



SACKVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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To the Membership of SMHA,

I am humbled and truly grateful to have earned your support. I will work with the Board to ensure that our Flyer's Hockey Community is moving forward in a positive manner, both on and off the ice. I commit to you that change will be happening over the next few months. We cannot change everything now, as some things are already in motion, but we will change what we can, if it does not negatively impact teams or our members.

Last night I had the opportunity to meet the outstanding volunteers that make up the Executive and Board. These volunteers are dedicated members of our community who just want to make your child's minor hockey experience a memorable one. Hockey is more than wins and losses. Our players will learn so many life lessons along the way. They will gain personal confidence, and I sincerely hope that their passion for the game is fostered so that, not only will they play until they can no longer physically play, but that they also give back to a sport they love when the time is right.

Over the coming weeks you will see calls for volunteers to fill vacant roles. I encourage you to ask yourself "how can I help?" It takes a lot of dedicated volunteers to put this all together. The skillsets we will be looking for in order to bring about the required changes are in our community. Come join our dedicated team, bring a new voice and be part of this process.

I would like to address a decision made at last night's Board meeting. A motion to remove Dan MacDonald as President was tabled and passed. This was not an easy decision for the Board. Personal relationships made this very difficult, but the Board concluded that the time for change is now. The Board would like to thank Dan for all that he has done for SMHA over the years. He has been a highly respected member of this hockey community and has given much of himself.

Lastly, I am planning to hold a Q & A this coming Saturday. The plan will be to hold three separate 30 to 35 minute sessions from 5-7 pm. There is still some planning that needs to take place but look for a post on the website in the coming days. The intent of this will be to provide the membership an opportunity to ask or raise Association/Organizational level issues to members of the Executive and myself, team issues will not be addressed.

Rod Sturge
SMHA Vice President (Interim President)



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