

**West Colchester Minor Hockey Association**  
**Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 7pm  
Lower Onslow Community Centre

Present: Alex Peters, Dodie Peters, Michael Peters, Alan Porter, Tom Shreve, Ty Shreve, Ed Bowers, Tanya Bowers, Dalce Shipley, Greg Roy, Leah Roy, Memphis Roy, Shawn Roode, Natalie Dickson, Terri-lynn Kinsman, Lisa Gordon, Craig Bruvels, Crystal Slack, Susie Bower, Jaime Blaauwendraat, John Blaauwendraat, Jennifer McKay

Regrets: Jennifer Rodgers, Lisa Porteous, Leann Alexander, Jennifer Porter

**Call to Order and Welcome:**

**7:06pm**

Welcome everyone to the WCMHA AGM for 2023. The minutes from previous AGM were circulated via email and on website.

*Motion to accept Minutes from semi AGM: Leah, Crag, all in favor, motion carried*

**President Report**– John Blaauwendraat

- Thank you to all of our volunteers, players, parents and the West Colchester Arena
- Summary of the Year – It was a great year and we had a lot of fun. There was a lot of work put in this year.
- Congratulations to the teams for great seasons and representing the Cobras with pride not only on the ice, but off as well.

**Treasurer** – Jaime Blaauwendraat:

Current balance: \$36,847.31

WCC: \$4,632.23

GIC: \$25,000

Remaining funds from teams to be collected. Option remains for teams to allocate to our WCC account. Despite the fact that our expenses for ice rental and referee payments went up, we still had a successful season due to higher-than-expected registrations, the excellent efforts from our fundraising team and ticket sales. Line item of tournament expenses was added in final report to break out the income and expenses for the Friendship tournament in order to accurately account for funds associated with the event. Bank fees were more this year as we moved to more e-transfers. Would like to explore the ability to process referee payments via e-transfer for next season.

GrayJay was a welcome addition to collecting registrations as well as organizing Referee payments for the 2022-2023 season.

Posted GIC rates are currently 1.75% should the board wish to purchase another 1 year cashable GIC with funds from the season. Current GIC matures September 2023 at negotiated rate of 2.25%. Proposing to wait until current GIC matures and discuss allocation of funds in September.

Budget & Actuals

West Colchester Minor Hockey Association  
Date Range: 2022-04-16 to 2023-04-15

	2021/2022 Actual	2022/2023 Budget	2022/2023 Actual
<b>Income</b>			
Grant Money	\$ 10,350.00	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous Revenue (HNS)		\$ -	\$ 585.00
Program Income – Membership Dues	\$ 76,153.41	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 84,289.03
To another association	\$ (2,275.00)	\$ -	\$ (2,280.00)
Ticket Sales	\$ 14,482.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,388.00
Golf Tournament	\$ 1,770.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,001.50
Friendship Tournament	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 21,446.18
Interest Income	-	\$ 112.50	\$ 112.50
Tryout Fees	\$ 725.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,800.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 101,205.41</b>	<b>\$ 99,712.50</b>	<b>\$ 125,342.21</b>

<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Bank Fees	\$ 341.13	\$ 300.00	\$ 359.43
Courses	\$ 2,751.11	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,628.88
Website		\$ 750.00	\$ 1,056.50
Dues & Fees	\$ 10,806.11	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 12,498.11
Equipment	\$ 2,774.31	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Fundraising Payout	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
Development	\$ 65.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
Payroll - Refs	\$ 7,682.60	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 11,650.25
Printing and Reproduction	\$ 1,208.29	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 860.78
Rent Expense	\$ 61,062.50	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 64,452.50
Tournament Expenses			\$ 10,386.33
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 2,183.93	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,385.10
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 92,674.98</b>	<b>\$ 98,050.00</b>	<b>\$ 110,077.88</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>\$8,530.43</b>	<b>\$1,662.50</b>	<b>\$ 15,264.33</b>

ASSETS	
<b>CASH</b>	
Chequing	\$ 36,847.31
West Colchester Cares	\$ 4,632.23
GIC	\$ 25,000.00
	<b>\$ 66,479.54</b>

Motion to accept: Dalce, Tanya, all in favor, motion passed

**Old Business:**

none

**John Blaauwendraat**

**New Business:**

1. Election of officers

Executive (positions cannot to be nominated from the floor)

President – John Blaauwendraat

Past President – Alan Porter

Secretary – Jennifer McKay

Treasurer – Jaime Blaauwendraat

Equipment Coordinator – Jennifer Porter

Risk Management – Dodie Peters

Board (positions can be nominated from the floor)

Registrar – Lisa Porteous

Female Coordinator – absent

Coaching Coordinator – Tom Shreve

Development Chair – Alex Peters

Website Manager – Jennifer McDonald

Ice Manager – Craig Bruvels

Safety Coordinator – Tanya Bowers

Fundraising Chair/Tournament Committee – Leah Roy and Dalce Shipley

Referee in Chief – Michael Jollimore

Division Reps: (it was decided these positions would remain open until the fall of 2023 as they rarely stay the same due to players moving around on teams)

U7

U9

U11

U13

U15

U18

*\*no positions were opposed so all positions are claimed by acclamation.*

2. Registration dates for 2023/2024 season

a. Open registration August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

b. Close registration September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

i. plan to send out an email or information to get more registration

*Motion: Ed Bowers, Craig, all in favor, motion passed*

3. Fees for 2022/2023 season – keep fees the same as last year

- a. Our treasurer mentioned that as long as we continued the fundraising we have, then we are looking healthy. If one of our major fundraisers did not continue, then we would break even. We should not have to increase our fees this year as we look healthy at this time.
- b. Membership should know that our fees are this low because of the fundraising and volunteers that we have.

*Motion: keep the fees the same as last year – Jaime B, Leah second, all in favor, motion passed*

### **Officer Reports:**

#### **First Vice President/Risk Management: Dodie Peters**

Reminder that all medical histories need to be returned or shredded.

**CRC/VSC** everyone completed them as needed. Coaches and bench staff should look on their HCR account over the summer if they plan to be involved next year. CRC/VSC are visible under Qualifications and it indicates when they expire.

**Concussion form** (separate from Injury report) is recommended it be filled out even if the concussion did not happen at hockey. A treating Physiotherapist can also clear the player for return to play as well as a family doctor.

**Code Of Conduct** important that all parents read and sign this every year. We had a situation this year where a parent was in violation of this, and the parent was suspended from all WCMHA sanctioned events for the remainder of the season.

#### **Suspensions**

U18 C Three suspensions were given out, two of which may carry over to next season which I will confirm with the U18 C manager.

U18 A Five suspensions were given out. One will carry over to next season but the player was in his third year of 18 so his suspension expires December 31 2023. It is unfortunate as he is not allowed to referee for HNS until then. Of note one of these suspensions was for a coach because 3 major penalties were called in one game. **OF NOTE, SUSPENSIONS CAN NOT BE APPEALED.**

**Dealt with more complaints than usually, so I want to remind members of our complaint process.**

#### **Complaint process (from the Mangers handbook).**

Players and parents/guardians are encouraged to deal directly with the Head Coach or Team Manager if there is a problem to be addressed. If they are not comfortable dealing directly within the team, or if the issue cannot be resolved at the team level, the next step is to contact the Division Representative. The Division Rep will take the issue to the WCMHA Executive for resolution. Problems need to be dealt with promptly and without bias to ensure the players have a positive season.

- Never bring complaints to the coaching staff before a game.
- Never bring your complaints or negative comments into the dressing room.
- Always treat the Coaches & officials with respect.

Use The 24-Hour Rule: If a parent/guardian has something to say to the coaching staff (that could be contentious) wait 24 hours after the event or the game before discussing it. By this time, everyone will be calmer and have a better perspective. A lot of arguments naturally are eliminated in the process.

#### **Second Vice President/Equipment Manager: Jennifer Porter**

We have 2 sets of the jersey's back and another team was in touch to get uniforms back. the coaches have yet to return coaches equipment.

The u11 macdonald's jerseys are ordered

Timbit jersey's will be ordered in the summer

**Coach Coordinator:** Tom Shreve

- U7 – John Blaauwendraat
- U9 – Dave Putnam
- U11 – Chad Bower
- U13 – Justin Jullian
- U13a – Tom Shreve
- U15 – Lauchie MacEachern
- U18 – Robert McDonald
- U18a – Al Macmillan

Thank you to all of the coaches for their time, hard work and dedication to the making our teams a success. Success is not measured by wins and losses but by making good people out of our players and allowing them to all have fun. That we have achieved this year.

**Safety Coordinator:** Tanya Bowers

U7 Meagan Doucet

U9 Brianna Burris and Meagan Doucet

U11 Andrea Holtan

U13 Crystal Slack

U13A Sam Rodgers

U15 Kerry Crossman

U18 C Tina Fisher

U18A Tanya Bowers

We had a great full season with minimal safety concerns. We have a concussion protocol shared to all of the teams which should be followed. The concussion protocol will be part of the safety rep's position to have knowledge of this protocol prior to the season. We will hear from HNS for any further safety changes for future. Very thankful for our team safety reps this season!!

**Registrar:** Lisa Porteous

- U7 – 20 players
- U9 – 25 players
- U11 – 15 players
- U13 – 15 players
- U13a – 17 players
- U15 – 14 players
- U18 – 23 players
- U18a – 17 players

I feel we should open registration towards the end of August as we did last season. It worked well.

We will be notifying families to only apply for funding required and encourage them all to apply for funding early September.

**Fundraising Coordinator:** Leah Roy/Dalce Shipley

Golf Tournament 2022 brought in \$1616.40

Looking at Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for Golf tourney, waiting on exact date & prices with Mark at Debert Golf. We will create a Facebook page once we have details! Always looking for sponsors and donations for this event.

Tickets \$10,588.00 (\$14,388.00 before payout)

Planning to do tickets for 2023/2024 again

West Colchester Cares Friendship Tournament

Dodie Peters, Dalce & Leah

\$11,059.85 profit

\*Possible price increase for next season, it will still be cheaper than the going rate for tournaments

We are always looking for grants etc. that we can apply for. If you see one please forward it to Dalce & Leah.

West Colchester Cares Tournament  
Financial Report

<b>Income</b>				
<b>U9</b>				
West Colchester				\$ 650.00
Truro				\$ 750.00
Cole Harbour Wings White				\$ 750.00
Eastern Shore				\$ 750.00
Chebucto Chargers				\$ 750.00
<b>U11</b>				
West Colchester				\$ 650.00
Dartmouth Sharks				\$ 750.00
Truro Bearcats Teal				\$ 750.00
Tasa U11C				\$ 750.00
<b>U13</b>				
West Colchester				\$ 650.00
Truro Clark Bearcats				\$ 750.00
Pictou Crushers				\$ 750.00
TASA Ducks Black				\$ 750.00
<b>U15</b>				
West Colchester				\$ 650.00
Cumerland Ramblers				\$ 750.00
Canso Bluefins				\$ 750.00
Truro Team Watts				\$ 750.00
<b>Midget</b>				
West Colchester				\$ 650.00
Hampton Huskies (NB)				\$ 750.00
Chebucto Chill				\$ 750.00
Sackville Sharks				\$ 750.00
<b>50/50 and Donations</b>				\$ 2,591.28
<b>Donation Box</b>				\$ 104.90
<b>Sponsor Income HH</b>				\$ 3,000.00
<b>Dairy Farmers of NS</b>				\$ 500.00
<b>Total income</b>				<b>\$ 21,446.18</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Ice Bill				\$ 5,967.50
Refs and time keeping				\$ 3,504.00
Prizes give aways Banners				\$ 500.83
Chocolate Milk				\$ 414.00

				\$ 10,386.33
<b>Total revenue 2023 Friendship Tournament</b>				
				\$ 11,059.85

**Website Coordinator:** Jennifer McDonald – happy with GrayJay and how it went. It was a lot of work at the start of the season but has been a welcomed improvement overall.

**Ice Scheduler:** Craig Bruvels

This year was my first as Ice Scheduler and aside from initial growing pains it went fairly smoothly. It is easy to forget the logistics involved in bringing a multi-team schedule to fruition but with help we were able to accomplish it with only a few headaches. I learnt very quickly that it is impossible to accommodate everybody but hope I didn't step on too many toes. I would like to thank all the team managers for all the great communication, the board for all the support and Jennifer, John and Jaime in particular for helping me in the beginning. Here is to a smooth 2023 season!

**Referee in Chief:** Michael Jollimore – no concerns, the idea of e-transferring would be a welcome thing.

**Development Chair:** Alex Peters

Breakdown of Development Session use this season as follows:

U18A - 2 sessions during their designated Monday night practice time.

U18 C - 2 sessions

U15 C - 1 session of development and 1 use of the ice as an extra practice.

U13A - 1 session and they gave up 1 session to U13C

U13C - 3 sessions of scheduled development, 1 development session from U13A and 1 extra session as requested by coaches.

U11C - 1 development session and 3 ice times used as an extra practice.

U9-Int - 3 development sessions (1 during scheduled development ice and 2 during U9 scheduled practice time)

Goalies - 5 sessions

U7 - I was scheduled to go out with U7 at least 3 different times and my work conflicted each time. I believe this will not happen next year as development will be during each team's scheduled practices.

There were a total of 24 development sessions this, which was due to the fact that U18A and U9 had their sessions during their designated practice times.

We tried to schedule referee development but the Monday time conflicted with our RIC's schedule and there was not a lot of ice to pick up.

All the teams worked hard and tried their best to execute the techniques they were being shown.

I believe that next year will be better. I plan to get out on the ice with at least (2) teams a week, which will increase the number of sessions each team gets.

I know that Hockey Nova Scotia no longer mandates that associations have "Development Weekend", but I think we should again. I would like to use the first Saturday in November (Development Day) to run development sessions all day, similar to the way it was prior to Covid. All WCMHA teams would have to advise their leagues that they are not available to play



any league games on that Saturday to make this work. Please let me know if you would like to have Development Day in November 2023.

Finally, just a reminder that I will be available to go out with teams during their regular practice times if they would like that.

Thanks again to the coaches who came out with their teams and to my son, Michael, who is doing great work with the goalies in our association.

Checking – will consider developing an “accepting a hit” clinic for older aged players.

Question was raised why there was no money spent on development this year? There is a misunderstanding. The majority of the money is spent on the Monday evening development time. There is hopefully money to put forward to a development weekend next year.

**Female Coordinator:** absent position – discussion was had to dismiss this position from our board as the female league is its own entity now and not run out of our rink any more.

*Motion to dismiss this position. Jennifer Mc, Tanya, all in favor, passed.*

### Divisions:

**U7 – Megan McCully:**

- Coach: John Blaauwendraat
- Manager: Jaime Blaauwendraat
- Safety Rep: Megan Doucette

We’ve had a successful season in U7 with many new friendships formed and lots of skill building evident. We finished the year with a Jamboree hosted by TAMHA where we played age appropriate U7 teams from Truro, Brookfield and Cumberland. Our teams played hard and were competitive based on skill in their respective age groups. We hosted a year end celebration March 21st following our last practice in which we presented each kid with Timbit supplied gifts. Overall, it was a great season with a great group of kids and guardians. We have seen vast improvement in confidence, skating ability, puck control and overall game knowledge in all of our registrants since the beginning of the season.

<b>Income (Parent Contributions)</b>	
Friendship Tournament (goldfish)	\$ 249.80
EH Jamboree	\$ 400.00
Year End Celebration	\$ 140.00
	<b>\$ 789.80</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Friendship Tournament	\$ 249.80
EH Jamboree	\$ 400.00
Year End Celebration	\$ 140.00
	<b>\$ 789.80</b>
<b>Remaining Funds</b>	\$ -

**U9 – Jennifer Rodgers**

- Coach: Dave Putnam
- Manager: Shelley Vandenburg
- Safety Rep: Brianna Burris and Meagan Doucet

Our U9 team had an amazing year of growth both on and off the ice. As a large group of 25 players coming together with varying past hockey experience and some on the ice for the first time I am so proud of how well they connected and made new friends.

We had fundraising success beyond what we had ever expected with our bottle drive raising \$1581.50 (Darren at the bottle exchange told me that in the past a good drive would raise \$1000 typically) It must

have been those sweet faces asking for donations. Having a large number of players we also had a good response to ticket sales on our gift card fundraiser of \$1850. Our coaching staff took advantage of these funds to provide our players with the unique opportunity to have exposure to specialized coaching in power skating with 8 ice sessions featuring Troy Fougere. The response from parents was of overwhelming appreciation to have their players grow and perfect their skating skills and it was evident as the year went on the change in their on ice skills. The remaining funds were spent on our tournaments and purchasing a few replacement equipment pieces for the association goalie gear that were very worn out. We are returning to the association \$146.25 in fundraised moneys not spent which we request be used by the association for future player development.

The U9 team was also able to enjoy much off ice fun with participation in 3 tournaments including the Phil Sears tournament over Dec break, our association Friendship tournament and the BirthPlace of Hockey tournament in March. We did notice at all three tournaments that there were limited teams participating in the intermediate level of U9 which made for us to either play a team under our skill level or more advanced which did challenge our players.

Our 50/50 draws and parent contributions totaled \$1635 of which we spent \$1632.25 with the balance returning to the association. These funds were used to host 2 team parties, one at Christmas at the Onslow Belmont Fire Hall with games and snacks and our year end party was at the Douglas Street Rec center for games, pizza and cake than to the bowling alley for an hour of bowling. We were able to provide 2 team lunches during a couple of our tournaments which allowed the players to spend some more time together. Our player gifts included a Cobra medal and Cobra draw bag. To cap off the year we were provided the opportunity to watch a Jr A Bearcats play off game from the sky box which was gifted to us by a player grandparent and great fun was had by all.

I can't say enough about the parent support this past year will lots of engagement and volunteering to help with every activity we participated in. We had an amazing year as the U9 Cobras and can't wait for next year.!

Sincerely, Shelley Vandenburg, Manager U9

U9 Cobras 2022-2023

	Income	Budget Income	Expenses	Budget Expenses
50/50 Home games	1260	1200		
Parent Contributions	375	375		
Coffee funding	170			
Fundraising Bottle Drive	1581.5	750		
Fundraising GC Draw	1850	1500		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5236.5</b>	<b>3825</b>		
<b>Tournament</b>				
Phil Sears			700	700
WC Cares			650	650
Birthplace of Hockey			700	700
Extra ice/development equipment			1405.23	200
Christmas party			263.4	500
Year end party			466.67	500
Awards (\$20 *25 players) coaches			350.44	575
Team lunch Dec 28			294.5	
Team lunch March 18			257.24	
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>5087.48</b>	<b>3825</b>

Fun money in	1635		Fundraised in	3601.5
Fun money out	1632.25		Fundraised out	3455.23
Cash balance	2.75		remaining	146.27

<b>50/50 games</b>					
	05-Nov	94	Cam/Lucas D		
	12-Nov	96	Lennox/Kaden C		
	19-Nov	82	Jordy		
	26-Nov	78.5	Landon/Everett Wells		
	03-Dec	postponed		<b>Development</b>	
	10-Dec	141.5	Ella/Lucas C		
	17-Dec	145	Sarah V	Powerskating	
	07-Jan	95	Paisley	23-Jan	100
	14-Jan	104	Keegan Taylor	30-Jan	100
	21-Jan	0	no game	06-Feb	100
	28-Jan	85	Tucker Moore	15-Feb	100
	04-Feb	80	Ben	22-Feb	100
	11-Feb	0	Cam Bowers	06-Mar	100
	25-Feb	97.5	Evie B	13-Mar	100
	27-Feb	56	Everret W	20-Mar	100
	04-Mar	105.5	Sarah V		
	11-Mar	0		equipment	442.23
<b>Total</b>		<b>1260</b>		Cheese	163
				<b>Total</b>	<b>1405.23</b>

Year end party		
Douglas street		100
Bowling		200
Cake		34
Pizza		132.67
total		466.67

#### **U11 – Susie Bower**

- Coach: Chad Bower
- Manager: Michelle Smith and Terrylyn Kinsman
- Safety Rep: Andrea Holtan

Our U11C Cobras had a fantastic season. They demonstrated tremendous team work, work ethic and love of the game. Some highlights were going undefeated and winning the banner in the Friendship tournament and narrowly missing making it the playoff finals with a game

dominating performance yet 2-1 loss in their semi-final game. Coaches, players and families had a wonderful year and we are so proud of our team.

West Colchester Cobras - U11C						
2022-2023 Budget						
Sponsorship Income	1,100.00	1100	50/50 Income		Other Income/Expenses	
			Nov 5	61.00	Total 50/50	852.50
			Nov 12	87.00	Family Sponsorship	300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,100.00</b>		Nov 19	52.50	Name Bars	64.00
			Nov 26	67.50	Share to open account	(25.00)
Sponsorship Expenses			Dec 10	56.00	Christmas Gifts	(108.00)
Sponsor Name Bars	-138.40		Dec 17	69.00	Name Bars	(64.00)
Friendship Tournament	-650.00		Jan 7	66.00	Interest	0.06
			Jan 14	126.00	Interest	0.07
			Jan 21	68.00	TShirt Downpayment	(129.89)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>-788.40</b>		Feb 11	60.50	Parent Party	120.00
			Feb 18	54.00	Interest	0.05
<b>Remaining Sponsor \$</b>	<b>311.60</b>		Feb 25	85.00	Trophies	(238.29)
					Parent Party	140.00
			Total 50/50	852.50	Tshirt Remaining	(389.68)
					Pizza	(229.98)
<b>Account Balance:</b>	<b>311.64</b>				Tim Cards (Staff)	(40.00)
Transfer to WCMHA	-311.64				McDonalds Cards	(160.00)
(To Colchester Cares)					Party Treats	(21.71)
					Party Supplies	(38.96)
Ending Balance:	0.00				Party Treats	(31.17)
					Interest	0.04
					<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>0.04</b>

### U13 – Lisa Gordon

- **U13c:**
- Coach: Justin Julien
- Manager: Briana Burris
- Safety Rep: Crystal Slack
- Treasurer: Amanda Leamont

**Summary from Head Coach:** This season can be summed up with one word: difficult. The team was way in over their heads to start the season, which none of us really thought the level of play would be that much higher between U11 and U13. I will say however, that all the kids on our team battled hard right up to the end of the season. They never gave up, and each and every game was a new opportunity for them. I'm very proud of the growth in all of the kids, both with their hockey skills and also growth as people. With the difficulty this season has dealt, kids have learned to persevere and power through adversity. They have remained positive for the most part all season, and continually show up and want to work hard. Nobody has quit or given up!

It's been an honour to be head coach of this team of kids. I'm very proud of all of them, and look forward to seeing how much further they grow next season! Thank you for the opportunity to teach these kids the game of hockey.

### Report from Manager:

Everyone is aware of how hard our season has been, with our biggest win being that none of our kids quit hockey. All 15 out of our U13C players tried their hardest, and came back for every practice and game each week. We finished our season with an end of year party at the rink and the kids left with gifts and a smile.

The last tournament we played in was the Birthplace of Hockey tournament, and lost, but while playing the Halifax Skyhawks, we were shown so much kindness and humility that it shocked us. I emailed them to thank them, and received this tidbit back. "Our team struggled a lot in our league this year. Lots of losses and lots of kids feeling defeated game after game (we are ranked 15th of 16 teams). I would like to think that taught our kids some humility. Your team had great spirit! Please share with them how well they played, pushing hard even when they were down. They should be very proud of themselves!"

All the jerseys have been cleaned/name bars off and Jennifer Porter has them.

The majority of our kids signed up for the development sessions Chad Bower/Troy Fougere put on and the development proved to be excellent and the players learned many skills. Our parents and this team would like this to become a frequent thing through the association starting in the fall.

**Safety Rep:**

Although the U13C Cobra's were put in a position of disadvantage due to the size, age and experience gaps, we (thankfully) had a fairly uneventful season, injury wise! The size differences alone, this year could have been much worse. We had a few scrapes and bruises but the kids bounced back quickly with more determination than before! Luckily we have a tough group of kids that were able to withstand the grueling situations they played in!

I appreciate the effort the other rinks put forth in utilizing extra space they had so the girls on the teams could use separate changing spaces!

The way the teams were formed this season was beyond the kids control and very easily could have caused them to lose their love for this sport BUT we had the right group of kids to power through and come out stronger, despite it! I am 100% convinced our kids have progressed and improved the most over this season! These kids have shown more love for the game than any other I know! They showed up each and every game knowing they were going to have to work harder than the opposing team and more than likely not have their win shown on the scoreboard! I hope they realize that they won each and every game to those of us watching because of all they had to endure yet they continued to move forward! These kiddos are an inspiration to any who watched them! They stuck it out to the bitter end and they did it as a team!!

I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of the team as the safety rep! It took me a bit to wrap my head around what my role included but I had all the support I needed from the management team and coaches! So thank you for that!

**Treasurer report:**

This year budget balanced and no money remains in the bank account. Next year the treasurer will be in control of the budget and the primary person on the bank account with the team rep as the second person on the account.

**Questions: None.**

**West Colchester U13C Team Budget 2022 - 2023**

**INCOME**

DATE	50/50	PARENT CONTRIBUTION	FUNDRAISER	AMOUNT \$
November 5	\$74			\$74

November 12	\$94.50	Candle parental contributions instead of fundraising	Candles	\$94.50
November 19	\$51			\$51
November 21				\$479
November 26	\$76			\$1500
December 3 - no game	\$0			\$76
December 10				\$0
December 17	\$43.50			
December 20	\$46			\$43.50
January 7	\$56			\$46
January 14	\$99			\$56
January 21	See below *			\$99
January 28	\$78.50			See below *
February 4	\$77			\$78.50
February 11	\$64			\$77
February 25	\$57.50			\$64
March 4	\$60			\$57.50
March 14	\$65.25			\$60
	\$25 - 50/50 bucket			\$65.25
				\$25
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$967.25</b>			<b>\$479</b>

**EXPENSES**

DATE	TOURNAMENTS, GAMES AND PRACTICES	OTHER EXPENSES	AMOUNT \$
November 5		50/50 bucket as change	\$25
November 5	Friendship tournament, Debert	Socks	\$230
December 12	Windsor Tournament		\$650
			\$950
December 12		Bearcat tickets x 14 youth	
January 9		480 yogurt tubes for friendship tournament	\$80.10
January 12		- \$1.88 a box	\$113
		Sky box RECC Bearcats game	
January 14		Chuck the puck	\$115
January 28		Jersey letters	\$25
February 18		Great Village creation cups	\$32.12
February 20		Certificate printing	\$150
February 21		Gift	\$21.38
February 25		Cups	\$32.55
March 7		Dog tags gifts	\$46
March 7		Snacks party - Costco	\$80
March 7		Yellow hockey tape	\$58.27
March 10		Pucks	\$24.35
March 13		Food party at rink - \$7 a head	\$27.35
March 13		Tim Horton gift cards x12	\$105
March 14		card	\$180
March 14			\$1.13
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1600</b>	<b>\$1346.25</b>	<b>\$2,946.25</b>

BALANCE	\$0
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\* The 50/50 money of \$230 from 14 January was donated to Nate MacLeod and his family to help support some of the costs his family will face in the coming months as the Tatamagouche referee has been diagnosed with leukemia. The winner of \$230 was Lee Crowe who amazingly donated the money back to Nate & his family. We had \$160 worth of donations not included in the 50/50. We are donating a total of \$620 to Nate and his family!

### U13a:

- Coach: Tom Shreve
- Manager: Lindsay Verboom
- Treasurer: Jaime Blaauwendraat
- Safety Rep: Sam Rodgers

West Colchester GB U13A Cobras: The GB Cobras had a fantastic season. Once again, we were part of the Fundy/Highland Division with Scotia Minor. We finished 4 overall at the end of regular season. With the exception of Antigonish all teams were very competitive and games were good to watch. We placed 3rd in the Round Robin during play downs, giving us a ticket to the Semis vs Strait Richmond. We fell in the Semis but not due to lack of effort.

We participated in two tournaments one before Christmas in North Sydney and another in Fredericton in late January. As always. the team had a fantastic time and represented West Colchester well in all aspects on ice as well as at the hotels. Both hotels spoke to me directly about our team, in a positive way. One more tournament to end our season SEDHMA starting March 31 in HRM.

This team was sponsored by GB Gas & Energy, and many other local sponsors who were advertised by Bars on Jerseys and a banner which travelled with us to all games. A heartfelt Thank You to them!

Many have heard me say this all season but I feel it should be in the official record of West Colchester Minor Hockey. It has been a privilege to be a part of this team this season. This group of kids have been amazing to work with and watch, right from the start. The excitement from the kids from the start was contagious. Our bench staff consisting of 5 of the finest men/dads I've ever met. Lead by Tom Shreve as Head Coach, John Blaauwendraat, Darcy Merryweather, Kevin Peterson and Sam Rodgers these men set the best example for our kids on and off the ice.

Respectfully Submitted, Lindsay Verboom Team Manager for GB U13A Cobras

Budget u13a 2022-2023

	ACTUAL
REVENUE	
Sponsorships	\$ 8,195.00
50/50 (home games)	\$ 670.00
Fundraising	
Family Contribution	\$ 1,763.92
Other	\$ 305.00
	<b>\$ 10,933.92</b>
EXPENSES	

Socks/Name Bars	\$ 686.40
Extra Ice	
Tournaments	\$ 3,400.00
Sponsor advertising	\$ 421.85
Rep Fees	\$ 4,646.14
Year End Party	\$ 900.00
Year End Gifts	\$ 689.32
Bank Fees	\$ 34.25
	<b>\$ 10,777.96</b>
Closing Balance	<b>\$ 155.96</b>

#### U15 – Amanda Eisses

- Coach: Lauchie MacEachern
- Manager: Christina Cook
- Safety Rep: Kerry Crossman

*Report and financials not submitted by time of AGM – Rep will ensure it is submitted asap and we will amend these minutes once received.*

#### U18 – Leanne Alexander

- **U18c:** Coach: Robert McDonald
- Manager: Jennifer McDonald
- Safety Rep: Tina Fisher

This season was more challenging than usual because we had such a large roster. As the season progressed, due to injuries, absences, suspensions, and losing a couple players it ended up working out okay for our skaters. There were times when a skater had to sit out a game, but not very often. Having three goalies was definitely more of a challenge, since one goalie had to sit out every game. Robert organized a regular rotation for the goalies and I believe he was successful in providing equal playing time for all three. This is not ideal for the development of our goalies. It would have been much better for all three goalies if WCMHA had been able to figure out an alternative. We also had some challenges with female dressing rooms, since we had such a large number of female players (8) on our roster. We often reached out to arenas in advance of games to request a dressing room large enough to accommodate our girls. We did the best we could and in most cases it worked out, but there were times when the dressing room situation was not ideal. This is definitely an area that needs improvement from a facilities management perspective - our facilities should be working harder to provide separate dressing rooms for female players, they should not have to share with the other team or be jammed in a storage closet. This year we had to have two supervisors for each dressing room. I am grateful to the moms who stepped up to supervise our female dressing room.

With U18 being a 3-year division, many of the players on our team had never played together until this season. It was nice to see them meld as a team and support and encourage each other. We had some struggles at the beginning of the season, with some negativity amongst the group; however, that was resolved and the team evolved into a positive and fun atmosphere for players and coaches. On the ice there was some success and some challenges. We had to deal with a couple of teams in our league, one in particular, that had a very rough style of play. Our players always managed to keep their head in the game and continued to play tough but clean. Our players represented our team and the Association well and treated their opponents and officials with respect. We often



receive compliments from other teams about how respectful a group these kids are and how much they enjoy playing us. We are very proud of them for this, because at this age level, it's easy to get caught up in the emotional side of the game. We participated in two tournaments, our Friendship tournament and Birthplace of Hockey. The BOH tournament was a struggle, as we ended up with two injured players and two suspensions after the first game of the tournament, combined with having a couple players missing due to sickness and other commitments. We did not advance to the semis or finals in either tournament, but the team played hard right until the last buzzer. To end the season, we celebrated our five graduating players, and had a party with pizza and player gifts. Overall I think everyone had fun season and the players improved

	BUDGET		ACTUAL	
	INCOME	EXPENSES	INCOME	EXPENSES
PARENT CONTRIBUTION	\$2,300.00		\$2,000.00	
WEEKLY 50/50	\$760.00		\$679.50	
Nov 4			\$60.00	
Nov 11			\$75.50	
Nov 18			\$50.00	
Nov 25			\$58.00	
Dec 2			\$46.00	
Dec 9			\$55.00	
Dec 16			\$55.00	
Jan 6			\$45.00	
Jan 13			\$0.00	
Jan 20			\$0.00	
Feb 1			\$19.00	
Feb 3			\$45.00	
Feb 10			\$50.00	
Feb 17			\$0.00	
Feb 22			\$0.00	
Mar 3			\$43.00	
Mar 10			\$0.00	
Mar 17			\$78.00	
FRIENDSHIP TOURNAMENT		\$650.00		\$650.00
BOH TOURNAMENT		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
PLAYDOWNS		\$250.00		\$0.00
50/50 TICKETS		\$20.00		\$10.35
GAME SHEET LABELS		\$20.00		\$18.76
PARTIES/TEAM EVENTS		\$370.00		\$289.11
PLAYER GIFTS		\$460.00		\$676.89
EXHIBITION GAME		\$290.00		\$0.00
JERSEY LETTERS				\$34.50
TOTAL	\$3,060.00	\$3,060.00	\$2,679.50	\$2,679.61
NET		\$0.00		-\$0.11

- **U18a:** Coach: Al Macmillan
- Manager: Leah Roy
- Safety Rep: Tanya Bowers

As this season started it was a little hectic and nerve racking with the unknown of tryouts and new kids coaches and parents joining together to sail the cobra ship in the direction of a fun and competitive season. With coaching crew on ice who love the game and working with kids/ young adults , a superb manager taking on the off ice battle and a very easy going parent group to help do whatever was needed to make this season a very memorable one for all involved.

That being said, we did see some major events happen with in our league and hockey ns. Most events involved Cape Breton west, a major multi player off ice fight at RECC with Truro , a parking lot fight with Queens county and a six man hug fest in one of our last games with that resulting in three major suspensions near end of year for us and them. We showed up to playoffs in Cape Breton down 3 ,to find out that their players were all there and playing! Extremely frustrating to say the least. With the pile getting bigger we managed to take 1st place in round robin allowing us to play in the Inverness rink for the semis bumping their home team to travel to Richmond for theirs .They tried every angle to get it changed, even verbally acc ousting our parents as we left Saturday. We ended playing west cape Breton in the final , which turned out to be the absolute most unsportsmanlike game that I have ever been a part of! With injured players not moving on ice their bench clapped sticks whooping hollering and coaxing the whole rink to do the same. The refs had no control whatsoever unless it was a call on us. I have nothing but praise for our players who played a great game through all the crap that took place and to our parents who faced a lot of the same in the stands. ( I don't think they even know about Respect in Sport in Inverness.) Our boys held their heads high and showed their cobra pride with a silver medal performance for the season.

Sorry for the ramble , I know I didn't mention it all but lots of lessons learned this year. I must mention a big thank you to Leah for keeping us afloat this year with a lot of extra manager business also to Dodie who did a lot of after hours HNS suspension details and more. Thank you. Even with all the head shaking crap near the end the team had a fun successful season. Go Cobras !  
Coach Al Macmillan

I'm so thankful to have been a small part of such an amazing team this season! Wonderful, hard working, sportsmanlike young men, four awesome coaches, a fabulous safety rep, an organized treasurer, our sponsor sign boy who faithfully carried it all season & parents who were the most easy going group who put up with Big Mama Roy length emails & were on board to ensure their athletes could play!

1st in playoffs with the help of kind AP players and despite bringing home silver in the championship game those Cobras boys made me so insanely proud! My old heart wouldn't have handled playoff weekend without Dodie's help dealing with all of the garbage & misconduct that Cape Breton West was doing. WCMHA was presented positively throughout as our seventeen families followed every rule, respectfully waited for answers from HNS & SMHL that never came. They took the high road & we

Even though our suspended players couldn't play they didn't miss supporting their teammates at practices & every game, even in CB, thank you boys!

Our association guarantees our C teams a tournament to play in, at u18a there are a very limited number of

tournaments. All four of the NS ones booked before our association has a team finalized. NB tournaments open in July for booking too. **I'd like to propose as an association that in the summer we book a u18a away tournament for early season in NB & one after Christmas in NS.** Then when the team has been picked they can fundraise for those two tournaments. It was disappointing that we were only able to get into one in NB after a team cancelled their spot.

Congrats to our five senior players Ian Kittilsen, Evan Shay, Tristen Sutherland, Cameron Euloth, Jordan Richards- excited to see where your journey takes you next. Make it fun, memorable & whatever you do

**2022-2023 u18a Cobras Budget**

REVENUE				Actual In
Gift Card Fundraiser			\$2,500.00	\$1,031.00
Wreath Fundraiser			\$2,400.00	\$622.17
Weekly 50/50			\$1,043.50	\$770.45
Start up parent portion (\$100 x 17 players)			\$1,700.00	\$1500+ \$1120
Sponsorship (\$250 x 17 players)			\$4,250.00	\$4,500
			\$11,893.50	\$9,543.62
Expenses				Actual Out
Socks(13 pairs x \$22 each)			\$286.00	\$286.00
Name & Sponsor Bars (17x2=34 x \$10 each)			\$340.00	\$137.83
Sponsor Banner			\$230.00	\$224.25
Tournaments + Playdowns			\$2,400.00	\$2,694.94
Rep Fees			\$5,265.00	\$3,076.40
Exhibition games (Refs,Lines,Ice,Time)x5			\$2,212.50	\$443
Extra practices (\$165/hr) x 4			\$660.00	\$0.00
Misc (team food & bonding,tickets,bank fees,labels)			\$500.00	\$986.70
			\$11,893.50	
Year end shindig (Paintball, Meal, Gifts)				\$1,695.00
				\$9,543.62