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I think, for the most part, the season went pretty well. From an ice standpoint, I think Jacqui and I worked pretty well together. There were a few bumps here and there but nothing that wasn't handled well with some communication. From a Ref Assignor view, again nothing too crazy. It would be nice... and is needed... to get some more senior Refs. By saying Senior I mean over the age of 20. With only having 4 Senior local Officials available, they burn out quickly, plus have personal responsibilities as well that don't allow them to be available to SMHA all the time. The Official Of The Month incentive that we started this year was a hit with the Officials

In regards to the Officials I would just like to ask if SMHA has any further criteria or requirements that they would like/need implemented for the future, most specifically during Playoffs? I know that this year I followed the CAHL and RMFHL guidelines, as well as Hockey Alberta, and for the most part did not have an issue. I really only had one team dissatisfied with Ref Assignments, that I know of.

Also in regards to the Officials, I had sent out an email to Trevor and Jason B regarding an Officials wind up party as this is what was done in the past. SMHA is very generous in giving our Officials Stettler Bucks to show their appreciation. In most cases, this equates to a lot of extra money for them to spend at local businesses. I think this is a great incentive for Officials and I don't think it should be scrapped, but I do think that it needs to be revamped. Maybe base it on a minimum amount of games having to be reffed before the bonus starts? I always have my Officials backs, but when it comes to the bottom line it is an additional cost for SMHA when they are currently showing their support with the Stettler Bucks. I have cancelled the wind up party for this season and will proceed with future wind-up parties upon the Board's decision.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for a great initial year for me. At this time I would like to let you know of my interest in continuing with SMHA as the Ice Allocator and Ref Assignor. If you need anything further from me for consideration for this position please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you have any question regarding anything during the meeting I will be available by phone!

Thank you,  
Sandra Schell