

# San Antonio Youth Hockey Association

## 2017-2018 STATE OF THE UNION

### OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wanted to thank the association for allowing me to serve it for the past four years. I believe that the association is in the best shape it has ever been in since my family joined it six years ago. I want to thank the current board for all their hard work to make our association better and I would like to congratulate and wish the new members well.

Some accomplishments of the board and association I would like to recognize are:

- Having two squirt teams for the first time
- Re-engaging with the Rampage in a more meaningful manner
- Being in a great financial position thanks to our added fundraising efforts

- Better communication with the association members through email, website and social media
- Continuing to grow the association from the ground up with our Try Hockey for Free Day and our Mite and Squirt house programs.

With the new board and the association as a whole's help I believe we can continue to grow into a competitive program and at the same time make sure the kids have fun.

Thank you,

Dustin

### VICE PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

We are very happy to have reconnected with our Rampage partners this past year. With the addition of Myles Adair to our partnership we have been able to have much better communication between our two organizations. We have partnered to bring back the Player of the Game skater, reward program allowing qualified members to have a special access and practice with Rampage players and coach, and we had Mason Geertsen and Brendan Randford on ice with our kids for practice.

We also partnered with the Rampage to create a unique fundraiser for our teams with providing 100 tickets to be

sold with 100% of the profits going back to the teams to help with their expenses. The teams were able to have 1 hour of ice at the AT&T Center to be used how they wished and we did get some teams on ice during intermissions to show off!

We partnered with Silver and Black Give Back to help with our Try Hockey for Free event in Feb, they provided the skate helpers, goodie bags for all the participating kids and Myles and the girls donated their time to help at the event. T-Bone was our special guest at both Try Hockey events and he is a big hit even with our kids.

## COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

This has been a good year for hockey in San Antonio. While the wins/losses are deceiving, in many ways we made tremendous strides with all our teams.

- 1<sup>st</sup> time all SA Jr Rampage teams were placed in divisions A or higher
- 1<sup>st</sup> time an 18UAA team has made the playoffs
- Our 18U and 10U Silver teams both made playoffs and we were not even sure if we would be able to field these teams.

Considering the expectations at the beginning of the year which were 10U – 1 A and 1 A2 team, 12U – 1 A team, 14U – 1 A2 team, and maybe an 18U AA team and ending with 10U AA and A, 12U AA2, 14U A, and 18U AA, we all should be proud.

## TREASURER'S UPDATE

SAYHA will have a surplus this fiscal year thanks to the effort of our additional fundraising, 100% collection of outstanding accounts and adherence to the budget. This helps our association recover from past deficits and allows us to offer the additional programming we strive to give to our athletes. Due to the successful fundraising we were able to offer our teams an additional \$1,000/team to go towards a tournament of their choice as well as some programming not previously done.

We negotiated with SportsEngine and were able to lower our rates from 3.65% plus \$1.50/transaction to 3.15% plus \$1.00/transaction as of Jan 2018. This cost savings is passed directly back to our membership.

Our financial records have been put onto Quickbooks which allows for integrity and continuity of data. Future treasurers will have the financial history at their

With the efforts of Rob Galatiuk and others through Try Hockey Day and Dale Henry through the house program, our numbers to grow the game from the younger ages will help us move forward and continue to be a respected top performing hockey association in the DSTHL.

Thanks to everyone for all their support and we are looking forward to building on the momentum for an even better 2018-2019 season.

disposal to help with tax returns, inquires and to see how we have managed expenses in the past.

We have increased our online presence with frequent updates to the Facebook page which has seen growth of over 70 followers this travel season with many of our inquiries coming through this portal. We created a new Instagram account which has grown to 97 followers. We are happy to be able to share our story with folks to show what an amazing sport we are all involved in.

We were recognized on Kens5 and Fox and had live interviews on both stations during this season. Our athletes did us proud during these interviews.

The website is in the process of continued updates and we look forward to a major revamp coming this upcoming season.

## GOLF FUNDRAISER UPDATE

The 2017 Jr. Rampage Golf Classic was held September 10<sup>th</sup> at Canyon Springs Golf Club. A total of 89 golfers were registered with 82 participating in the event. The golf outing raised over \$23k in funds for our organization. Rush Enterprises was our 2017 Title Sponsor. Other sponsors included HEB, The San Antonio Rampage, and Taco Cabana. With help from

our crew at Give Back Auctions and an amazing cast of hockey parent volunteers our first golf event was a success. Mark your calendars for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Jr Rampage Golf Classic on September 9, 2018. We hope to build on the success of our first season.