



SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

SAMHA PRESIDENT LETTER

May 7, 2020

Dear Junior BlackHawks,

First and foremost, I hope that you and your family are safe in this unprecedented event that has taken hold of our country. While it has gripped many houses on unparalleled levels, the good thing is this too shall pass. Fortunately for our association, like many of our friends, we were able to complete the season in time.

With our season being able to end just in time, I would also like to officially take a moment and congratulate all teams on a successful season both on and off the ice. I am proud of such great play from all SAMHA teams.

A few housekeeping items I wanted to bring everyone up to speed on:

* As you are already aware of, our Annual Banquet held in April, sadly, was unable to be held. We are working on a date for a **Celebrate SAMHA Event** to include goodies to end last season and some to start the new! Please pay attention to the SAMHA website and Facebook Page as well as Team Facebook Pages and your emails for information regarding date, time and other year end info as well as the start of a new season.

* I would also like to announce The 2020 - 2021 SAMHA Board of Directors. We have some remaining members in addition to three new members. With the use of an online voting system through SportsEngine, the votes were tallied and we have:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Heather Henderson

Vice President: Jacquie Morse

Secretary: Amanda Crane

Treasurer: Cynthia Adams

BOARD MEMBERS

Ritchie Lynds

Jennifer Gilbert

Tina McNinch

Andrew Peabody

Kassandra Foster

Robin Boyer - Simas

Kristie Fitzpatrick

Our first meeting will be held via ZOOM on Wednesday May 13, 2020 with our goal for the first meeting and the season to be filled with energy and excitement! We have some new Association initiatives and are working on projects with concepts ranging from stability and growth of the Association, to coach and player development, to fundraising initiatives and incentive programs. Over the past decades SAMHA, formally Houlton Hockey, has had many boards that have had many different incarnations from being a nomadic survival club with outdoor rinks to a new multi-use facility, booming growth which included Mite level players becoming able to play at the High School level and now stabilization and internal focus and drive. I am thankful for all the work done by the prior boards as it has positioned the new board members to really take the reins and go after a few identified key missions. As these initiatives roll out, we will make you aware of the details!

While we plan for the upcoming season, I want to ask everyone to get involved in a few items. First, you may have seen teams posting videos of what is referred to as the "Toilet Paper Challenge". I'm going to call on EVERY team to make one if they haven't done so already! I would like to post these to our social media channels for the club as a way for our families to showcase themselves and get us in the hockey mood!

Second, if you have **ANY** ideas for the association or would like to volunteer, we want to hear from you!!! Please feel free to email myself, our Vice President, Jacquie Morse, or any member of the board with your thoughts, concerns, or ideas. Our role is to serve you, the membership.

Remember our core values: Here for Youth in Lessons of Hockey and Life! If you have anything you feel would improve upon these beliefs for the betterment of our young athletes, we want to hear it. The Association is yours.

In closing, please keep abreast of our social media posts and your emails for more information regarding the 2020-2021 season.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Celebrate SAMHA Event later this summer! Thank you and God Bless.

With Hockey In Heart,

Heather Henderson
President
Southern Aroostook Minor Hockey Association