

Chebucto Minor Hockey Association: President Report 2023-2024 Season

As my second and final year of Presidency comes to end, I have had an opportunity to reflect on the season.

I would like to thank all the members of the Executive for supporting me again this year for all the work they have done throughout the season. Such a great team!

Below are some items I would like to highlight from the year, along with some notes for moving forward into next year:

Things I am proud of from this year:

- **Philosophy around team configuration.** This year we took the approach of ensuring that we weighed the impact of decisions at the competitive levels on the recreation levels. This created a team approach with both the VPs of Rec, Comp, and Development, and supported team make up of our association. It created much better balancing of numbers with all teams.
- **Transparency,** being open with membership on the decisions we make as an Executive. Also being open to feedback from parents to help support things. End of tryouts message to membership was well received and helped provide insight to our membership as to who complex the progress can be.

Things I am reflecting on for next year:

- **Development in Chebucto:** This continues to be an area that we need to improve on. That necessitated the need to advertise for a Technical Director for our Association. I am happy to have been part of initiating this process and look forward to seeing the impact this can have on player, coach, and team development in the years to come.
- **Behavior:** I mentioned this in last years President's report and to be honest, things didn't get much better this year. While I recognize this issue is not unique to Chebucto, it is a problem that is pushing volunteers out of minor hockey. I am happy to share that Hockey Nova Scotia is putting measures in place to support Minor Hockey Associations in this area with a newly developed Code of Conduct that includes parents and other adults who are in the stands. I stated last year we need to do better, that this statement remains the same.

To close, this has been a huge learning curve for me this past two years. I am happy to say that I have left Chebucto in a better place than when I started. Moving into the role of Past President, I will continue to be committed to helping make Chebucto Minor Hockey the best it can be! Thank you for all your support over the last two years!

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