRIL 30, 2024

	BUDGET PROPOSED APRIL 2024	YTD ACTUAL APRIL 30, 2024	BUDGET PROPOSED APRIL 2025
<b>REVENUE</b>			
50/50 FUNDRAISING	1,370,000	1,288,326	1,370,000
REGISTRATION AND REP FEES	330,000	363,887	405,000
TOURNAMENT FEES	30,000	57,891	45,000
OTHER	10,000	1,025	10,000
SLEDGE	0	10,000	10,000
INTEREST INCOME	8,000	17,696	8,000
	1,748,000	1,738,825	1,848,000

### EXPENDITURES

50/50 PRIZES AND COSTS	940,000	970,710	940,000
ACCOUNTING AND ADMIN	25,000	23,888	25,000
ADVERTISING	2,000	624	2000
ARENA IMPROVEMENT	50,000	26,437	50,000
YEAR END TEAM PARTY	8,000	9,791	9600
CLINICS /DEVELOPMENTS (COACHES, PLAYERS & OFFICIALS)	50,000	63,073	60,000
ICE RENTAL	470,000	610,583	540,000
INTEREST AND BANK CHARGES	2,000	1,765	2,000
SUPPLIES	25,500	21,369	25,500
NOVA SCOTIA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION-FEES	45,000	40,209	45,000
OFFICE	3,500	5,153	3,500
REFEREE, SCOREKEEPER FEES	37,500	66,345	45,000
SLEDGE	9,200	17,386	15,000
TOURNAMENT EXPENSE/LEAGUE FEES	70,000	88,149	70,000
UNCOLLECTIBLE DEBTS	2,500	8,646	2500
TRAVEL-NONPARENT COACHES	15,000	15,151	15,000
	1,755,200	1,969,279	1,850,100
Surplus/Deficiency Revenue over Expenditures	-7,200	-230,454	-2,100