

Casco Bay Hockey Association

End of Season Director's Reports 2021-2022

Greg Leclair (Registrar)

869 registrants this season across all programs. 252 registrants were female (29%) vs. 617 males (71%). This skewed slightly more towards the males than the previous year.

By division, the breakdown was as follows:

Academy – 186 Participants (56 Girls - 30%, 130 Boys – 70%)

8U – 113 Participants (24 Girls – 21%, 89 Boys – 79%)

10U – 147 Participants (37 Girls – 25%, 110 Boys – 75%)

12U – 140 Participants (45 Girls – 32%, 95 Boys – 68%)

14U – 120 Participants (52 Girls – 43%, 68 Boys – 57%)

16U/18/19U – 163 Participants (38 Girls – 24%, 125 Boys – 76%)

There was strong participation from coaches. As has been noted in the past, we need to push the need for background checks early in the fall. This is easier for the travel teams but may require house directors to nail down coaching staffs well before evaluations season to get them going earlier. 18U house will also need to be made a priority as well. We have one coach at the 18U level that has been red-lined the last two years for incomplete credentials, despite reminders, etc. He knows that they don't "red-line" until after the season and is gaming the system. He will not be allowed to participate in any capacity this coming season until he has completed all his requirements.

From a credentialing standpoint, I think it would make sense to institute a policy of just how often the ACE Director and Registrar need to follow up with delinquent coaches before we throw up our hands and say enough. It should not take handholding to get things done. Items like SafeSport, CEP Classes and Age Modules are very low barrier items to complete.

Overall, registrations in the portal went well, though the persistent issue with coaches/TA background checks being cleared late resulted in having to repeat things like creation of labels, roster links, etc.

Division Directors were incredibly supportive and responsive to needs. Mary was fantastic, dealing with all the TA's and their needs.

I will be transitioning out of the Registrar position and into the Girl's Hockey Director role. I reached out to the State Registrar to inquire if we could keep two folks with access to the portal and was told that that was not a possibility which is unfortunate. I am fine with helping the new registrar early on, to get them started off on the right foot, so perhaps we can request a login that sticks to a CBHA email address and can be shared.

Marc Halsted (Goalie Director)

Once again, I'd like to thank President Matt Lambert and the Casco Bay Board for supporting the various initiatives and changes to our Casco Bay Goaltending program over the past three years. The 2021-22 season saw a significant increase in on-ice coaching, and we were able to get coaches connected to goalies at all levels and all age groups throughout the winter.

Maine Mariners Goaltending Coach Fred Quistgard worked with Coed Mariners. Former UMaine goalie Jillian Flynn worked with our Spartans goalies and our Mariners Girls' program. Longtime goalie coach Jeff Haley worked with our 14u and 12u House goalies. And finally, Ryan Becker and Brendon White were the first ever "Casco Bay Apprentice Goalie Coaches" and worked with our 10u House goalies at over 25 practices during the year.

We also held three Casco Bay Goaltending "Free Clinics" and held our third straight year of "Casco Bay Coast Guard" fall clinics. We look forward to offering more clinics in the coming years.

The result of all of this initiative is a dramatic increase in goaltending numbers at the 10u age level, the identification of goalies at the 8u level, and even some impressive USA Hockey New England Development Camp placements (three Casco Bay goalies tried out in January, and all three made it to their respective "Futures" camps in Burlington, Vermont the first weekend of April).

Our goal for 2022-23 is to continue to get goalie coaches on the ice with each team and program at least twice a month during the season. We'll also look forward to offering the CB "Coast Guard" camp in the fall and at least three free sessions during the year.

Casco Bay Goaltending is growing and improving and we are excited to keep the positive momentum as we enter the 2022-23 season.

Bryan Cheever (Coaching/ Safesport Director)

Casco Bay enjoyed another successful season of player development, thanks in very large part to our abundance of dedicated and passionate volunteer coaches. Each of our volunteers is required to commit a significant amount of time maintaining their USA Hockey coaching credentials and on top of that, they again successfully navigated the many challenges brought by the pandemic. Casco Bay's appreciation for all of our coaches' time & effort cannot be overstated.

With this noted, the organization is always mindful of how we can optimize the player experience and we have identified opportunities in this regard, particularly at the Tier 4 level.

Many thanks also to our Casco Bay families, the Casco Bay BOD, our referees and arena employees for all of your time and support. Best wishes for an enjoyable Spring sports season and we look forward to being with you all again next fall.

Dan Welch (Travel Director)

The tryout season is closed. Thank you very much to the 35+ people who volunteered their time to support the tryout process. I only received a few emails or comments questioning my motives, ethics and integrity. Much better than last year. A few asked questions regarding the number of teams being offered at the COED 12U level and we did our best to answer those questions. Next year we are offering 3 COED travel teams at each age group (U10, U12, U14). This is one more than last year and will create a very challenging practice schedule. We feel that this model will best suit the influx in skaters at all levels as they pass through the system.

Next Season's Teams:

U14 T2 Mariners

U14 T3 Mariners

2008 Spartans

U12 Mariners

2010 Spartans

2011 Spartans

U10 Mariners

2013 Mariners

2012 Spartans

The Boston Hockey League is making plans to hold its parity for next season during the first two weekends of May instead of early September. This will require the teams to assemble and get a few practices in late April and early May. There is very little ice available at FIC and TIA so teams will most likely need to practice at other rinks. Adam is actively looking for ice time. With this early parity the Spartans seasons will begin later than last year. We expect to start season practices the 3rd or last week of August, with games starting in mid-September.

Mariners teams will start in early October provided all goes well with the NYA construction.

The U16 and U18 teams will follow the same schedule as they usually do, completing their Fall season in early November.

A uniform sizing event is being worked on and the schedule will be communicated ASAP.

One question coming from a few coaches is if we can get the team SportsEngine pages created soon for those teams that are in contact during the off season?

Caitlin Jordan (14U Tier IV Division Director & Tier IV Director)

House - Tier IV

Coming out of Covid we definite faced lots of challenges.

Players having to move up who weren't properly prepared to due to last season's structure.

Referees not having had enough training last year and not enough bodies to fill the need this year.

10u had too many kids on each team, 12u didn't have any goalies, 14u had too few of players. We had problems in every level.

We had a new scheduler, who then handed off the tier IV to another new scheduler. So, in the scheduling department we were consistently learning and playing catch up.

Scheduling complaints about 7:00, not sure how to fix that, perhaps return to spreading them across all ages and levels. Last minute changes and scheduling, over all it was a difficult year, especially at the squirt level for the conference tournament that is hopefully in the works to have a better solution moving forward from the state level.

Coaching disparity seems to be one of the largest complaints. Not sure how to get better coaches, the unfortunate reality is not everyone can coach and not every coach who can/ cannot be on the ice for every team.

10u and 12u directors and I plan to meet throughout the off season and structure our coaching approach, to hopefully better uniform the coaching standard across all teams. We will be working out new practice structures, rotations and approaches to increase controlled scrimmages at the beginning of the season, postponing actual games until December. We are also going to implement some pilot program ideas to see if we can improve player development over multi-year process keeping core group of kids together.

One parents complaint or observation was spot on, kids can practice their cross over or wrist shot all hour long but if there is no one correcting the wrong mechanics of their actions then they are only getting better at doing it wrong. We need more coaches, as it is incredibly difficult to run a practice keep everyone moving and on task and have the time to stop and correct players.

As for the scheduling issues, I am hoping with either properly paying someone to accomplish the task or at least with the current schedulers remaining in their roles, having the first years' experience out of the way next year will be smoother.

I greatly look forward to a new improved Tier IV experience next season.

Jayson Morrison (8U Tier IV Division Director)

Mites-

We had 113 mites this season participating over 12 teams. We had help from 35 volunteer coaches. It was a success in returning to our normal season schedule after a change in approach in 20-21. We returned to the Gladiator Jamboree with all 12 teams, had an end of season Casco Bay tournament and teams that chose to participate in travel tournaments (Orono and Rockland).

Going into next season we will identify 12 head coaches that have experience at the mite level and plan to have 12 teams again. Our goal is to have at least 3 coaches/teams and develop as many coaches at younger levels as we can and maximize player/coach ratio on ice for practices. We will look to work on times closer to start of season for evaluations (to avoid soccer, fall sport conflicts) and make sure all 12 head coaches have an active part in evaluations, so that when the head coaches draft the teams, we create the parity we want for better competition for all. 8U evaluations were held earlier in October which created some conflicts, and the season did not start for a couple weeks after evaluations.

We need to re-evaluate the 6:50 PM Troubh hour on Wednesday night for mite practice and look into replacing it with an earlier time slot. It was too late for 6-8 -year-olds and was the least attended practice of all our time slots. While the idea of using Thompson's Point for outdoor mite games was exciting, Thompsons cancelled on us 5 of 6 times and often at the last minute so we were scrambling to communicate to parents that an early AM Saturday game was not happening and their normal practice ice was not always available. It would seem to be better to stick to our normal weekend schedule as the Sat/Sun mite times never change and are much easier to depend on. If we want to explore Thompson's Point would suggest it be a weeknight around 5-6 PM and an "add-on" to schedule versus replacing a practice.

We had a number of kids interested in playing goalie and we identified them in evaluations. Getting them on separate teams to allow them to play more often than not, has allowed us to push up a number of goalies to the 10U level and have a few returning to 8U this season.

We need to work on scheduling with referees and what our overall philosophy wants to be. We were never sure if we would have referees or not, so coaches were prepared to go on ice if necessary. On one hand it is nice to have the coach on ice, so they can provide some coaching in situations where it is necessary, but we also want to develop younger referees and 8U is the first step for them. We could work with them more on calling infractions and removing the kids from the ice so coaches can discuss what the infraction was. While we want to let the kids play, obvious infractions should be called so we can provide a teaching moment.

ACE-

We had many volunteer coaches this season, and no issues with coaches needing to be removed from a roster for not taking necessary courses. Courses are a challenge as they became all virtual and limited number of spots. MEAHA and USA Hockey are working to have more in person for 22-23 and limit virtual spots to be in the region they are held first.

Suggestion would be to get on coaches early when the new USA hockey season starts (April 1) to get registered with USA hockey and start the process of doing all the necessary items to coach. Coaching hockey has many more requirements than other sports, but we also need many coaches and don't want to number of items coaches need to do, to stop them from participating. The more coaches we have that start at Academy and 8U get used to the process and the more we can send up to upper levels. Working closely with the registrar is key so we can ensure all our coaches meet the requirements before hitting ice and roster deadlines of Oct 31 (16u/18u) and Dec 31 (all others). Once in the system with the new USA hockey policies coaches should know they need to register year to year.

Jamie Palmer (12U Tier IV Division Director)

The U12 season completed with the Ducks and Predators playing in the Midcoast Classic tournament in Rockland. A fun time was had by all.

This season certainly had its highs and lows. I think overall people were just happy to be back, and able to attend their children's games.

Noticing's/wonderings/concerns: Some of these are from my noticing's, and others are from conversations I've had with families.

* Coaching- While parents are very appreciative of the fact that our coaches are volunteers and offer their time to coaching our children, I think it's clear that we need to do better when it comes to the coaching we provide. This is multifaceted. We need to be better about training our coaches beyond just USA hockey training. I am more than willing to run coaching training sessions over the summer/early fall where we go into how to coach children at different developmental levels, how to manage locker room behavior, interacting with parents, providing feedback to skaters and families, etc. The second aspect of this is that CB should be providing skill-based sessions from Kurtz/Rousseau to our highest need populations if we are truly here to develop hockey. U8, U10, U12 skaters at the house level should be receiving rigorous skill-based instruction to strengthen their skating ability. House coaches (for the most part) can't provide this themselves. These skill-based practices from outside providers should be prioritized to the population that needs this the most.

* Scheduling- Scheduling was a bit all over the place this season. We'd like to see things thought through a little more in the future so that we are playing outside teams more and more, also playing other CB teams more evenly. There were times this season where certain teams played each other many times, while only playing another CB team once over the season.

* Playoffs- Matt has worked on a solid plan to move forward into next season as this season was a little wonky.

* Goalies- Not sure what to do here. With kids being grabbed from other leagues and other reasons it leaves U12 with bare bones. Kids were wonderful about taking turns, but it is hard to be competitive without proper goalies. Would also be nice to bring in more goalie coaching in the future.

*Next U12 season- I'd like to propose that I keep my group from this season (obviously not those that move up to U14, or those that make a travel team) together next season and add in from the draft to create a balanced team. I think there is validity in keeping kids together and would like to see what would happen if we keep the bulk of the team together for two seasons.

* Practice Jerseys- I'd love for house kids to receive practice jerseys. I was lucky enough to have a friend donate two different color practice jerseys for my team this season but didn't have enough to provide to all U12 teams.

Tom Clifford (18U Tier IV Division Director)

House Midgets

The Fall House Midget Season is a 10/week season that went very smooth, we had 4 teams that were very equal when the full rosters showed up. Each team had 15 skaters and 1 goalie, and we had 2 goalies that rotated through each team as well. The players all worked hard and we had no BS, as they are there to get in shape for the high school season.

Officiating

This year with officiating was challenging to say the least, our numbers were down for experienced officials across the state and especially in southern Maine and in Casco Bay. While it did not result in many games being cancelled, it did mean games having to be moved or putting less experienced officials on the ice to cover those games. I do not see this issue getting better anytime soon. We had a lot of new officials go thru the USA hockey referee seminars, and then not complete their online requirements to work games, so it did not help our numbers, as well as we lost some veteran officials that did not comeback this past season.

Again, one solution is to look at playing some games on Friday nights as well as some weeknight games, also once the High School season starts in November, playing games Saturday afternoons makes it hard to find qualified officials to work those games.

Hopefully, we can get our training ice back in October from Casco Bay and then our game training ice in November to help put our officials in a more comfortable place to do games next season.

John Veilleux (Casco Bay Arena Director)

Season 7 at CBA got off to a rocky start with lingering chiller issues requiring repairs, which pushed back our opening. Thanks to CBHA for the logistical and financial report to get the chiller repaired and back online. Overall, we had an outstanding season (once we started) with CBHA maximizing its use of CBA. It was great to see a much more normalized season with a regular slate of practices and games, and the return of a full season of our HS Boys JV League on Friday and Saturday nights. We are planning to continue with the JV League going forward, but with some modifications to the size of the league and problem-solving the logistical nightmares that result from cancellations, etc. The JV League is still beloved by the area ADs and the players as evidenced by the full houses for the playoff and

championship games. It's great for CBHA because it also utilizes ice times that CBHA traditionally couldn't/didn't use, and it creates a source of revenue independent of CBHA. We extended our hockey season through 3/25/22, which is 2 full weeks later than the norm. This extended season is easily accommodated if this is the plan going forward. We are planning to offer off-season uses at CBA once we install our sports floor for our 5th off-season (to be completed later this week). COVID really impacted our expected growth of off-season uses, and teams are still more likely to prefer "outside" options. The irony is not lost on me since we fought the "outdoor" rink reputation for our 1st several hockey seasons. We will continue to evaluate our off-season uses since, admittedly, we simply haven't gained the traction we were hoping for off-season uses. We have a narrow window in the "shoulder season" where lax and some soccer and other programs need an indoor option. Once the fields are open, most programming takes place outside.

Special thanks to Josh Brainerd and his crew at FIC. FIC and CBA continue to thrive from our collaboration. CBA contracts with FIC to manage our facility, and to keep it running smoothly and well maintained. Josh puts in long, thankless hours providing CBA outstanding ice and ice management. He had a brutal year with Mother Nature and staffing, but he just kept plugging the holes by often working double and triple duty himself to make sure our rink's needs were taken care of.

From a financial standpoint, and notwithstanding the COVID business interruptions, we are doing very well. Sarah Kramlich (former longtime CBHA treasurer) stepped into the CBA treasurer role 3 seasons ago and stabilized our operating budgets and financial plan. Key Bank was also very helpful delaying our debt service obligations during the darkest months of COVID when the rink was closed for large stretches. We also revamped our CBA board 2 seasons ago, with 4 CBHA board members sitting on our board as well. We will have our spring board meeting within the next month, so if "new" members from CBHA are elected please advise. Currently, the CBHA President (Matt) and Treasurer (Mike G) are automatic board members, with 2 at-large members selected/elected by the CBHA board (currently Scott Matusovich and Eric Turgeon). Rounding out the CBA board are John Veilleux (Pres.); Sarah Kramlich (Treas.); Tom Marjerison (VP); and Kevin Kaserman (Secretary – VP Ops.).

Off-season maintenance plans/needs include the following (in no particular order):

- 1) Replacement Zamboni (our 1980s Zamboni purchased from CCCC before season 1 is at its lifespan)
- 2) 1 more rink fan on the far end (Big Ass Fan)
- 3) Overhead heating above the player benches/scorer's area
- 4) Scoreboard repairs/options. CBHA is managing a CBA capital account and will be fundraising to address CBA needs

Thanks everyone for support of Casco Bay Hockey's rink, the only local rink "owned" by a non-profit youth hockey program. The arena continues to be an extremely valuable asset for Casco Bay Hockey and its players.

Scott Matusovich (Girls Hockey Director/ VP)

The Casco Bay girl's program had a fantastic season this year. In total we had 8 tier 2 travel teams from U10 to the U19 additionally we had 2-U14 tier 4 teams.

The addition of the U10 minor team this year was a great success that team played a fair number of games locally against coed tier 4 teams as well as half of the season in the New England girls hockey league.

Our U10 major team won the Girls State tournament and finished 2nd in the MEAHA tier 3 coed tournament.

The U12 major team finished the 2nd in the New England district regionals and was ranked number one in the country for U12 Tier II girl's teams by MYHockey for the entire season. Very proud of the accomplishment of this group

Our U14 major team won the New England District regionals and competed in the national tournament this past weekend playing 3 very close games against the top teams in the country

Our U16 tier II team finished the 2nd in the New England district regionals losing in a shootout in the finals. They also had the opportunity to compete at nationals where they went 1 and 2 against some very good competition ultimately losing to the team that would win the national title.

U12 and U14 minor both competed in the NEGHL as well as locally against other U12 and U14 coed and all girl's teams. Both had very successful seasons with lots of development and a number of players moving up to the major teams at this year's tryouts.

The U14 T4 teams had a tremendous season. I really want to thank Ray Cloutier for his role in running that portion of the program and giving those families a fantastic season. Scheduling these teams is not easy based on the sheer lack of similar local teams to play but Ray did a great job filling the schedules and bringing up teams from MA and NH.

For next season the plan is again to have 2 teams at the U10 T2 level, we will have one team at the U12 tier 2 level, 2- U14 teams at the 16 and 19 levels. I suspect we will have 3x T4 teams. We had a record number of girls trying out for our teams this year which speaks to the commitment to the development of Female hockey players that we have created here at Casco Bay.

For next season the plan is for Greg Leclair to take over as the Girls hockey Director and I will assist him in this transition.

I would like to advocate for finding a T4 Girls program director as Ray is moving on for next season. I might also be reasonable to consider having someone fill a coordinator role for the U16 and U19 teams for next season as those teams operate much differently than the younger teams.

Thanks to Tom for all he did this year to get our teams quality refs for all our games and thanks to Adam for his role in scheduling. Certainly, there were lots of last-minute changes all season and with his help we always able to find a way to make it all work.

Eric Turgeon (Vice President)

Boys U16/U18 Travel Report:

2022 was a great year for the Mariners U16 (Tier 3 and Tier 2) and U18 (Tier 2) teams.

All 3 teams finished with 0.500 or better records and finished 4th, 3rd, and 2nd in their respective MEAHA divisions. All of which were improvements over the previous season.

All 3 teams competed will in the MEAHA state tournament with the U16 Tier 2 team finishing runner-up. The U16 Tier 2 team, by way of their runner-up finish, was on a list for a possible at-large bid to the USA Hockey National tournament, however all primary invitations were accepted, and an at-large invitation was not received by Casco.

Feedback on all 3 paid coaches was almost entirely positive, and all three coaches are returning for the 2023 season. The 3 coaches will be rotating to coach different Mariners U16/U18 teams in 2023.

Almost every age-eligible player from 2022 returned to tryouts last month for 2023 teams, showing general satisfaction with the program and experience.

The preseason tournament in NH that all 3 teams competed in last August was a hit and all coaches and players I've spoken to would like to participate again in 2023.

Some game jerseys were damaged by players affixing C/A patches and some by injury (had to be cut off). The jerseys have been reused for the past 5 or 6 seasons. If the same jerseys cannot be reordered in small quantities, it may be time to order new set(s). Will explore options in the off season.

Will be reaching out to Mark (goaltending director) to discuss ways to get some regular professional goalie coaching for the U16/U18 travel teams during the fall season.

Joe Guerriero (Academy Director)

We had another successful season at Casco Bay Academy. Our head coaches did a wonderful job and we received a lot of positive feedback from parents and skaters. Please see summary below.

Bruins Academy

- 4 1-hour sessions with 60 Skaters
- 21 skaters joined our BTI and LTP Program
- Andrew Albers was on the ice for one session and signed pictures for all involved
- Head Coach was Joe Guerriero
 - Thank you to the volunteer coaches we had on hand for the Bruins Academy Program

Casco Bay Hockey Academy

- Break the Ice – 52 skaters in session 1 and 60 skaters in session 2
 - Head Coach – Rob King
 - 23 registered assistant coaches

- Learn to Play 1 – 53
 - Head Coach – Adam Rousseau
 - 15 registered assistant coaches
- Learn to Play 2 – 54
 - Head Coaches Toby Bell (Sunday) and Mell Muschinski (Tuesday)
 - 12 registered assistant coaches

The head coaches for all three programs did an awesome job! We also had a good number of assistant coaches for each program as well. The skaters were very engaged in all three programs and had a lot of fun. The quick- change goalie gear was a huge hit, and all the kids had a chance to try out goalie. There were a bunch that signed up multiple times which should bode well for goalie development at 8U.

It was incredible watching these skaters develop through the course of the season. I look forward to another great year in 2022-23.

Rebecca Spear (Social Media/ Marketing)

- **Annual Calendar Raffle**
 - Thank you all for your support with this - we net approx. \$16,310.
 - This remains a successful fundraiser for CBHA and will be in the plan for next season with a November launch/sales.
 - I'd love more assistance securing prizes this year.
- **Golf Tournament**
 - Raised approx. \$5,500 in its inaugural year - thank you to Dan Welch for leading the charge on this.
 - If this is something we'd like to bring back, I'd like to identify an event chair and establish a tournament committee. With a possible shift in timing and day of the week and early planning, this could continue to be a fun and more profitable event.
- **Picture Day**
 - We used McKenney Photography for the first time this year and the feedback seemed to be positive.
 - We loved the process of no forms and order being placed online and mailed to families directly.
 - Joe was wonderful to work with and gave us the use of team photos for social media posts and player photos for POW which was nice.
 - They give our organization 10% back from sales which this year equated to over \$800.

- Unless there is additional feedback/concern, we will move forward with using McKenney for 2022-2023 photos.

- **Social Media**
 - Our CBHA accounts were kept more active this year with the goal to inform, engage and celebrate our CBHA Community.
 - Ideas/suggestions are always welcome.
 - I encourage division directors to continue to keep me updated on the successes of your teams/programs. Great photos are always welcome :-)
 - Our POW program was a big hit, but also a lot of work - I'd love to see this continued, and players celebrated across all levels, but coach buy-in/participation is important.

- **Capital Campaign**
 - Looking ahead, partnering with CBA on a capital campaign for the arena should be at the top of our list.
 - Planning should take place during the off-season
 - A capital campaign committee should be established.
 - Fundraising goal should be established as well as a clear outline of what is needed to keep CBA fully operational and meeting the needs of the CBHA community. (i.e. Zamboni, BA Fan... heaters to be considered based on funds raised etc.)
 - Committee to formulate (Levels outlined, marketing materials created, thank you to donors established (like a plaque) and execute the plan - (i.e. letters to alumni, social media campaign, fundraisers specific to CBA)...

Thank you all for your continued support of CBHA. I'd love to engage more parents in our fundraising initiatives. If you or anyone you know would like to help out, please reach out! Many hands make light work.

Mary Louie (Team Administrator)

The 2021/2022 season started on August 1st when 12 out of 19 travel teams hit the ice. This included all four of the Spartans teams, as well as most of the coed and girl's teams. The travel TA meeting was held on August 3rd and was a great mix of seasoned and new TAs. Once the U10/U12's took to the ice in the fall, those TAs were given a one on one explanation of the binder and what to expect.

Also, in August the U16/U18 Tier 4 started their season. These TA duties were handled again this year by Tom Clifford. The full house TA meeting was held on November 10th in the Pond House. We included all levels at this meeting including U8 for the first time since 2018. There were 22 house TAs this season with a wide range of experience.

Next year we will have full written directions and explanations for the TA role at all levels and all leagues (MEAHA/BHL/NEGHL). As well as streamlining the process to grant admin. access in Sports Engine which was an ongoing issue this season.

CBHA worked with McKenney Photography this season for both team and individual photos. We received many compliments on the finished products and his flexibility with scheduling. Heading into next season we hope to do all the pictures in the Pond House. This space was larger and had an easier flow than doing travel at NYA.

Next season the TAs will continue to help with and spread the word about CBHA fundraising. I will continue to work closely with Rebecca to make sure all fundraising and other important CBHA activities are going out in a timely manner to the TAs.

Megan Vaughan (10U Tier IV Division Director)

We had 75 10U House players this season, eight of those 75 requested to play goalie and we had five teams with two or three coaches per team. We had one house team make it to the state tournament and the other four teams competed in a tournament, or two, in March.

Coaches and parents expressed frustration with not having a schedule for more than a couple of weeks ahead of time most of the season and having to play against the same house team several times. We also had one team that was stronger than the other four. Lastly, one team had to practice with a Bantam team for the majority of the season, making it difficult to have a proper skill-based practice with stations.

Next season, I will be looking to improve our evaluations and have more coaches involved in the evaluation process, connect with returning/new coaches sooner and have a coaches meeting before the season and focus on coaching techniques and phrases that we can all use to help our players improve. I also plan on making some changes to our practice plans to help players in developing hockey skills properly with players with similar skill levels.