



SMHA PRESIDENT'S 2014/2015 REPORT

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Welcome everyone to the 2015 Stettler Minor Hockey Association AGM. Thank you all for coming tonight. Your support, questions, concerns, and new ideas are welcomed and much appreciated. I would like to thank the Executive Board Members for another great season. Also, a huge thank you to all of the Directors who put in countless hours, from tryouts to seasons end, you have communicated any and all concerns in a professional manner to the board and we appreciate all the work you have done. A special thanks to Jerilyne Raab as our Websitre Coordinator, Greg Risler as our equipment manager, and Rena Hogg as our Fundraising Chairperson, the work that you all do behind the scenes does not go unnoticed and we thank you for your dedication to SMHA. I would like to thank all of our Association Coaches and Managers for making this season a success, your dedication, hard work, and preparation to help our young athletes grow as hockey players and as people is appreciated.

As I was trying to come up with a way to describe this past season, most of the words that come to mind seemed to be negative. Words like, cold, stressful, hard work, long and frustrating come to mind. Yet our sport continues to grow and we all seem to come back for more. So what is it that keeps us coming back? Words like joyful and fun should come to mind. To me as President, and as a coach in this association, the word to describe the season and the word that keeps me coming back is "Rewarding". It's the smiles we see every day from the kids, the hugs and the high fives, the growth in each players ability and watching them grow as a people. All of these kids are amazing in their own special ways. That is why I keep coming back, and I would hope that we can all find more positive ways to describe our individual experiences within SMHA.

In closing, I once again want to thank all of our volunteers, board members, parents, coaches, managers, and everyone who has made this past season a very successful one. I would also like to thank all of our sponsors throughout the year, their generosity is second to none and we could not provide the type of environment that we do without them. We have a great facility, a great community, and a great program that teaches life skills as well as the sport of hockey. Let's make an honest effort in the future to focus on the positive things that happen inside this building. Nothing bothers me more than gossip and lobby talk that put a negative tone on what actually goes on, on the ice. Make an effort to stop the negative talk. If someone complains to you about anything, ask them what they are going to do about it, instead of letting them do nothing but spread negative thoughts. We have a great program that everyone should be proud to talk about, and proud to be a part of.

Thank you.

Jason Hegberg

SMHA President

