



HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA

2017 AGM - FINAL NOTICE/AGM PACKAGE

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FINAL NOTICE - AGM Package

To: HNS Registered Junior Leagues (3 Votes, 1 per league as per HNS By-Law 11.1)
HNSMC (5 Votes as per By-law 11.1)
NSMMHL (1 Vote as per HNS By-Law 11.1)
NSMBHL (1 Vote as per HNS By-Law 11.1)
HNSFC (1 Vote as per HNS By-Law 11.1)
HNS Board of Directors (1 Vote ea. per HNS By-Law 11.1)

From: Darren Cossar, Executive Director

CC: Jamie Ferguson, SNS (non-Voting) HNS Life Members (non-Voting)
Blaise Landry, NSSRC (non-Voting) Steve Lacoste, BF Lorenzetti (non-Voting)
HNS Staff (non-Voting) Stephen Gallant, NSSAF (non-Voting)
AUS & Teams (non-Voting) Joe Drago, Hockey Canada (non-Voting)
Sledge Hockey Partners, (non-Voting) HNS Corporate Partners (non-Voting)
Tom Renney, CEO HC (non-Voting) Regional Female Executives (non-Voting)
Minor Hockey Associations (non-Voting) Female Hockey Associations (non-voting)

Date: April 26, 2017

Re: **HNS AGM FINAL NOTICE**

The Annual General Meeting of Hockey Nova Scotia will be held Sunday, May 7, 2017 at the Best Western Plus, 15 Spectacle Lake Drive Dartmouth, NS B3B 1X7.

Delegate Registration will commence at 8:30 a.m., with the AGM starting at 9:00 a.m. sharp.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA BY-LAWS, ANY LEAGUE or ASSOCIATION OWING FUNDS, AS OF THIS DATE SHALL NOT BE ENTITLED TO VOTE AT THE HNSMC CONGRESS OR HNS AGM.

Please bring this package to the meeting for information purposes and provide copies to all your eligible delegates.

Regards,



Darren Cossar
Executive Director
HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA

HNS AGM Weekend – 2017 ITINERARY

All events to take place at the Best Western Plus, Dartmouth, NS

Friday, May 5, 2017 **HNS AGM Weekend** (MHA Presidents, Councils and Members)

6:00-9:30 PM	6:00-6:10 PM	Welcome HNS President Garth Isenor
	6:10-8:00 PM	Plenary 1 – Novice Hockey
	8:00-8:15 PM	Break
	8:15-9:30 PM	Presidents Meeting
	9:30-9:45 PM	Wrap Up
9:45-12:00 PM	HNS / BF Lorenzetti Social (Pizza and Refreshments)	

Saturday, May 6, 2017 **HNS AGM Weekend** (MHA Presidents, Councils and Members)

8:30 AM-4:00 PM	8:30- 8:45 AM	Day 2 Intro Quick Hit Items – DoC, Road Show...
	8:45-9:30 AM	Plenary 2 –Female Hockey Associations/Female Growth
	9:30-10:15 AM	Plenary 3 – Best Practices (Sharing - 3 X 15 mins)
	10:15-10:30 AM	Break
	10:30 AM-12 noon	Plenary 4 – Development Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coach Clinic Registration- Grass Roots support- IP- Coordinators
	12 noon-1:00 PM	LUNCH (Soup, sandwiches and desert)
	1:00-2:00 PM	Plenary 5 – HC Gala Legacy (Growing the Game)
	2:00-2:30 PM	Registration HNS Minor Council Meeting
	2:30-4:00 PM	HNS Minor Council Meeting (MHA Presidents)
6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Hockey Nova Scotia Annual Awards Banquet	

Sunday, May 7, 2017 **HNS AGM Weekend**

9:00 – 11:00 AM	Hockey Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting (voting delegates as per By-Law 11)
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HNS ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday May 6, 2017

Reception 6:00 PM, Dinner 7:00PM

Best Western Plus, Dartmouth

15 Spectacle Lake Drive Dartmouth, NS B3B 1X7

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The Annual Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, May 6th, 2017 at the Best Western Plus, Dartmouth. Join Hockey Nova Scotia as we celebrate the great game of hockey and our amazing volunteers, players and teams. It has indeed been a busy year for Hockey Nova Scotia and we are proud of our many accomplishments this past year and those of our athletes, coaches and volunteers. We hope you can join us as we honor our 2017 award winners and celebrate another great year of hockey in Nova Scotia.

# of Tickets:	X	\$60.00/ticket	=
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For further information, contact Sarah Holman at:

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday, May 7, 2017
9:00 AM

A G E N D A

- (1) Opening Remarks & Introductions**
 - (A) Appointment – Credentials Committee
 - (B) Moment of Silence
 - (C) Introduction of Special Guests

- (2) Minutes of 2016 HNS Annual General Meeting**

- (3) Business from 2016 Minutes**

- (4) Reports:**

(a) President	Garth Isenor
(b) VP Hockey Operations	Arnie Farrell
(c) Chair Junior	Alvin Anstey
(d) Chair Minor	Brad MacKinley
(e) Chair Elite Hockey	Steve Coates
(f) Female Council	Stephen Murray
(g) Chair Risk Management/Adult Rec	Scott Kennedy
(h) Referee-in-Chief	Michael MacDonald
(i) Chair Development	Terry Moore
(j) VP Finance & Administration	Heather Murphy

- (5) Committee Reports, Recommendations, Resolutions, Etc.**
 - **There are 6 NOM with regards to the By-Laws and the Past Presidents position (attached)**

- (6) Election of Officers**

- (7) General & New Business**

- (8) Adjournment**

MINUTES HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

Attendance:	Garth Isenor	HNS President
	Heather Murphy	HNS VP Finance
	Arnie Farrell	HNS VP Operations
	Terry Moore	HNS Chair of Development
	Todd Robinson	HNS Referee-in-Chief
	Alvin Anstey	HNS Chair of Junior
	Brad MacKinley	HNS Chair of Minor
	Scott Kennedy	HNS Chair of Risk Management
	Randy Morgan	HNS Chair of Elite Hockey
	Stephen Murray	HNS Chair of Female

Meeting was called to order at 9:20 AM

1.0 Opening Remarks and Introductions

(A) Garth Isenor welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

(B) Credential Committee will be Mike Beamish and Joanne Hughes

Moved by Tom Foley

Seconded by Todd Robinson

To close credentials at 9:24 AM

Motion Carried

List of Eligible Voting Delegates for Hockey Nova Scotia

9 Hockey Nova Scotia Board (Garth Isenor, Arnie Farrell, Terry Moore, Randy Morgan, Scott Kennedy, Alvin Anstey, Brad MacKinley, Stephen Murray, Todd Robinson)

5 Hockey Nova Scotia Minor Council (Dan St.John, Scott McCarther, Brian Wentzell, Steve Coates, Allan Matheson)

1 Hockey Nova Scotia Female Council (Peter Twohig)

3 Hockey Nova Scotia Junior Council (Jan Isenor, Tom Foley, Stu Rath)

1 NSMMHL (John Sellers)

1 NSMBHL (Todd Watson)

Total of 20 Voting Delegates

- (B) Garth Isenor requested a moment of silence to remember those who have passed away in the past year.

- (C) Joanne Hughes, Female Chair Hockey Canada was present at the meeting. Last night at the banquet, life member Dr. Carl Buchanan, Randy Pulisfer, Hockey Canada Board member, and presenter Jill Saulnier were present.

2.0 Minutes of the 2015 HNS Annual General Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes from the 2015 AGM

Moved by Tom Foley

Seconded by Todd Watson

Motion Carried

3.0 New Business from the 2015 Minutes

- There was no business from the minutes.

4.0 Correspondence

No correspondence.

5.0 Reports: reports were circulated and a brief summary of each was given.

Motion to accept the officers written reports as a block.

Moved by Tom Foley

Seconded by Jan Isenor

Motion carried

Motion to accept the 2016-2017 Budget

Moved by Todd Robinson

Seconded by Brad MacKinley

Motion Carried

6.0 Committee Reports, Recommendations, Resolutions, Etc.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion: Don Matheson be expelled from the HNS Board pursuant to HNS By-Law Six – Expulsion – Any violation of the By-Laws or policies, or failure to accept and endorse all decisions of Hockey Nova Scotia or the Board of Directors. As per By-Law Six this will have to be ratified at the AGM of HNS May 15, 2016.

Moved: Arnie Farrell

Seconded: Brad MacKinley

16 yes votes

0 nay votes

3 abstained

Motion Carried

7.0 Election of Officers

- Alvin Anstey was only candidate for Chair Junior, therefore elected.
- Stephen Murray was only candidate for Chair Female, therefore elected.
- Steve Coates was elected as Chair of Elite.

*Motion to Adjourn
Moved by Arnie Farrell
Motion Carried.*

VOTING CREDENTIALS - 2017

BY-LAW ELEVEN - VOTING

- 11.1 At the Annual General Meeting, Semi-Annual Meeting and Special or General Meetings of Hockey Nova Scotia, the following shall be entitled to one (1) vote each.
- A member of the Board of Directors who is also an Officer is entitled to only one vote.
 - Officers of Hockey Nova Scotia
 - Board of Directors of Hockey Nova Scotia
Junior Council Official Delegates three (3) in addition to the Chair (to be the President or Designate of each of the three (3) Junior Leagues, one (1) vote per League)
 - Female Council one (1) in addition to the Chair (to be determined by Female Council)
 - Elite Hockey two (2) votes, Major Midget and Major Bantam one (1) vote for each league. (to be the President or Designate of each league)
 - Minor Council Official Delegates five (5) in addition to the Chair (to be determined by Minor Council)
- 11.2 Any delegate holding a credential signed by the President and Secretary of the registered league or team shall be considered the legal representative of that league or team, but in any case, a delegate cannot represent more than one (1) league or team. All credentials for registered leagues or teams must also be signed by the Chair of the Council or designate.
- 11.3 At all meetings of Hockey Nova Scotia or of its Committees, voting shall be by a show of hands, unless otherwise decided.
- 11.4 For the Board of Directors' meetings only, the President may, of his own volition, order a mail or fax vote be taken by the Executive Director.
- 11.4 No proxy vote will be accepted.

HNS AGM 2016 ELIGIBLE VOTING DELEGATES

Association	Name	# of Eligible Votes
HNS	Garth Isenor, President	1
HNS	Arnie Farrell, VP hockey Operations	1
HNS	Vacant, Past President	0
HNS	Brad MacKinley, Chair Minor	1
HNS	Scott Kennedy, Chair Risk Management/Adult Rec	1
HNS	Alvin Anstey, Chair Junior	1
HNS	Michael MacDonald, Referee-in-Chief	1
HNS	Randy Morgan, Chair Elite Hockey	1
HNS	Heather Murphy, VP Finance & Administration (non-voting)	0
HNS	Stephen Murray, Chair Female	1
HNS	Terry Moore, Chair Hockey Development Council	1
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HNSMC	Brad MacKinley, Chairman – <i>vote under HNS</i> (+5 votes as per HNS By-Law 6.1)	0
HNSMC		1
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HNSMC		1
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NSMBHL(Major Bantam)	Todd Watson, President	1
NSMMHL(Major Midget)	John Sellers, President	1
HNSFC	Stephen Murray, Chairman – <i>vote under HNS</i> (+1 vote as per HNS By-Law 6.1)	0
HNSFC		1
		1
Junior Council	Alvin Anstey, Chair Junior Council – <i>vote under HNS</i> (+3 votes as per HNS By-Law 6.1)	0
MHL		1
NSJHL		1
Nova Scotia Jr. C		1
		3
TOTAL ELIGIBLE VOTING DELEGATES		20

CREDENTIAL FORM
2017 Annual General Meeting

NAME:	_____
ADDRESS:	_____
PHONE#:	_____
EMAIL ADDRESS:	_____
Board, Council or LEAGUE:	_____
Council Chair or League President Signature	Representative Signature

Appropriate Signature MUST be on this form for delegate to be eligible.

VERIFICATION CONFIRMATION

HNS Branch Representative

NO PROXY VOTES PERMITTED

Election of Officers 2017 – 2019

The following HNS Board members shall be elected at the respective Annual Meeting/Congress of their Council:

Slate of Candidates: As of Friday April 29, 2016, the Executive Director received the following nominations, as a result the following candidates submitted by the nominating Committee.

Position	Term	Slate
President, Hockey Nova Scotia	2 Years	Mr. Garth Isenor
Vice President, Hockey Nova Scotia	2 Years	Mr. Arnie Farrell
Chair, Hockey Nova Scotia Minor Council	2 Years	Mr. Brad MacKinley

Election of Council Members 2017 – 2019

The following HNS Minor Council members have been acclaimed to their positions as a result of no other names being submitted.

Position	Term	Slate
South Conference Coordinator, HNSMC	1 Year	Mr. Brian Wentzell
Halifax Regional Director HNSMC	2 Years	Mr. Scott MacArther
Fundy Regional Director HNSMC	2 Years	Mr. Dan St. John
Western Regional Director HNSMC	1 year	Mr. Jimmy Mosher
Strait Regional Director HNSMC	2 Years	Mr. Mike Trenholm

***Details on all positions and requirements can be found on the HNS website www.hockeynovascotia.ca under the Governance link and MOU/By-Laws.**

HNS REPORT – 2016/17

Hockey Nova Scotia 2017 Year End Report

Presidents Report

Another year has passed and it is time to take a breath and reflect, and yes, it has been a very busy year. I must start by thanking all for their efforts on behalf of Hockey Nova Scotia. As you will see in the reports to follow, our board, councils, MHAs, volunteers and staff have been very busy, working hard to ensure we continue to move forward and provide a positive experience to all involved in the game.

During the season, HNS made some adjustments on the fly and developed a new league for High School players displaced by a work-to-rule job action by the province's teachers. There is more info on the Midget X league in the Minor report below and check out: http://www.hockeynovascotia.ca/hns_12370_52988.html As well, we welcomed our first Female Hockey Association as a full member of HNS this year. More on it below.

Another new and exciting initiative this year was the "Get More From Sport" program. This partnership with Sport Nova Scotia and Soccer Nova Scotia has taken a multi-faceted approach to educating parents on the dangers of early sport specialization. Check it out at <http://www.getmorefromsport.ca/>.

HNS also worked with Ian Ready, Dave Verge and Steve Coates to pull together the first "Special Needs" hockey program in Nova Scotia. This exciting new program had 25 participants, along with 10 coaches and ran every Sunday during the hockey season. For more info you can check out the following link: http://www.hockeynovascotia.ca/hns_12370_52872.html

The third annual Day of Champions (DoC) was held April 7-9 in Bridgewater and has become the focal point of the minor hockey season with 16 championship games. Eleven minor and five female provincial champions were declared during the three-day celebration. This event would not happen without the great volunteer and corporate support of RBC and Pro Hockey Life, our partners in hockey. For more info on the Day of Champions, check out: http://www.hockeynovascotia.ca/hns_12370_53146.html

In March, HNS hosted the Canadian women's sledge hockey team. They played a two-game exhibition series against the HNS Sledge Hockey All-Stars, a team that will represent HNS at the Sledge Hockey nationals this year. As well, the national team hosted a coaching session for all N.S. Sledge Hockey coaches and an open try-sledge session for all female sledge hockey players and those interested in trying the sport. All in all, it was an amazing three days of sledge hockey competition and education for everyone involved. Many thanks to Janice Coulter and the women's team. Also, congrats to Ken MacDonald and the Halifax Sledge Grinders on hosting the very successful East Coast Sledge Hockey Challenge, with 4 teams from NS and PEI.

We welcomed two new board members during the past year. Steve Coates replaced Randy Morgan as Chair of Elite Hockey when he was elected to a two-year term by our Elite leagues and teams. Michael MacDonald replaced Referee-in-Chief Todd Robinson who has moved on to become Hockey Canada Referee-in-Chief. Welcome aboard Steve and Michael and congrats and thanks to Randy and Todd!

I would like to once again thank the HNS board for their support and guidance over the past year. I want to also thank the HNS councils and staff for their support, work and dedication to the game over the past year. It has indeed been busy and productive. Enjoy the reports to follow and don't hesitate to ask myself or any of our volunteers or staff for further information on anything contained in this report.

Garth Isenor
HNS President

HNS Development Council Report 2016-17

- NCCP Development 1 Coach Clinic = 392 participants
- Introduction To Coach Clinic = 545 participants
- HC University Coach I & II = 561
- HC University Safety Online = 1037 participants
- 842 users of the Hockey Canada App in NS
- 607 Subscribers to Drill Hub
- Development Weekend was held Nov. 5-6, 2016
- HP1 Elite Hockey Coach certification fully enforced at the Major Bantam and Major Midget levels on male side and Midget AAA on the female side.
- High Performance Program Camps held in July at St FX University, Male U13, U14, U15 Female U16, U18
- Atlantic Challenge Cup held in Moncton with Nova Scotia winning 3 Gold and 1 silver
- High Performance Spring Camps to be held April 21-23 2017 at BMO Center Halifax NS.
- We will offer a U13 male program for the 3rd year.
- For the first time, we will be offering a U13 Female camp. This program is an introduction to the HPP with the camp focused on skill and player development with no final team selection.
- High Performance Male U16 team will compete in the QMJHL Excellence Challenge in Montreal leaving April 23rd 2017
- Parent Pathway Guide is currently being created by Darren Sutherland (near completion).
- Bill Short continued to travel the province working with Minor Hockey Associations on Development Initiatives.
- Six IP Coordinators were appointed and started the process of inventorying IP programs across the province and gathering best practices and ensuring HC/HNS guidelines being followed.
- Spring skill development program to run again in May for 1 male and 1 female group.
- Canada Winter Games Head Coaches were selected, Jon Greenwood-Male (Halifax QMJHL) and Kirk Tomlinson-Female (TASA Minor Hockey Association)

Terry Moore

Chair HNS Development Council

HNS Minor Council Report 2016-17

The following is a brief report on some of the activities of HNSMC during the 2016-17 Hockey Season.

- The ½ ice for IP has been in place for many years now in NS and is accepted as the standard practice. We are now moving to Novice and it has been accepted by most associations this past season as a voluntary direction, with most feedback being positive. We will be introducing a new Novice Structure and season plan at our AGM this year. Details to be released in May.
- The formation of the Midget X was a huge success as generated great positive media reports for all involved for stepping up for the kids. This new league for High School players displaced by a “work to rule” by the provincial school system, saw 34 teams (2 divisions) come together over 2 weeks and kept over 600 players in the game. Many thanks to our Minor Hockey Associations, community volunteers and the HNS staff, who all worked together to make this happen. Two provincial champions, Tier I and II were declared as a part of the season ending SEDMHA Minor Hockey Tournament.

- Minor Junior (players aged 18-21) a competitive, non-checking league of 8 teams was added to the Day of Champions event to declare a provincial champion this year. This generated a lot of interest in this stream of hockey and we continue to look at how to expand across NS to keep players in the game.
- The new Minor Midget AAA league with 7 teams set to start operations with spring camps this month and league play in September, will hopefully address some of the concerns with keeping first year midget elite level players in the development stream. This league will be focused on player development and fall directly under HNS and Minor Council. More info can be found on the following links:
http://www.hockeynovascotia.ca/hns_12370_53145.html and
http://www.hockeynovascotia.ca/hns_12370_53150.html
- The success of the DOC continues to grow and implemented a new playoff/playdown format to get there to keep teams playing longer and implemented a new standard OT format for all minor hockey.

HNS Minor Council continues to work on establishing long term goals that are in line with the priorities established by Hockey Nova Scotia and Hockey Canada.

Brad MacKinley,
Chair of HNS Minor Council

HNS Female Council Report 2016-17

- **HNS Restructuring**

HNSFC continued this season with the 6 zones set up to administer female hockey. We went through the season with our 6 executive committees that were put in place to administer female growth in the Province. This set up is working well allowing HNSFC to work with the grassroots administrators in real time to handle issues as they arise. This culminated with the Board approval of our first Female Hockey Association (FHA) within the Branch. The Metro West Force will now represent female hockey within our |Halifax Zone for years to come. The long-term vision for the Branch is to establish FHAs in all 6 zones when the grassroots indicate that they are willing to take the next step. For more info : http://www.hockeynovascotia.ca/hns_12370_53135.html

- **Midget AAA**

The Metro Boston Pizza won the league this season however were defeated by the Northern Subway Select in their bid to return to the Atlantic tournament. The Selects made it to the final of Atlantic but lost a hard-fought final to HPEI 2-0. The event was hosted by our Branch this year, with the Pro Cresting Penguins and their organizing committee putting on a fantastic event.

- **Bantam Atlantics**

The Metro Force West won the Bantam AA provincial and earned the right to attend the Bantam Atlantics held this year in NB.

- **DOC**

The day of Champions was held this year in Bridgewater. This event is proving to be the right move for HNS. Provincial banners were given out at Atom A, Atom AA, Peewee A, Bantam A and Midget A levels. Congratulations to all the teams that qualified.

- **Female Festival**

This is the 10th year for the Female Festival and once again it is full. Close to 400 female hockey players Novice, Atom and Pee wee will meet next weekend to celebrate the female game in Cole Harbour, NS.

Overall Female Hockey in HNS is continuing slow growth. With the reorganization of the registration, administration and now the formation of Female Hockey Associations (FHAs) within the Province, we have a strong foundation to move forward and HNSFC will be moving to build a 2-year strategic plan to encompass coach and player recruitment and retention. We are excited about where we are and where we are heading.

Stephen Murray
Chair HNS Female Council

HNS Junior Council Report 2016-17

- Junior C – 6 Teams, Continued expansion of the league after almost folding 2 years ago. Lots of interest, biggest issue is securing appropriate available ice times in urban areas, where players are.
Very successful Maritime hockey north hosted in Springhill by Cumberland/Colchester Colts
- Junior B – 11 Teams, League play was the most balanced ever, Pictou won the league championship for first time in their history
Don Johnson Cup will be hosted by Cape Breton Miners in 2018 and played at new Membertou facility.
- Junior A – 6 Teams, Truro has been awarded 2017 World Junior A Challenge and plans are well underway. We look forward to hosting our Jr partners and the World next year.
League adopted pay for play policy for 2016 -17 season and will continue into the future.
HP1 Coach Certification enforced. Truro is currently playing in the MHL Championship.

Alvin Anstey
Chair Junior Council
Hockey Nova Scotia

Elite Hockey Report 2016-17

- **Major Bantam**

Very competitive this year and a very successful Provincial Tournament. Seed 6 and 7 played in the championship game with ACA Rangers being the Provincial Champions. The ACA Rangers were in the final game at Atlantics and won silver this year attending Atlantics in PEI. NSMBHL requested a change to the Provincial Tournament Schedule presented at the February 24, 2017 HNS Board meeting and it was approved.

- **Major Midget**

Again, a successful year with a well-attended IceJam Tournament in January 2017. Cape Breton West Islanders won the Major Midget Level.

The NSEMMHL reviewed the COD for the League and the HNS Board passed with only two minor changes. The League playoffs saw Cape Breton West Islanders win as Provincial Champions. It was off to Miramichi in NB for Atlantic where they made it to the final game against Moncton Flyers. It was a very fast paced exciting game and CB West Islanders won 3 – 2 and are the Atlantic Champion. The team is on their way to Telus Cup in Prince George British Columbia on April 22, 2017 to represent Atlantic Canada and Nova Scotia.

HNS will be the 2018 Major Midget AAA Atlantic Championship Hosts. Bids have been received and evaluation of the bids is underway to select a host team.

Steve Coates
Chair Elite Hockey
Hockey Nova Scotia

Officiating Report 2016-17

- New Interim Referee-in-Chief (Michael MacDonald) put in place after HNS RIC (Todd Robinson) was appointed as the Hockey Canada Referee-in-Chief.
- 1039 registered officials this season (986 male and 64 female), which is relatively similar to the previous year. The challenge with registration remains in our smaller communities, where we typically have a group of younger officials, but they move away once graduating from high school. Smaller towns are very reliant on a core group of veteran officials.
- Minor Hockey RIC Workshop: During Development weekend this season, rather than support MHAs with instructors or supervisors and hope they held individual session we held a workshop for the MHA RICs. We brought all of them from throughout the province into Halifax for a full day of discussion on development, supervision, program administration, conflict resolution and on-ice development. This was a big success based on feedback from the RICs and will now be an annual event.
- In an effort to raise the profile of our female officiating within HNSOP, one of our senior female officials was appointed to the role of RIC – Female. We are seeing the benefits of her attention to our Female Officials. In addition, Paul Boese was appointed to the position of HNS RIC (Minor) for Halifax/Dartmouth. Paul's role will be to provide leadership, guidance and support for minor hockey officials and MHA RICs in the Metro Halifax region.
- The HNS officiating program successfully supported several regional and national championships. These included the University Cup (Fredericton NB), Female Midget Atlantic (East Hants, NB), Bantam Female Atlantic (Moncton, NB), Maritime Hockey North Championship (Springhill, NS), and the Esso Cup (Morden, Manitoba). We also continued our partnership with HNB and HPEI by bringing female officials in for the Midget Championship.
- The year finished off with the HNS Day of Champions, where various MHAs supplied officials for each of the games. Heading into the off-season, we will again be holding our spring and summer officiating camps in association with the HNS High Performance Program.

Michael MacDonald
Referee-in-Chief
Hockey Nova Scotia

2017
Notice of Motion
(Attached)