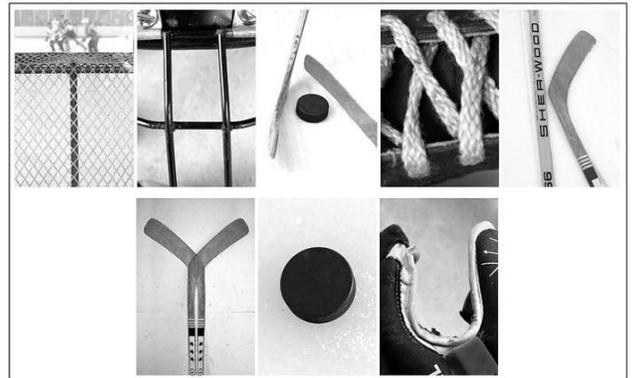




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BMHA Newsletter

April 2021



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello BMHA Members,

We just finished what may be the most unusual season of hockey in the history of BMHA. It took everyone's cooperation to make this season happen. The list of people who stepped up is long but I will do my best to break it down:

- **Cheryl Reesor** - Cheryl is BMHA's 2nd Vice President, Risk Manager and COVID Communication Manager. Every activity that took place this season required a detailed COVID plan to be developed and submitted to the City of Burnaby for review. Thanks to Cheryl and Larry, BMHA had a very good relationship with the City and was the reason we were able to do what we did. As we went through the different phases, a new COVID plan was required for each phase and each time we worked with the City to make things happen. Cheryl was also the main contact for the Fraser Health Authority and was required to disseminate information to teams / affected parties. There were many things that came together for this season to occur and Cheryl was a big part of that. Thank you, Cheryl.
- **HCSP and COVID Volunteers** - Part of our plans included safety and COVID measures at the team level. People really stepped up to help and again, BMHA's volunteer spirit delivered. Thank you to those who stepped up and helped. Your perseverance was part of the reason there was any hockey this year. Thank you all.
- **Support** - The support staff provided much needed support to the Executive this season. Liaising with the City and Scotiabank, PCAHA, and BC Hockey took a considerable amount of time. Our support staff have developed very good relationships with our various suppliers and regulatory bodies and were able to get things done, getting the messages out to the membership in a timely manner, giving out jerseys and goalie gear, managing rep tryouts and development camps. Thank you all for your continued service to BMHA.
- **Coaches and Team Officials** - What can I say, with no games there was a lot of development this season and, as a coach, I can attest to cycling through the drills throughout the season. It was challenging to keep the players motivated and have some fun, knowing full well they were not enjoying all that skating. I know it was challenging for coaches this year so thank you all for showing up and being there for your teams. While the players may not have enjoyed all the skating, I know they appreciated your time and effort to be able to be on the ice. Thank you all and rest easy for now. Same for managers, ensuring there were the required volunteers for each ice time, managing team funds, pictures, and getting the players in and out of the rink in time took some patience. Thank you for organizing and keeping the team in line.
- **Parents** - This season tested many parents as it was likely the first season where no spectators were able to attend the ice times. That was challenging. I had many discussions with parents about this. In the end, parents took turns volunteering and staying away. So thank you all for doing that and allowing BMHA to provide ice time to your children.
- **The City of Burnaby** - As much as it was challenging for BMHA to follow the ever changing COVID measures, the City of Burnaby was just as engaged with BMHA as we made our way through the season. Public health is a top priority for the City and they were always open to ideas as long as the core safety measures remained present. I would like to thank the City for working with BMHA to make this season happen.
- **Scotia Barn** - As a private facility, Scotia Barn worked hard to provide BMHA with required ice. Thank you to Scotia Barn for staying open and working with BMHA.

- **The Executive** - This season, more than any I have experienced, required steady focus and quick action. The Executive usually meets once a month. However, at the beginning of this last season, we met every week for a period, then every two weeks, until recently when we resumed our monthly frequency. Most of the discussion related to COVID measures and required a lot of discussion and planning. My thanks to the Executive for their service to the association for taking the time required to discuss and make decisions, allowing the players to be on the ice.

Every one of you made this season possible. Even if you don't think you did anything, you did - by bringing your child to the rink, making sure they were dressed, picking them up, and supporting the team by cleaning benches (or staying away from the rink). This season brought a lot of new issues for BMHA, the City of Burnaby, parents, players, coaches, the Executive, and there was no template for any of it! We really did adapt and overcome the obstacles we all faced.

We do not know what next season will bring but I am confident that BMHA has the resources and volunteer spirit to make it happen. Thank you to everyone for your time and dedication to BMHA and its members. Please enjoy some time away from the rink and get ready for registration to open again in June as the Executive is planning for the 2021/2022 season.

Sincerely,
Lucas

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Update

While last year's AGM was held a bit later due to Covid, we are aiming to hold the AGM in late-May as in past years. The AGM will again be held virtually using appropriate software that will allow for attendance and voting control. Further details will be sent out to the membership once available.

NOMINATIONS TO THE 2020/2021 BMHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

One of the main objectives of the AGM is the election of members of the Executive. Nominations are being accepted for the following BMHA Executive Committee positions*:

- President (One Position) – one year term
- 1st Vice President (One Position) – two year term
- Head Coach (One Position) – two year term
- Treasurer (One Position) – two year term
- Director at Large (One Position) – two year term
- Director at Large (One Position) – one year term

***Note** - The duties of each BMHA Executive Committee position is outlined in Part 12 of the [BMHA Bylaws](#). At this time, the specific duties of the Vice President and Director at Large positions are assigned by the BMHA Executive Committee following the elections. An amendment to the BMHA Bylaws is being proposed that will specify duties of the Vice President and Director at Large positions. If this amendment is successful, this would come into effect for the 2022/23 season.

The BMHA Nominating Committee is accepting additional names of those persons who may be interested in putting their name forward for election to the BMHA Executive Committee in accordance with our BMHA By-Laws:

"8.5 Nominations of Directors

A Member in good standing may be nominated for election as a Director in accordance with the following rules and such additional policies as may be established by the Executive:

- a) A nomination must be in writing and signed by the Member being nominated and at least two (2) other Members in good standing;*
- b) All nominations must be submitted to the Association prior to the call to order for the General Meeting. No nominations from the floor will be permitted."*

If you are interested in putting your name forward for election to any of the above-noted BMHA Executive Committee positions, please forward your intention to the BMHA Nominating Committee at admin@burnabyminor.com.

WILDCATS PROMO VIDEO - Check It Out!

Check out the [cool video](#) featuring the Wildcats – share it with all your friends and family with girls who want to learn more about female hockey!



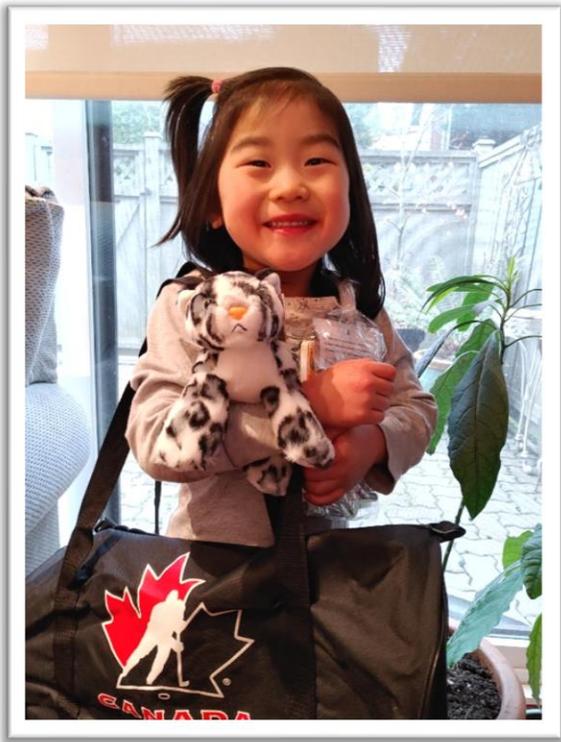
END OF SEASON SMILES



Despite some of the “less fun” points of this season, we’re glad to see it didn’t take away the smiles! Here are just a few:

NOT LETTING COVID STOP US!

The U9 Major C2 team isn’t going to let Covid stop them from celebrating their season together ... we’ll have a Year-End goodbye in the parking lot!



LOOK AT THAT SMILE!

Jacqueline L. (age 4 and plays on the Junior Bulldogs/Wildcats team) seems pretty happy with her goodies from the Telus World Junior colouring contest!

SPLITS? REALLY?

Maggie P. of the U18 Wildcats put together an incredible video highlighting the team’s time together over the years – including Vivien M.’s splits & former BMHA Head Coach Peter Chau’s dance moves! Check out the video [here!](#)



IMPORTANT REMINDERS -



TEAM OFFICIAL CLINIC FEES

A reminder to all our rostered Team Officials that BMHA will reimburse for the completion of their required certifications. More information can be found on the [Team Official Certifications page of the website](#).

RETURNING PLAYER REGISTRATION

Fees for the upcoming 2021/22 season will be available sometime in May and returning player registration is scheduled to open June 1. Further details will be provided once available.

DATES TO REMEMBER - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- May 2021 – AGM details to come
- June 1 – Returning Player registration opens

SPONSORS OFFERS

Canadian company Kruger Products is donating over \$100,000 to minor hockey associations across Canada to provide financial assistance with hockey registration fees. Visit the [Kruger Big Assist webpage](#) and nominate BMHA!



APPLY AND NOMINATE YOUR MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

You can help hockey families in need by nominating a hockey association to receive \$10,000 in financial assistance from the Kruger Big Assist. Submit a short story or video that tells us about your association and how it demonstrates at least one of the following judging criteria:

- ENABLE** more youth to play
- ENHANCE** the sport experience for their members
- EMPOWER** youth to create impact in the community
- ENCOURAGE** multicultural participation in the game