



Dear Members of the Muskoka Hornets Family,

As I am sure you are all aware, wildfires continue to ravage several communities in Nova Scotia. There will be a lasting impact, long after the fires are extinguished, in these communities.

While sport is on no one's mind in those communities, a return to sport will be a vital part in the recovery process, especially for youth. Hammonds Plains (A's) Minor Baseball is a vibrant, cornerstone organization in Nova Scotia baseball. The A's are estimating that they have approximately 500 families that have been displaced by the fires (with as many as 40 families who have lost everything), and many not knowing what they are returning to, when permitted to do so.

The A's are putting in tireless efforts to help their members throughout this time – all the while knowing that the association will face a significant financial crisis when they are able to survey the damage done to their facilities and equipment.

Our Board of Directors here in Muskoka has two individuals who are from Nova Scotia – Janelle (Baker) Bowers and Joe Hickes. The baseball community is small in our country.

How fortunate we are to live and play in one of the most beautiful places our country has to offer, all the while other baseball playing families are faced with the unimaginable task of having to start over.

The board of the Muskoka Hornets is launching a fundraiser – with 100% of the proceeds going towards the Hammonds Plains Minor Baseball Association. The proceeds will go to help both the families who are displaced and to help the A's replace what they have lost during this time.

Please, please, please send a e-transfer to the Muskoka Hornets treasurer Jenny Novak at [jennynovak2977@gmail.com](mailto:jennynovak2977@gmail.com), if prompted for a password please put "baseball".

Joe Hickes will be attending house league this coming Wednesday evening to collect donations (cash, debit, or credit).

Absolutely no donation is too small,

Peter Haynes  
Muskoka Hornets President

Joe Hickes  
Muskoka Hornets Vice President