



Unionville Minor Hockey Association

Annual Report

**Annual General Meeting
April 26, 2011**

President's Address – Lisa McConnell

It is tradition for the annual message from the President to be an executive summary of the year, rather than an operational report. It is also tradition to make the first priority an acknowledgement of:

1. The great program offered by the Unionville Minor Hockey Association. Details of all aspects of the program are provided in the various reports presented;
2. All of our very special volunteers. Without all of the volunteers we have in the UMHA, we could not offer the great program we have to the youth in our community;
3. Our great referees, both our youth and our adult referees, who work with us to ensure that our hockey games run smoothly;
4. The importance of the players, our children. They are the reason we are all volunteering in the UMHA. If we can provide them with the opportunity not only to participate in the sport of hockey itself, but also ensure that they stay safe, develop their skills, have fun, respect the game and their community, and make friends along the way, then we have succeeded.

Highlights for the 2010 - 2011 season include:

- One of the biggest highlights of the season was the dramatic increase in our registration numbers once again. We went from 725 players in the 2009-10 season to 817 players this past season. In order to accommodate this increase in registration, we moved to twelve teams at the Mini Mite/Mite/Hockey School from ten and six teams at Tyke from five the previous season. We also saw growth in other divisions as well.
- Another big highlight was the introduction of a Mini Mite division. This program saw 4 year olds and beginner 5 year olds placed together on teams rather than being mixed in with more experienced players in the Mite division. This allowed the UMHA to gear their program specifically to their age and ability.
- This is now the fifth year that we have held a raffle in conjunction with the end of season Banquet. Now called "Rosy's Raffle", it has been the vehicle to raise funds for several good causes. In the past four years, we have raised approximately \$16,000 for the "Let's Learn Hockey" program of the Minor Hockey Foundation of Ontario, including over \$4,400 raised this year alone. The raffle was originally established by Rosy Holosko, a current Board member, and this year it was organized in conjunction with our end of season Banquet by Rosy and Deb Marshall. Thanks to the funds raised in this raffle, we can all be proud that our Association is helping children to play hockey who would otherwise not be able to play the game our children love.
- Player development continues to be a primary goal of this Association. We provide professional skills training at all divisions from Mini Mite to Bantam as part of the registration fees paid by our members. This past year, these sessions translated into 226 hours of instruction time (932 hours of actual instructor time) at a cost of just under \$25,000. We also worked with the Markham Minor Hockey Association to add practices at the Midget Division.
- On the administrative side, based on the support communicated by members at the 2010 AGM, we hired a part time Office Administrator, Deb Larsen, to help the volunteers and board with the myriad of tasks and time required to run a not-for-profit minor hockey association for over 800 players. We also moved into a larger and more functional office space in Crosby Arena.
- In conjunction with the growth in our Association, and the need to communicate efficiently and effectively, we made improvement in communication a goal through the establishment of more office hours, email blasts to all members, game results available on line and a brand new website. The new website looks fabulous. Please take a look!
- To offer our valued Sponsors even more support and exposure to our large membership while maintaining the same sponsorship cost, our new website has direct links to the websites of our Sponsors.

Plans for Next Year

- To continue to improve our House League program for the ongoing development and enjoyment of our players;
- To continue to improve our Coach Mentorship program with a view to assisting and continuing to develop our volunteer coaches;
- To continue to recruit more volunteers to make sure that our program is the best that it can be!

Presentation to the Volunteer of the Year - Lisa McConnell

As I mentioned at the outset, the UMHA could not operate without its volunteers. To recognize the outstanding contributions of our volunteers, each year we present an award to an individual who volunteers his or her time and energy for the betterment of the UMHA. This year, we are proud to present this award to a very deserving individual, Bill Palmer.

I first remember working with Bill Palmer when our children were in the Atom Division. I found Bill to be a wonderful coach and teacher to the players, and a fair and supportive individual. I asked his opinion often when finding my way as a first time convener. I consider Bill a friend and colleague and consider him a tremendous asset to the UMHA. I still hope that one season he will end up as my son's coach!

Karie McDougall has this to say about Bill:

Since the beginning of my involvement with the UMHA, Bill Palmer's name would sometimes come up in casual conversation. Being new to the organization, and not knowing a lot of coaches, I would ask who Bill Palmer was. From the myriad of adjectives that were associated with Bill's name, I knew that I needed to meet this man. It wasn't until this year that I had the privilege of working with him, him as a coach and me as a convener. Not only is Bill a very kind and gentle person, he is well respected by his players, his assistant coaches, the parents and all of those who work with him. Bill, this season you reminded me that the playing the game of hockey isn't so much about winning or losing, it is how we play the game. Thanks for a great season and congratulations on this well deserved award!"

Marzia Del Bianco said that Bill is the kind of coach we would like to duplicate as he is honest, warm and friendly. We are very proud to have Bill Palmer as a friend of the UMHA and a volunteer to our membership. Thank you, Bill.

Presentation to a long time Volunteer - Lisa McConnell

We would also like to recognize and thank a long time UMHA volunteer, Tim Mayer. Tim is the spouse of Joanne Mayer, also a long time former UMHA volunteer and board member. Tim provided our website support for as many years as I can remember before his sons chose to pursue swimming instead of hockey. Tim was always willing to add notices to the website at the last minute and helped us with email blasts to the membership as well.

Marzia Del Bianco remembers Tim as being kind, patient, supportive, cool, calm and collected. Tim was always willing to help which is so important to the UMHA.

No doubt Tim got involved because of Joanne so we thank her for lending Tim to us. Thank you, Tim, for your contribution to the UMHA.

Referee of the Year Award – Ken Nakamura

Award Recipient (Youth) – Matthew Chan

Our under twenty Referee of the Year recipient is Matthew Chan who is 16 years old. He is a Grade 11 student at Bill Crothers Secondary School. Matt plans to attend either college or university to study kinesiology or history. He would like to pursue a career in the field of sports.

His hobbies include hockey, curling, baseball, and playing videogames.

I asked Matt to share his thoughts and advice on being a referee and the following is what he said.

"What I like about being a referee is seeing the game from a different perspective as well as working with a great group of people. It is an excellent learning opportunity on so many levels."

“My advice for those who seek to be a referee is making sure they focused, committed and know the game. Like any job it is important to show up for work as scheduled and on time. Also, if there was any doubt one should not be afraid to ask questions. If there was a question I wasn't comfortable answering on the spot, I consulted with my co-referee. “

Matt's future goals and interests include exploring new opportunities in hockey and baseball officiating.

In the summer, he plays rep baseball and umpires for the Markham District Baseball Association.

Award Recipient (Senior) – Randy Maeda

Our over twenty Referee of the Year recipient is Randy Maeda. Randy works for IBM as an IT Specialist in the Hardware Planning department.

He has always had a passion for sports. He played organized baseball and hockey growing up and still plays hockey today. Randy took up karate 15 years ago and today holds a 3rd degree black belt. He took up refereeing 3 years ago because of his passion for the game.

He has been a coach, trainer and manager of Markham teams and when his son stopped playing hockey he thought he would have more time for a new challenge and so he decided to become a referee.

I asked Randy to share his thoughts on being a referee and this is what he said.

“I enjoy refereeing because it keeps me active both physically and mentally. There is so much to focus on while the game is in progress. A referee must be strong willed, be able to skate well in order to keep up with the fast pace of the game, and have a good knowledge of the rule book in order to succeed.”

“You take the good with the bad in refereeing. We as refs are only human and mistakes are made. If you cannot take the criticisms of the coaches, players and spectators then you might not want to become a referee.”

Treasurer's Report – Luanne London

The fiscal year end of the UMHA is April 30. The attached Income Statement, dated April 17, 2011 provides interim financial information only.

Once again this year, I am happy to report that the UMHA financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2010 were completed by our accounting firm Kestenberg · Rabinowicz · Partners LLP. All required not-for-profit tax returns were filed with Revenue Canada for the same time period.

As at April 17, 2011 the UMHA is holding approximately \$119,000 in cash and GICs. Total receivables at this date amount to \$6,000 with more expected, mainly from the select teams.

We are currently sitting with a deficit of revenue over expense in the amount of \$16,000, which was mainly due to increased ice costs of \$77,000 as well as the effect of HST. But as stated above, because these numbers are not final, we fully expect the deficit of \$16,000 to dramatically change largely due to the collection of select team assessments and sponsor payments.

House League Report – Karie McDougall

This year, the UMHA ran seven divisions (Mini mite – 2 teams, Mite – 10 teams, Tyke – 6 teams, Novice – 4 teams, Atom – 8 teams, Peewee – 8 teams, Bantam–8 teams), for a total of 46 teams. We again worked with Markham Minor Hockey Association to run two more divisions (Midget – 10 teams and Juvenile – 7 teams) for a total of 17 teams of combined UMHA and MMHA players. Therefore, the UMHA organization was involved in organizing and supporting 63 house league hockey teams ranging in age from 4 – 21.

We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and professional group of volunteers to take on the daunting task of organizing their divisions. The following conveners worked very hard this year to make sure their divisions ran smoothly. Their efforts are greatly appreciated!

Division	Convener
Mini Mite	Krista Roddis
Hockey School – Mite	Michael Chung, Pierre Bertsoulakis
Tyke	Michael Geropolous
Novice	Scott Trueman
Atom	Jennifer Bentley, Annie Wu
Peewee	Mary Jo Glionna, Edna Dellosa
Bantam	Karie McDougall, Sophie Paquet, Corra Pelligra, Arul Nada
Midget	Carin Hill
Juvenile	Elyse Floyd

Due to high number of registrants who were 4 or 5 years old and new to minor hockey, a Mini Mite division was created. There were 30 players in total. Players received instruction from our Technical Skills Instructor, Don Roe on either Tuesdays or Thursdays and Chris Unitas provided instruction to our Mini-Mites on Sundays at noon at Crosby. High school volunteers also assisted with this program.

This year in our Tyke program we introduced a coach-led scrimmage. This scrimmage took place every Sunday morning at 7:00 am and our goal was to have it as a “teaching” game where coaches were on the ice, assisting players in understanding offside and icing, teaching them about face-offs, and to stop play when they felt there was a “teachable” moment. There were no referees present at these games. All head coaches were asked to submit feedback regarding this set up and the majority of the feedback was positive. The board will be reviewing the set up of this division for next year.

The Midget and Juvenile Divisions were run by a sub-committee that consisted of Darren Mori, Deb Larsen, Carin Hill and Elyse Floyd from the MMHA and Marzia DelBianco and Karie McDougall from the UMHA. We share costs and volunteer support in these divisions, which operate a little differently than the rest of the House League. A major objective of this past season was to ensure that there was a minimum of 2 (preferably 3) bench staff per team, and to focus on coach and trainer certifications. This year, all teams had at least two bench staff with some even having four! Last July, we mailed a communiqué to the parents of Midget and Juvenile players, indicating that we would need their support to reduce incidents during games and to provide a playing environment that would be enjoyed by players, coaches, parents and referees. We believe that we were successful but more still needs to be done in these age groups. A special thanks goes out to Carin Hill and Elyse Floyd who worked very hard convening these divisions.

I would like to thank all the coaches who were involved in this year’s program. The coaches are the most important part of our program as they are the face of the league. We are very lucky to have exceptional volunteers!

Standings/Schedules

This year, we decided to post the Bantam practice and game schedule on the OMHA website as a trial to see if this set up was something that would benefit our organization. There was a lot of positive feedback about having the standings and the schedules easily accessible via the website. This program automatically calculates total points, GF, GA and updates standings. The schedule can also be constantly updated so if there is a change in our ice time or there is a mistake in the schedule, changes can be made instantaneously. Therefore, our conveners do not have to worry about having to make sure all scores and standings are up to date or sending out emails with changes to the schedules. We will be rolling this out for all our divisions in September.

Skills Development

In addition to regular weekly practices and our skills development program at Mini Mite, Mite, Tyke and Novice, we were able to offer additional skills development across most divisions (Tyke to Bantam).

Cost Analysis of Skills Sessions across all Divisions

Division	Instructor	Total # of Instructional Hours	Cost	Average Cost per player (# of players/division)
Mini Mite/Mite	Don Roe	89	\$ 12,095.00	
Mini Mite	Chris Unitas	21	\$ 1,575.00	
TOTAL		110	\$ 13,670.00	\$ 78.11 (175)
Tyke	Don Roe	20	\$ 2,060.00	
	Chris Unitas	3	\$ 225.00	
TOTAL		23	\$ 2,285.00	\$ 25.10 (91)
Novice	Don Roe	22	\$ 1,020.00	
	Falcon Hockey	4	\$ 520.00	
TOTAL		26	\$ 1,540.00	\$ 22.64 (68)
Atom	Falcon Hockey	12	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 10.80 (123)
Peewee	Falcon Hockey	12	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 13.92 (112)
Bantam	ProSports HD	20	\$ 2,525.00	
	Roy Long – Goalie	4	\$ 200.00	
TOTAL		24	\$ 2,725.00	\$ 22.15 (123)
Referee	Falcon Hockey	1	\$ 100.00	

Additional Sessions at Clatworthy Arena

We were able to obtain a total of 12 hours of extra ice on Saturday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Clatworthy Arena. There was great turnout for all classes. Bantams do not readily participate in these sessions as they take place during their regular house league schedule. Therefore, most of the participants for the Peewee/Bantam division came from the Peewee division.

Division	Instructor	Total # of Instructional Hours	Cost	Average Cost per player (# of players)
Novice/Atom	ProSports HD	6	\$ 679	\$7.71 (88)
Novice/Atom	Roy Long - Goalie	3	\$ 150	\$8.33 (18)
Peewee/Bantam	ProSports HD	6	\$ 719	\$10.27 (70)
Peewee/Bantam	Roy Long - Goalie	3	\$ 150	\$12.50 (12)

Total instructional = 226 hours

Total cost - \$24,818 (including Clatworthy sessions and referee session)

Special Awards

This year, our two special trophies were presented at the Banquet. These trophies were established by Novice and Minor Bantam parents and coaches in 2003-2004 to celebrate the lives of two hockey parents, coaches and hockey enthusiasts who passed away in the fall of 2003: Jeff Ehrenworth and Nick Christou.

This year's recipient of the Jeff Ehrenworth Memorial Award was Dylan Panto. This award acknowledges Jeff Ehrenworth's zest for the game and the contribution he made as a volunteer coach and convener over a number of years. The UMHA recognized Dylan Panto as the recipient of the Jeff Ehrenworth Award as he was the UMHA Novice player who has made the most notable improvement during the 2010-2011 season.

This year's recipient of the Nick Christou Memorial Award was Quentin Chin. This award recognizes the UMHA Minor Bantam player who demonstrates the effort and desire to improve, a strong work ethic and a passion for the game.

Pre and Post Season Player Evaluations

During September evaluations, we made adjustments to the evaluation system by going from a scale of 1-5 to a scale of 1-10. This wider variance would allow us a better opportunity to move away from fractions and a wider scale with which to evaluate players. We used these ratings when balancing teams at the beginning of the year.

In order to continually improve our balancing system, all coaches, in all divisions (except for Mini Mites and Mites) evaluated players during playoffs. Coaches were responsible for evaluating their own players but could also evaluate other teams within their division. We adjusted the 1-10 rating scale to a 1-9 rating scale in order to reflect the A, B, C line system (A line players – 9-7; B line players – 6 to 4; C line players – 3 to 1). We will incorporate these ratings along with September ratings when balancing teams for next year.

Time Keepers

This year, the Peewee, Bantam and Atom divisions were able to secure volunteer timekeepers for all their division games. Deb Marshall, our volunteer coordinator assisted the conveners in the beginning of the year to secure volunteer help. Having these students run the clock was a big help as it allowed for the parents to enjoy the game while the students accumulated high school volunteer hours.

Plans for Next year

- Improve the team balancing system by including in the September balance, player evaluation scores taken at the end of the last season;
- Continue to evaluate players during the playoffs;
- Develop the skills program so skills are taught based on player skill level and not as a team;
- Utilize the OMHA website's Standings/Schedules link. Next year all of our schedules (practice and game) will be available for all of our teams on our website;
- Review and revise rules and regulations in the Midget and Juvenile divisions to continue to reduce the number of game incidents (particularly in the Juvenile division during playoffs);
- To continue to coordinate volunteer timekeepers;
- Continue to foster the ideals of House League Hockey: fair play and respect for teammates, opponents and officials.

Tony Roman Memorial Hockey Tournament

The 38th annual Tony Roman Memorial Hockey Tournament was held from January 8 – 16, 2011. Members from the three local house league associations work together with Town staff to organize the tournament which gives our players the chance to play in a "tournament", the challenge of meeting new teams and visiting different arenas.

We continued with the round-robin format in the preliminary rounds, with each team being guaranteed 3 games. We also entered our newly formed Mini Mite teams into a new Mini Mite division.

The Coaches' Night was well attended. Our emcee was Rod Black and, as usual, he was delightful. Our guest speaker was Michael "Pinball" Clemons. Although the weather did not cooperate (Pinball arrived very late), those of us who attended were treated to an inspiring speaker and charismatic personality. He spoke about the value and importance of sport and coaches in the lives of children. Town of Markham employees were there to help us with the festivities, and we should acknowledge their role and participation in ensuring that Coaches' Night and the entire Tournament were successful.

Tony Roman Survey – Fall 2010

Early in the 2010/2011 season, the Unionville Minor Hockey Association emailed a survey about the Tony Roman Tournament to its membership. The survey was sent to 1,155 email addresses representing 818 members registered with the UMHA. We received responses from 216 members, which is 26% of our membership.

Overall, the survey results indicate that our membership wants to continue to participate in the Tony Roman Tournament and that the majority of participants find the Tournament to be a positive experience. Competing and participating are most important for 96% of our members. Only 3% of members taking part in the survey indicated that winning was the most important part of the Tournament. The entire Survey and results can be reviewed on the UMHA website.

Plans for Next year

- Review TRMHT Rules and FAQ to ensure that changes in house league organizations are reflected;
- To continue to make this a fun event!

Hockey School Report – Michael Chung

The 2010/2011 season was a tremendous success for our four, five, and six year old players.

First, our registration numbers increased significantly from the previous year. And although the Mite Division continued to be a ten-team division, we formally introduced the Mini Mite Division this year with two inaugural teams, for a total of twelve teams combined. Each team was comprised of 15-16 players and the team size enabled us to ensure the players received ample ice time every week. The Mite Division continued to use the split-ice format at Angus Glen, allowing for up to nine players on the ice at a time within each half rink. The Mini Mite Division was played out of the Crosby arena and used a three-rink split-ice format to maximize player development and ice time for our youngest players.

Second, although we received the OMHA's Initiation Program certification during the 2009/2010 season; this year, we officially held a banner raising to commemorate this significant accomplishment during our Awards Banquet in April. We would like to extend a special thanks to Tom Bly of the OMHA who graciously attended the banquet to unveil our Initiation Program banner. The banner will soon be hung up at Angus Glen for all to see.

Third, we welcomed back the Mite Division Select Jets program that allows our competitive players to further develop their skills and compete against other leagues in the York Simcoe area. A big appreciation goes out to Sean Gonsalves and Darren Birta who gave their personal time and resources and made this year's program a resounding success.

Last, but certainly not least, we want to send a huge thanks and appreciation to our convenors, Pierre Bertsoulakis of the Mite Division and Krista Roddis, the first convenor of the Mini-Mite Division. It takes a lot of time and dedication to lead the largest division in this league and they did it with class, commitment and cheerfulness.

In addition, both divisions could not have been this successful without the hard work, passion, and patience from our head and assistant coaches. They are the reason why we have our Initiation Program certification and they provide invaluable opportunities for every hockey player to maximize their potential each time they get on the ice.

Plans for Next year

- Continue following Initiation Program guidelines in running our program to develop hockey players;
- Continue Mini Mite Division.

Special Events Report – Deb Marshall

The UMHA Annual Banquet was held Sunday April 3, 2011, in the Lamplight Room at Crosby Arena. Since the Lamplight Room had a party the previous evening, we called on many of our adult volunteers to be on hand to assist with the set-up of the room at 7 AM.

Seven separate banquets were held throughout the day, starting with the Mini Mite division and four Mite teams at 8 AM and finishing with the Bantam division at 5 PM.

All 7 division banquets ran smoothly thanks to our numerous student volunteers, mainly players from the Bantam division: Brandon Zielonko, Justin Zielonko, Matthew Zielonko, Curtis Zielonko, Marc-Olivier Lewis, Alex Gunn, Andrew McGoveran, Matteo Olan, Daniel Valeri, Brendan Chiu, Aryan Vahids, Jean-Luc Johnson, Nickolas Christidis, Moses Ayoub, Jefferson Marshall, Ethan Ward, Theodore Giannoukakis, Austin Jones, Aryan Sohailian, Luke Patterson and Blake Patterson.

Adult Volunteers at the Banquet included Corra Pelligra, Linda Long, John Holosko, Paul Heney, Mark Marshall, Taylor Marshall, David Patterson, Kathy Donachie, Jennifer and Laure Sneek, Andrea Blair, Jen Wade, Lisa Somers, Lina Priolo, Wendy Ku, Cailey McDonell, Olga Kaatamichailidis, Liz Pappas, Elizabeth Jasevski, Connie Pyrgos, Jenny Zhao, Leanne Masellis, Sherry Chen, Christine Morra, Gus Speciale, Jen and Nick Zielonko.

For the players attending the morning sessions, the Mini Mites, Mite, Tykes, and Novice meals consisted of Timbits donated by Tim Hortons and juice boxes, purchased with donated cards from Costco. The players attending the afternoon sessions ate pizza purchased from Crupi's Pizza for a reduced price of \$9.15 for a large pizza. Water was the drink for all afternoon divisions, purchased with gift certificates that were donated by John's No Frills Grocery Store.

Once again, we ran "Rosy's Raffle" at each of the 7 banquets. This year, Rosy Holosko herself was welcomed back to the Special Events Committee and worked tirelessly to ensure that the Awards Banquet and Raffle were successful. Raffle gifts were donated by the UMHA, the OMHA, UMHA families, team sponsors, Jets teams, and many businesses throughout Markham and the UMHA community. Those who contributed to the raffle prior to the printing of the newsletter were acknowledged in the UMHA Newsletter that was distributed to the UMHA families at the banquets. Fifty one prizes were raffled off throughout the day, with the eight Grand Prizes on display all day. These were raffled off at the last banquet of the day bringing this year's fundraising to a total of more than \$4,400!

The total value of all raffle donations was approximately \$ 8,000.00. The UMHA spent approximately \$650 toward raffle prizes, including a Canon Digital Camera, an iPod Nano, a Digital Picture Frame, a PSP game console and game and a bike. The total cost to the UMHA for the Banquet and raffle prizes purchased by the UMHA was approximately \$1700.00.

Plans for Next Year

- To continue to run Rosy's Raffle and raise funds for worthy causes;
- To once again coordinate a Banquet Sub-Committee to help make the Banquet even more successful;
- To consider holding the Banquet at a larger venue due to increasing registration numbers.

Volunteer Certification Report – Lisa McConnell

This past season, the UMHA once again tried to have as many of our volunteers certified as possible. With the introduction of Respect in Sport and Trainer's Certification courses online, it was easier for our volunteers to obtain these certifications. As our registration numbers grow, so does the need for certified volunteers. We have already set up CHIP and Coach Stream courses for the fall in keeping with our ongoing efforts to reach 100% volunteer certification.

Plans for Next Year

- To continue to attempt to certify 100% of our coaches and conveners to the OMHA standards for House League;
- To continue to encourage all volunteers to complete a Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS), when they first volunteer and every four years thereafter in accordance with OHF guidelines;

- To continue to reimburse all of our volunteers for the costs associated with taking certification courses and obtaining a Vulnerable Sector Screening based on our Association's policies;
- To run a CHIP course on Saturday, October 1st and a Coach Stream course on Sunday, October 2, 2011; and
- To continue to coordinate the provision of clinics with the Markham Minor Hockey Association.

Select League Report – Daniel Sandu

This year, the Select program ran ten Jets teams. Mite and Tyke Jets teams registered with the York Simcoe Minor Hockey League and Novice, Minor Atom, Minor Peewee, Peewee, Minor Bantam, Bantam, Minor Midget and Midget Senior Jets teams competed in the North York Hockey League.

The Tyke Jets team won the YSMHL Tyke B Championship in great style, winning their semi-final match-up against Aurora in three straight games and another three wins in the final against Oshawa. Congratulations to the team's coaches and manager.

The Bantam team lead by head coach Greg Ward reached the NYHL Bantam Tier 1 Final - an outstanding performance. It is also important to mention the great performances of the Minor Bantam, Minor Atom and Peewee teams who reached their tiers' semi-finals of the 2010/2011 season.

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated and professional group of volunteer coaches, trainers and managers who excel in organizing their Jets teams. They worked very hard this year and their efforts are greatly appreciated!

Team	Head Coach
Mite	Sean Gonsalves
Tyke	Carm Palandra
Novice	Duane Johnson
Minor Atom	Mark Burton
Minor Peewee	Andy Babin
Peewee	Prem Hall
Minor Bantam	David Patterson
Bantam	Greg Ward
Minor Midget	Jim Stellinga
Midget Senior	Stephen Kent

Jets team tryouts were conducted in September. The UMHA advertised in the Markham Economist and Sun for September tryouts this year. By early October, we sent out to the NYHL office the Jets teams' availability schedules and house league schedules. Jets regular team practices commenced on October 14th, 2011 and the final ice schedules were circulated to teams during first week of October.

Before the start of fall season the uniforms (jerseys, socks, crests, flags and numbers) were delivered to the teams by Ruff-n-Redi. The Novice, Minor Atom, Minor Peewee, Peewee, Minor Bantam, Bantam, and Minor Midget teams attended the jersey fitting session on September 27, 2010.

This year's Jets ice cost for the 12 hours of ice allocated weekly to these teams was set by the board at \$232.00 per hour based on the average ice cost of all hours allocated to the Jets teams. For ice used by the Jets teams that the UMHA could not use for house league, such as extra ice available during house league evaluations and the Tony Roman Tournament, the rate of \$169.00 per hour was charged. This rate reflects the rate charged by the Town to the UMHA for this ice.

The Interim Assessments were submitted to the teams in November, 2010 and we received payments by end of that month. The Final Assessments, including the ice and uniforms final costs were delivered to the teams in mid-April 2011.

An automated reminder was implemented before the start of the winter season to email team staff of their next game on the NYHL schedule. This tool was needed to keep pace with the NYHL schedule updates, changes and short notices coming from a league that accommodates over 300 teams and 20 arenas. This way we avoided fines for missing games on a short notice schedule.

I would like to thank all the coaches, trainers and managers who were involved in this year's program.

Plans for Next year

- To accommodate as many Jets teams as there are team officials and interested players;
- To begin team officials selection in May;
- To begin tryouts at the earliest possible date in September;
- Maintain the current automation (e.g. game reminder) and introduce new tools (e.g. keep tracks throughout season of all Jets practices);
- Keep a tight link to this year documents as valuable reference;
- To try to obtain sufficient ice to be able to offer practices to all teams;
- To maintain home game ice for the Mite and Tyke teams.

Ice Management Report – Marzia Del Bianco

Ice is the most significant expense for hockey associations. Unionville Minor Hockey Association purchases ice to run its program from the Town of Markham. This past season, we also purchased ice from the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The Town of Markham uses a formula to allocate its ice and the rates charged to its users. This formula is based on the number of Markham residents registered in each minor group program. Based on residency, the Town allocates the entitled hours at the 'minor prime' rate, and any additional ice is provided at the "extra (resident) ice" rate. We need to run the House League games and practices as well as the Jets Select program on this allocated ice. This year, for the first time in many years, we were unable to run our program on the ice provided from the Town

In 2010-2011, our allocation was based on 703 resident players (from 2009-2010 season), while in the coming year the formula will be based on this season's **795** (out of the 817) resident registered players. We estimate that this will provide us a minimum of 6 additional hours of ice charged at the minor prime rate.

This past season, the UMHA was allocated 51 hours at minor prime rate (this is the most inexpensive ice), and an additional 6 hours of extra prime ice. However, once we accepted two more teams of Hockey School / Mite players, we went back to the Town and they found another hour of extra ice on Tuesday evenings at 5 p.m. for a total of 51 hours charged at the minor prime rate and 7 hours of extra prime rate ice.

We were allocated three new hours of ice on Sunday evenings between 6 and 9 p.m. For a number of years, we have been working with the Town and MMHA to find suitable and consistent ice for the Midget and Juvenile divisions. This year the ice was allocated to the Midget division.

Scheduling this past year was time consuming and fraught with difficulties as we had more Jets teams than we have had for many years. Since Angus Glen opened in 2003, we had been able to offer all our Jets teams at least one hour of practice ice per week. To continue with this tradition this year, we required five hours of ice. The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville opened a new two-pad arena in 2010 and we were able to purchase prime time ice on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning to support Jets practices. Unfortunately, this ice was charged at their non-resident rate of \$225.00 + HST per hour.

We also purchased 1.5 hours of ice at Centennial from Markham Minor Hockey Association this year to run Bantam practices on Sunday morning. For a number of years, the Bantams practiced on Thursday evenings from 8 until 11; the 10 p.m. slot has not always seen good attendance. This year, this ice was used by the two Midget age Jets teams instead.

Ice rates did not increase this past year. However, the HST had an 8% impact on our ice bills. We were able to book approximately \$90,000 worth of ice last spring before the HST came into effect which saved us money. The table below indicates the hourly rate impact of the 8% from last year's rates, almost \$12 per hour at the minor prime and \$15 for the prime extra ice.

Rate	Cost/hr 2010-2011	13% HST	Total/hr 2010-2011	Total/hr 2009-10
Minor Prime	\$149.00	\$19.37	\$168.37	\$156.45
Prime	\$190.00	\$24.70	\$214.70	\$199.50
Stouffville Non Resident	\$225.00	\$29.25	\$254.25	

Ice costs for Select teams are kept separate from house league ice, and those costs are included in the Select assessments billed to each Select team. The final ice expenses and allocations will be included in the annual cost statements.

On top of our 64.5 hours of ice at Crosby, Angus Glen, Centennial and Stouffville arenas, we also purchased ice at Clatworthy Arena. Goalie and hockey skills sessions were run for Novices through Bantams in 1.5 hour sessions for 8 consecutive Saturday evenings in November and February. This added an additional \$ 2,576.40 to our base ice costs.

We have submitted our 2010-2011 team rosters to the Town of Markham, together with our requests for additional ice for next season based on our registration numbers. We believe our “minor prime rate” allocation will increase by 6 hours. It is unclear how the Town will be able to increase our allocation by this amount unless another organization has their current allocation reduced by this amount.

Plans for Next Year

- To accurately determine our requirements to help effectively manage ice costs;
- To continue to enhance communications around scheduling, around black-out periods and between teams to maximize ice utilization;
- To work with the Town of Markham to ensure flexibility in the short and long term;
- To assess the need to purchase ice in Stouffville to ensure practice ice for the Jets.

Registration Report – Marzia Del Bianco

UMHA’s registration numbers were outstanding this season! We saw the biggest increase since 2003/2004 when we went up 90 players to 674 from the previous year’s 584. This year, our registration went up 93 players or 13% over 2009/2010 and a total of 36% over the last 5 years.

The UMHA agreed that we would not turn away any players. Therefore, not only were most of our teams quite full, we needed to add teams.

Of special note, we took the youngest players in the Hockey School/Mite Division and created 2 teams of Mini Mites – it looks like we have a new division, another outstanding first. Fortunately, we were able to cobble together some extra ice to accommodate the increase in players and teams.

The chart below indicates an 8-year summary of registration:

Registration Summary: 2003/04– 2010/11

Divisions	Players 2010-11	Teams 2010-11	Players 2009/2010	Teams 2009-10	Players 2008/2009	Players 2007/2008	Players 2006/2007	Players 2005/2006	Players 2004/2005	Players 2003/2004
Mini Mite	30	2								
Hockey School / Mite	150	10	142	10	128	128	125	126	150	122
Tyke	91	6	77	5	64	68	71	87	70	89
Novice	68	4	59	4	64	57	57	54	70	65
Minor						56	50	61	53	41

Divisions	Players 2010-11	Teams 2010-11	Players 2009/2010	Teams 2009-10	Players 2008/2009	Players 2007/2008	Players 2006/2007	Players 2005/2006	Players 2004/2005	Players 2003/2004
Atom										
Major Atom	127	8	110	8	110	53	64	58	39	52
Minor PeeWee						64	54	37	43	53
Major PeeWee	110	8	112	8	105	49	40	41	34	50
Minor Bantam						36	42	32	39	54
Major Bantam	123	8	113	8	86	50	42	26	31	34 - Run by MMHA
Minor Midget						34	29	20	31	46 - Run by MMHA
Major Midget	80	10 (with MMHA)	84	10 (with MMHA)	82	19	18	24	50	(Included with Juvenile)
Juvenile	39	7 (with MMHA)	28	5 (with MMHA)	17	22	20	34	20	68
Totals	818		725		656	636	612	600	630	674

The UMHA continued with the credit-card payment only option; this saves countless volunteer hours both in processing registrations and accounting and banking duties. Hockey Canada Registration (HCR) is free but the cost of credit card payment option is \$15.50 per registrant.

The HCR system supports the online registration of our membership with the OMHA and Hockey Canada to ensure that we pay valid insurance costs for players, volunteers and certified team and game officials. This year, along with the standard rostering of Select teams, we were also able to submit and gain approval for all 46 (up from 43 last year) House League teams from Hockey School to Bantam.

The UMHA and MMHA work together to administer the programs for the Midget and Juvenile age players (15 – 21 years of age) but we continue to register players independently. Rosters for 3 Juvenile and 5 Midget teams were submitted to the OMHA and approved.

Finally, I am happy to report that our Registration System is already available for the 2011-2012 season so it does not have to be a goal!

Registration & Insurance Costs

The cost of running a minor hockey program includes the payment of insurance and assessment fees (to the OMHA, OHF and Hockey Canada) for all our certified coaches and trainers, as well as players. For the on-ice volunteers – that is, those volunteers who are not certified – we only pay the cost of insurance. This year, we claimed the duplication of OMHA insurance fees for our referees who are also players or team officials.

We were most thrilled to register 164 team officials this year; these are coaches, trainers (our convener certification) and managers/assistant coaches (including Jets team officials, as well). Together with our players, this is the insurance fee breakdown:

Fee	Qty.	Unit Cost	Total
OMHA Insurance	979	\$17.44	\$17,073.76
OMHA, OHF, HC Assessments	979	\$16.85	\$16,496.15

Fee	Qty.	Unit Cost	Total
Total Insurance & Assessments	979		\$33,569.91
Total On-Ice Volunteers	15	\$17.44	\$261.60
Referee Refund (Duplicate fees)	12	\$17.44	-\$209.28
Grand Total			\$33,622.23

Other Registration Costs

The UMHA also pays registration fees for its house league and select teams to the OMHA, \$18 and \$50 respectively for each team. In order to play in the North York Hockey League, the UMHA also submits \$100 association fee, \$700 per team on behalf of each Jets team. The Mite and Tyke Jets play in the York Simcoe Minor Hockey League for a total cost of \$100 each.

Plans for Next Year

- To continue to only accept major credit cards for fee payment;
- To manage incoming registrations and divisions in order to ensure the best possible use of ice.

Sponsorship Report – Peter Zukow

Summary

The 2010-2011 sponsor drive was a success resulting in sponsorship for all teams in all divisions. Tim Horton's continues to make a significant contribution by sponsoring the entire Mite Division which this year consisted of an expanded 12 teams.

There was a good mix of long time supporters of the UMHA as well as new sponsors this year.

Equipment Orientation Evening

Unfortunately we were not able to coordinate the Equipment Orientation Evening this year which had been tested in September 2009.

We would recommend revisiting this for the 2011/2012 season as it can play an important in assisting families at the younger age groups better understand; various types of equipment required by players, tips on fitting, a crash course on dressing the proper way to dress a goalie, frequency of skate sharpening, etc...

Sponsor, Coach and Volunteer Appreciation Night

Each year the UMHA has held an evening event to recognize and honour our sponsors, coaches and volunteers. This year the event was held on February 22nd at the Dragon Bistro.

We were very pleased to be able to host the evening at one of our sponsor's venues. The Dragon Bistro was easily able to accommodate our group and provided the UMHA with great food and an atmosphere which encourage interaction among the guests.

We had just under 100 people in attendance, which is consistent with previous years.

The feedback from the event was very positive and it has been recommended to the board to keep this event in place for the 2011-2012 season.

The cost of the evening came in on budget at \$3137.00

2011-2012 Pricing

The board reviewed the price of sponsorship for the 2010-2011 season and decided hold pricing at the 2009-2010 levels. The price for single team sponsorship is \$650.00 and for multiple teams \$550.00.

We have already received interest from returning and new sponsors for the 2011-2012 season.

Plans for Next Year

- To commence the sponsorship drive for 2011-12 shortly with a full push to take place in July/August
- To fully reach all sponsorship goals for the 2011-12 season

Equipment Report - Marzia Del Bianco

Since we did not have a volunteer to take the Equipment Manager position, we contracted with Wayne Olan and Charlie McGoveran to perform the duties associated with this position.

Both Wayne and Charlie were experienced, having volunteered in this position in years past. In a job share position, they:

- completed administrative tasks and duties related to ordering and distributing uniforms, goalie equipment and trophies;
- assisted the Vice President, Operations in coordinating duties and tasks related to Equipment Manager, including inventory and purchasing, problem solving and planning;
- provided direct support to UMHA members requiring assistance.

Charlie and Wayne performed these duties; they were diligent and efficient, and successfully met the stated objectives.

This season 52 goalie bags were supplied to house league teams. These have all been returned; this is great because historically we have had to follow-up on one or more bags. Our inventory of larger goalie equipment came into use this year as six Bantam goalie bags were used, four more than in the past. We did have to purchase 2 additional sets of large goalie pads to accommodate this demand.

A review of the goalie equipment will be completed and we expect to upgrade a portion of our inventory. After that is complete, we will once again use Gear Zone to disinfect and deodorize all goalie bags. Gear Zone also attended the Banquet and provided \$10 sports bag cleaning to our members.

We provided a pail of pucks and a First Aid Kit to the coaches of all our teams. Esso awards (medals and certificates) are also organized by Wayne and Charlie. These are small, but important parts of our program that get done and support our coaches in their volunteer work!

Our participation in National Sport's Partner Reward program provided \$590 in rebate gift cards. Some of these cards will be used to thank our Referees of the Year; others will be used to purchase goalie equipment or other supplies. Our participation in this program is solely because Wayne and Charlie spearheaded it, by picking up the cards and distributing them to the membership.

Year-end trophies were, as usual, well received by the players and parents. We often have an inventory of trophies that can be recycled. We have done such a good job over the years that this year that we had to purchase all new trophies.

Once again, we are proud to provide the UMHA players with exceptional quality uniforms. This season, we supplied uniforms for 63 House League teams, including 12 Tim Horton's Hockey Mini Mite & Hockey School / Mite teams and 17 Midget / Juvenile teams which play in UMHA-MMHA joint divisions. We paid our uniform vendor to apply the OMHA-mandated STOP patches, so we didn't need to distribute the patches to parents for application. We carried over 14 sets of uniforms from seasons past and were able to use 13 of those sets this year! This year have 7 sets in stock for the coming year.

The 10 Jets teams were once again very happy with the Jets sweaters. These are a combination of "off the shelf" and customized "off the shelf" sweaters. We also introduced a new style of Jets uniform to the Mite and Tyke team; these are off the shelf and are easier to order and stock. Our most recent inventory indicates that we have 152 Jets sweaters and 33 pairs of socks in stock. Regarding Jets jerseys, we order what we think will cover the need. It is difficult to project in June how many teams we will have or the different sizes. The Jets teams pay for what they use every year.

We have re-hired Charlie and Wayne for a portion of the next season. We have also hired a new Equipment Manager, Voula Bertsoulakis. Voula will be coached by Wayne and Charlie until they leave these positions in August and December, respectively. This will provide a seamless transition to a UMHA without the 22 years of combined Wayne and Charlie experience!

Plans for Next Year

- To bring Voula on board and begin to document the duties and timelines required in this position;
- To continue to select and purchase the best quality uniforms for our players at the most economical cost;
- To assess all goalie equipment, purchase new goalie equipment as required and for inventory, based on prices, and forward retired equipment to northern communities;
- To review our trophy cases and old trophies with a view to properly displaying our UMHA history;
- To review the appointment of an Equipment Manager, as this is something that needs to be done on a yearly basis.

Referee-in-Chief - Ken Nakamura

During the 2010-2011 UMHA seasons we saw some very good hockey being played in our program. I was excited by the calibre of play at all levels and the positive fan support being exhibited by parents, friends and family. I felt that as whole, players and coaches were more respectful of our officials and treated them with a higher level of respect than in previous seasons.

Over the season, we lost 11 referees to either injury, transferring to another centre, GTHL, family commitments and resigning.

Highlights for the 2010-2011 season

1. The staff for this season was made up of 33 individuals. That was up by 2 from last season.
2. Over the season we lost 11 referees in the program and finished the year with 22 referees.
3. The remaining officials did a stellar job and we did not have to cancel any games despite the loss in manpower.
4. We brought in 3 new first year referees to work at the Tyke/Novice age group level. This allowed us to give all of our referees at least one shift per week which always helps in their development as referees.
5. We employed a mentor/trainer (Sue Kay) at the Tyke/Novice level to work with our first year referees to aid in their development as referees.
6. We held referee try-outs in June to qualify first year applicants and will repeat this again for this season.
7. We held a power skating session in September for our referees to help improve their skating skills.
8. We had some very exciting playoff games at all age levels this season. Of note were the Atom finals in which the sportsmanship and athletic effort that was displayed really helped to put into perspective why we love the game of hockey so much!

Plans for Next Year

- I intend on using this year's first year referees (Tyke/Novice) at the Atom age group for the coming season. All of these referees were exposed to Atom games over the course of last season and they are ready to make the transition to refereeing at the Atom age level. This will open up 3 to possibly four spots for new HL referees.
- Subsequently those referees that were assigned to Atom and Pee Wee games are ready to advance to calling Bantam games.
- We will again hold referee try-outs for the coming season. We are targeting to hold this session sometime in June.
- Over the last few years we have taken steps to minimize the amount of on ice incidents at the Midget and Juvenile age levels. We introduced the game ejection rule to remove players who were acting up. This rule has helped our referees deal with individuals that were causing problems without having to invoke game misconducts as a way of managing their disruptive behaviour. To help further the reduction of this type of behaviour we are looking into using cumulative penalty minutes to eliminate teams from advancing into the playoffs. If a team has a season total in penalties that is deemed

unacceptable then they would not advance into the playoffs. We want our Midget and Juvenile finals to be a showcase of exciting and well played hockey and we think this might help to achieve this.

Presentation to Retiring Board Members and Volunteers - Lisa McConnell

It is with regret that I have to announce several retirements from the Board.

Joff Wong

For the past two seasons, Joff has been the UMHA's Past President. He attended meetings while helping convene and referee. Before that, he was the President for two seasons. And before that, he was the Vice President, Hockey Programs. Joff has always been a strong voice in the UMHA and we will miss his commanding presence.

Karie McDougall has this to say about Joff:

The first time I heard Joff Wong was at a UMHA Coach and Convener meeting in 2008. I wasn't actually suppose to be at this meeting because I wasn't a coach or a convener, but a curious mom who was interested in knowing more about minor hockey in Unionville. At first, I didn't know who was speaking as I tried to match up the voice to someone in the crowd. No one fit the bill. It wasn't until a year later, at another Coach and Convener meeting, that I was able to finally put the voice and the man together. Boy was I surprised! For me, Joff will always be the voice of the UMHA...commanding, comforting, leading, and most of all welcoming. Joff, thank you for all you have done for this organization.

Thank you, Joff, for your years of service to the UMHA. We will miss you.

Diana Allion

Diana has served in several capacities as a volunteer for the UMHA. She tried her hand at convening and later took on the daunting task of organizing our Annual Banquet and Rosy's Raffle. Unfortunately for the UMHA, Diana and her family moved away from Unionville last summer and her boys are now playing in another league. We miss Diana's warm smile, reliability, "get it done" attitude and her friendly demeanour. We consider Diana not only a volunteer colleague, but a friend as well.

Marzia Del Bianco has this to say about Diana:

Diana has been a UMHA volunteer in many capacities. She was a certified trainer and helped convene at Atom and solely convened the PW Division, covering the years 2006-2009. This represents many long hours at the arena. We know there were times that the smile on her face would have been difficult to maintain. We were disappointed when we could not involve her in convening the Bantam division!

In 2009, she was asked to participate on the 55th Annual Banquet Committee. One of her main tasks was to create two posters to highlight and display for the attendees the sponsors that had contributed to the raffle table. Diana was a supportive and valuable member of that team. Not only did she volunteer her time and creativity, she donated supplies to create the wonderful raffle prizes.

We were lucky that she agreed to take on Director of Special Events for the 2010 Banquet. The committee was smaller last year and Diana did most of the work of organizing the entire banquet. Another success in Diana's UMHA resume!

Thank you, Diana, for your years of service to the UMHA. We miss you!

Peter Zukow

Back when our kids were in the Mite division together, at the suggestion of my husband, I was able to convince Peter to join the UMHA board. Peter took on the role of Sponsorship Director and became a calming, reasonable and thoughtful member of the board. Peter could always be counted on to think through an issue, make practical and thoughtful suggestions and to make a wry comment from time to time which made us all laugh. This past year, Peter carried on as Sponsorship Director even though Hanna had moved on to play on a girls' team in another league.

Marzia Del Bianco described Peter as friendly, supportive and well spoken – a unique voice on the board. She also commented that he "works well with others" and provided "balanced points of view helpful to negotiate issues."

Karie McDougall has this to say about Peter:

Many thanks for all you have done with the UMHA. Amongst all the hockey games with Hannah, figure skating competitions with Emma, work commitments, family commitments and other obligations that life brings, you still found the time to volunteer and help out an organization that needed you. Thanks for everything and enjoy your retirement!

Thank you, Peter, for your years of service to the UMHA. We will miss you!

Presentation and Election of New Board Members

The following volunteers have been nominated for Board Positions for 2011 - 2012 in accordance with UMHA Bylaws, and have accepted their nomination:

Position	Candidate	Nominated By:	Seconded By:	Accepted
President	Marzia Del Bianco	Lisa McConnell	Karie McDougall	Yes
Past President	Lisa McConnell	Marzia Del Bianco	Karie McDougall	Yes
Treasurer	Luanne London	Lisa McConnell	Scott Trueman	Yes
Secretary				
Vice President, Hockey Programs	Karie McDougall	Lisa McConnell	Michael Chung	Yes
Director, Select League	Daniel Sandu	Lisa McConnell	Rose-Mary Holosko	Yes
Director, Hockey School	Michael Chung	Marzia Del Bianco	Lisa McConnell	Yes
Director, Volunteer Certification				
Director, House League	Scott Trueman	Karie McDougall	Marzia Del Bianco	Yes
Vice President, Administration	Lisa McConnell	Marzia Del Bianco	Karie McDougall	Yes
Registrar				
Ice Manager				
Vice President, Operations				
Director, Sponsorship				
Referee-in-Chief	Ken Nakamura	Marzia Del Bianco	Scott Trueman	Yes
Director, Special Events	Rose-Mary Holosko	Lisa McConnell	Marzia Del Bianco	Yes