Chebucto AGM

U7 Report 2021-2022

This year was a successful one for the U7 program despite the challenges covid presented.

With 111 players registered, which was an increase from last year and it allowed for 4 groups. Special thanks to group leaders Leeanne Roach, Daryl Macpherson, Leah Kutcher and Paul Hunt for providing quality practice plans weekly and ensuring the kids always left smiling. The dedication of these leads is commendable, and they were incredibly flexible and accommodating with the program changes that the present pandemic created. Covid further restrictions forced us to add additional groups this year to meet gathering requirements so further thanks should be given to Chuck Langille, Ian MacDonald and Ryan McCurdy who also took on group lead responsibilities to ensure programming continued throughout restrictions.

Thanks should also be given across all groups to the number of assistant coaches, managers and safety reps who stepped up. This entire army of U7 volunteers ensured that the programs ran smoothly and safely.

The season started with U7 players being able to attend some preseason development opportunities arranged by our VP of development Ja-red Glazebrook. These were well attended and a great way to kick off the season. Thank you Ja-red!

The Junior Coaching Program was able to occur for much of the season and turnout from our older Chebucto Players was very promising and appreciated. An Introduction session was held featuring Amy Walsh Executive Director of Hockey NS and Sylvian Favreau Head Coach of the Halifax Mooseheads which the Jr. coaches very much enjoyed this opportunity. Despite the starts and stops our Jr.Coaches were able to finish the year with the U7 program which was awesome. Special thanks to Alex Allen for helping organize this year and to all our Jr. Coaches who stepped forward to help this year. Hoping we see everyone back on the ice again next year. These Jr. Coaches are the future of our organizational coaching ranks and it was exciting to see the positive connections these Jr. Coaches made with the players and the bright future that presents for our organization.

Unfortunately due to the restrictions we were unable to have end of year banquets this year. We did have on ice medal presentations and loot bags to cap the year along with some on ice fun. Thanks to CMHA President Sara Aucoin for joining those groups for medal presentations. The year ended with lots of smiles and skill improvement noted amongst all players.

Big thanks as well to U7 coordinator Jennifer Mitchell whose help behind the scenes was invaluable all year! Thanks Jen!

In summation despite the challenges posed by the pandemic the 2021-2022 season was a successful one for the U7 program. I cannot reiterate enough thanks for the leads, coaches, managers, safety reps and parents for being so constantly flexible as program changes were frequent. Finally a thank you to all of our U7 players. These players are the future of our organization and their positivity and determination they demonstrated all year should be celebrated. Well done to the entire group!

As outgoing VP U7 I will close this report with a sincere thanks to the CMHA board and the U7 families for all their support over the last 2 years.

Respectfully submitted,

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