

**2009 – 2010 ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Eagan Civic Arena – West Rink Mezzanine**  
**Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**7:00 PM**

**REGISTRATION – Mickey Sparks**  
**REGISTRATION REPORT**

Summary for the last 7 years:

	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Male	538	514	522	520	531	515	497
Female	107	105	121	126	135	117	123
8U	0	22	18	29	24	29	36
10U	30	19	15	20	30	33	29
12U	24	28	30	26	21	18	31
14U	12	10	16	15	27	5	1
16U/19U	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
Mini-mite	138	119	131	123	121	113	97
Mite	125	108	121	114	110	103	99
Squirt	108	115	98	88	107	104	95
Pee Wee	79	77	92	107	88	81	100
Bantam	77	80	66	68	79	104	79
Jr. Gold	51	40	56	56	57	42	52
Total	645	619	643	646	666	632	620

These numbers represent our total registrations. They do not take into account move-ups or players that quit after registration. Studies done by Minnesota Hockey have shown that only about 30% of the players who register as mini-mites are still playing as bantams, so we need to continue to focus on recruiting new players, especially girls.

Our Mite and Mini-mite numbers are down this year. We need to continue to emphasize recruitment of new players and the retention of the mites and mini-mites year to year. History has shown that when those numbers are low, we end up with fewer Bantam and Jr. Gold players.

While we have used electronic registration for about 5 years, this was the first year we used USA Hockey's electronic registration. Over 90% of our registrations came through USA Hockey first.

USA Hockey had changed the start date for registration for the 2009-2010 year and now they have decided to change it back to September 1st. The membership will see little change except that everyone who registers for a fall clinic will have to register with USA Hockey first.

The other major change in registration next year is that we will need to collect birth certificates for mites and mini-mites.

## **HOCKEY OPERATIONS – Jay Borman & Terry Everson**

From a Hockey Operations perspective, two of the primary responsibilities of the position are to drive the Coach Selection and Tryout processes. Both of these processes were run in a fashion similar to past years.

Coach Selection entailed formation of Coach Selection committees at each of the age levels (with the exception of the Mite levels, in which coaches were determined by the Mite Coordinator). The Age Level Coordinators (i.e. Girls, Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam and Jr. Gold) chaired the committees. Sitting members of the committees included two additional board members, two at-large members of the association and the Eagan High School coach.

At the end of the season the “non-parent” coaches at the Pee Wee and Bantam levels all requested reappointment at their current levels of coaching per the provision in the EHA Handbook. The coach selection committees at those respective levels met and recommended reappointment of those coaches to the board, and that recommendation was approved. The coaches in question are Greg Gouette, Tom Schadegg and Kerry Karinen at the Pee Wee level, and Mitch Stevenson, Justin Simonson and Andy Ryan at the Bantam level.

At this point the intent is that a similar coach selection process will remain in place for the 2009-10 season. However, recommendations for process improvement are welcomed and encouraged.

The Tryout process was similarly run in a fashion as in years past. Similar to the Coach Selection committees, the Tryout Committee contains two board members and two at-large members from the association. It is chaired by the Director of Hockey Operations. The process continues to rely heavily on the utilization of independent, outside evaluators to help ensure that the process is as fair to all participants as possible. Similar to the Coach Selection process, feedback and recommendations are encouraged from the association at-large for consideration in improving this process. Another focus of the Hockey Operations area is to work closely with the Player Development Coordinator. Meetings were held with most Squirt through Jr. Gold head coaches after the 2008-09 season, and steps were taken to act on the feedback that was provided -- including but not limited to improvements in off-ice training, goaltender development and coaching development and support. Efforts will once again be made this year to reach out to coaches and gather their feedback to consider for improving our association going forward.

Furthermore, the Hockey Operations area will need to continue to be aware of guidelines associated with the American Development Model being implemented by USA Hockey. You can refer to the ADM web site ([www.admkids.com](http://www.admkids.com)) for more information on this program. The American Development Model is a nationwide model for successfully developing American hockey players. It is not a mandate sent from USA Hockey, but instead a tool that will ensure every kid will have the same chance to succeed.

## **Hockey Operations: ACE Program**

The 09/10 season included the introduction of the ACE Program (Association Coaching and Education Program) to EHA. The program is intended to be utilized as a communication tool, ongoing coach training and new education initiative for parent and coach education.

EHA elected to run a pilot program involving level head coaches for Pee Wee and Bantams in the 09/10 season. The level head coaches were utilized as a resource for coaching support, as well as communication portal between the coaches and the association. The level head coaches were non-board members with extensive coaching experience.

Throughout the season, the level head coaches offered their services to help coaches run practices, provide ideas, evaluate if asked, as well as serve as a non-biased voice for items or issues that could arise between coaches and parents. The level head coaches were asked to report to games and practices an average of 3 per week throughout the season and provide feedback to the coaches and to the ACE coordinator.

The program was utilized to varying degree at both levels for the 09/10 season. The program was interpreted as option for the coaches to utilize, and as such only a few utilized the resources available to them. In some cases however, the level head coach were able to participated more due to health/ injury of some coaches, or some in some cases to help organize the early part of the season. As the season progressed, teams tended to use the level head coaches less for practices; however the level head coaches did continue to offer their services, including game feedback.

### **Recommendation:**

Continue to utilize the ACE program and level head coaches, but put more emphasis and ownership on the head coaches to utilize the resource, as part of the coach evaluation and selection process. The level head coaches recommend a paper trail feedback mechanism for the coaches and the ACE coordinator. Feedback would include follow-up action items and a method to document progress of teams and coach education. We recommend continued support for this program and expand to squirt level, girls (all age levels) and potentially mites.

ACE Coordination – Co-Director Hockey Operations – Terry Everson

Bantam Level Coach – Pat Carroll

Pee Wee Level Coach – Tom Peterson

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## **FINANCE / FUNDRAISING - Julie Parrish**

### **A. Budget – Main Areas**

1. Ice time
  - Budget \$218,750
  - Actual \$302,000
2. Player development
  - Budgeted \$50,000
  - Actual \$13,000 due to shortened season w/ Total Hockey
  - EHA only paid for services we received, remaining dollars were rolled back into the general fund budget.
3. Jersey Replacement Program – Paid for through Gambling Funds
  - Budgeted \$22,500

- Actual \$19,765
- 4. Coach Expense
  - Budget \$20,000
  - Actual \$20,000
  - Coach Mentoring Program established

**B. Scholarships**

1. Over \$14,000 given in scholarships this year
2. \$7,000 direct total fees scholarship
3. Approximately 25 families requesting total or partial aid

**C. Taxes**

1. EHA is a 501c organization and files forms 990 and the 990T. Due to the exempt status of the organization, EHA does not incur any tax liability.
2. Income Taxes and reports have all been filed accordingly for 2008 and on time. Reports are available for review upon appointment with Treasurer.

**D. Tournaments**

1. 3 Tournaments hosted this year averaging \$5,000 net income from each (1 Tournament was Booster Club hosted)
2. Average cost of hosting a tournament was around \$10,000 which includes ice time, Referees, EMT's, Trophies, and Marketing/printing costs.
3. All tournaments were full brackets for all levels of EHA's tournaments for Bantam C, Pee Wee C, Bantam B2, Pee Wee B2 and Squirt C. Registration fees were typically based @ \$650 per team.

**E. Fundraising**

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> year for Fundraising raffle
2. Net profit of \$49,514 (comparable to previous years)
3. Expenses lower than previous years @ only \$4000
4. Approximately 485 players participating this year

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**ICE - Stephen Randall**

The activities over the past year have been

- a) preparing the ice times for the season and
- b) transitioning the scheduling process.

The primary basis for this year's ice assignments was the 2008-2009 season. One goal was to automate the ice assignment to the greatest extent possible, while adhering to the various constraints, including game durations, shared v. solo practices, ice hours allotted, ice sharing considerations, and frequency of ice assignments. The automation goal was achieved, however there were a handful of issues that arose as a result. First, the initial assignments had long stretches of ice times for a few teams that needed to be broken apart. Second, the initial assignments had larger gaps in certain team's schedules than is desired. These issues were corrected in early November when the schedules were reviewed by representatives from all the levels, and the revisions were sent out to all the teams. In addition, these issues have been corrected in the automation software for next year.

There were several complaints raised during the season regarding the balancing of ice times, amount of Eagan Civic Arena ice assigned, and the frequency of early morning and late evening ice times. For most of these complaints, the schedule was reviewed and determined that the assignments were fair. The exception was the assignment of Eagan ice for Mite teams. The original goal was to provide the Mite 2/3 teams with back-to-back ice times. This however, resulted in the teams skating away from Eagan more than they have in the past. As such, this consideration will be abandoned for next year.

Based on the experience this year, we will be forming an Ice Review committee. This committee will be responsible for reviewing and commenting on the schedules for all levels in advance of their initial publication. This should alleviate some of the original concerns that were expressed, but will also provide a greater amount on input into the schedules.

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## **PLAYER DEVELOPMENT - Derek Shepherd**

EHA Player development for the '09-'10 season had many ups with a few challenges and a bright future.

At the beginning of the season EHA made a partnership with Total Hockey (Eagan) and PACE. This program was to run all players thru the total hockey program of skating and stick work and the PACE program which provided the players with a core strength program both on one night at one location.

A couple weeks into the season the program fell apart when both programs were hit with a business problem. To fix this problem we acted fast and decided to go with just the core strength program and ran it out of the west rink. For a short notice and being in a tough position the system ran very well and helped the players with both stretching and a strength program. For the future we are looking into many different programs to try and give EHA players more of a well rounded program for both strength and a shooting/skating program. More to follow.

Another new program to EHA was the new "starter clinic". This was 6 hours of on ice instruction ran by myself, Jay Borman and 2 EHA girls varsity players, for kids that have never played hockey before and were thinking of trying it. This gave the families a chance to give hockey a chance before making a full commitment. The clinic filled in a few days and ran very well. We had many of the players make the decision to play hockey for the season. This program is going to be ran again and take all that was learned from last year to have a program that should be ran for many years to come.

In the summer/fall EHA offered for the second year a on-ice program ran by the boys high school coaching staff for boys and Natalie Darwitz for the girls. This was offered to a limited number of players to get some instruction and warmed up for the season. This also is going to be offered again in the fall of 2010. The one change that is going to be made for this season is to try and help families with cabins and other sports. We are going to just offer one session starting later in the fall and run up to the beginning of the season. This will again be ran on sundays.

In 2009- 10, EHA made a tremendous commitment to developing goalies. Steve Carroll was hired to lead the goalie development program. Following team selections, Carroll and his staff hosted a series of goalie-only clinics on Monday nights throughout the season. He directed nine hours of clinics for the bantam down to squirt goalies (including U12 and U10) he also led two one hour clinics for mite aged goalies.

We added two new components to our goalie development program this year. The first was bringing in former U of M goalie Justin Johnson to speak to Eagan goalies and their parents about the mental aspects of being a goalie. Johnson presented three one-hour off ice clinics on topics that included what to talk about on the car ride home, dealing with adversity, and getting mentally prepared for playoffs. The other new part called for Carroll to work with goalies during individual team practices and also provide feedback after watching the goalies compete in game situations. He spent about 100 hours working on this part of the program. During practices, Carroll helped goalies with their development and assist coaches with ideas on how to address their specific concerns. While watching games, Carroll took notes on the goalies performance and then visited with the goalie coaches and sometimes their parents, afterwards to share observations and provide ideas.

2009-'10 provided many great new ideas for the future and a few things to work on to help EHA with player development. Player development has changed very much over the years and there are many things to try and offer to a program. My goal is to offer a system that helps with both a on and off the ice development and to keep costs within EHA budget constraints.

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### **MARKETING – Jeff Bergom**

With the help and support of all of our members, many things have been accomplished:

1. In coordination with the Eagan HS boys hockey booster club, we hosted the US Women's National Team vs the Eagan Boys Hockey team on Dec 8th. The event was a tremendous success and we were able to raise approx \$10,000 towards the sound system for the West rink of the Eagan Civic Arena.
2. The new sound system for the East rink was installed/ completed in early November just in time for the Thanksgiving shoot-out tournament. The system is a huge improvement and all feedback has been very positive.
3. New marketing dasher board signs have been installed in the West and East rinks along with our new association logo on center ice of the East rink.
4. Our annual grade school open houses in September continue to be a big hit with more and more students asking about the sport of hockey and our programs.
5. The annual EHA blast - off party at the Eagan Civic Arena continues to grow and become a major event of the season. With the help of the Booster Club of the EHA, we have added music, food booths, face painting, door prizes, sponsorship tables and award ceremonies.

Thank you to the EHA membership for continued support with these activities.

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### **SPONSORS – Jeff Bergom**

**Thank you to all of our Sponsors for their generous support of Eagan Hockey Association!!**

Each year our sponsors donate their time and money to become sponsors in our Association. For

some, just being a sponsor and donating to our organization is enough, others like the fact that they are contributing to the youth of our community and still others enjoy the benefit of the advertising exposure of our website, newsletter and team relationships. Whatever the reason, Eagan Hockey Association and all of our members appreciate the support behind our sponsors.

If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to personally thank your sponsor for their support. They truly appreciate hearing from the players, parents and coach's on the team's performance and experience. Plus, when we reach out to our sponsors, we develop relationships within our own community which will benefit not only our players, but all those involved for many years to come. If you have any suggestions or comments regarding our sponsorship program, please feel free to contact the EHA Sponsorship Coordinator. There are always more things we can do for those sponsors that do so much for us.

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**Cooper's** Bingo on Thursday's every week and support Eagan Hockey.

## **TOURNAMENTS – Joe Dansby**

EHA sponsored three tournaments with two brackets each as well as a district and regional tournament.

**Tournament Name:** Thanksgiving Shootout 2009

**Date:** November 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> , 2009

**Levels:** Bantam-C; PeeWee C

**Tournament Name:** Wildcat New Years Classic 2010

**Date:** January 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2010

**Levels:** Bantam B2 & Pee Wee B2

**Tournament Name:** Winter Meltdown 2010

**Date:** January 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> , 2010

**Levels:** Squirt C

**Tournament Name:** District 8 Playoffs – Bantam A

**Date:** February 21<sup>st</sup> – February 28<sup>th</sup> , 2010

**Tournament Name:** East Region Playoffs – Bantam B

**Date:** March 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> , 2010

EHA also sent each traveling team to 3-4 tournaments throughout the year, totaling 75 local and out-of-town, with team's attending tournaments as far north Warroad and as far south as Winona.

This year we continued the use of a partnership between the Booster Club and the Board to help organize all of the details of hosting tournaments and getting volunteer assistance. This involved a combination of Board members, Booster Club members, and "Members at large".

Of the 5 tournaments EHA hosted this season, there were more than 100 Admissions spots filled and more than 440 volunteers spots filled covering 104 total games.

The following individuals were heavily involved in organizing and running the tournaments this season and we would like to thank them for their help:

Jennifer Bergman, Jennifer Wilary, Amy Lupich, Julie Martagon, Mickey Sparks, Scott Gebhart, Julie Parrish, Jay Borman, Stephen Randall, Joe Dansby

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## **GIRLS PROGRAM – Jeff Vrieze**

The 2009-2010 hockey season is now behind us and some of the highlights from the season are as follows:

- EHA was able to participate at the A & B levels for both the 12U and 10U ages. Great to see the growth in numbers enabling EHA to field teams at each of the two levels.
- The 12U A team finished the year with an amazing run in the District tournament and advanced to the Regional tournament. During the run in District's, the 12U A team played 4 games and 3 went into overtime, winning 2 them. The 12U A team finished with a record of 17-19-1. Great run in Districts 12U A Girls.

- The 12U B ended the season with a record of 12-21-4 which included a second and third place finish in two of the four tournaments they played in during the year.
- The 10U A team ended the year with a record of 11-10-6 which included a number of one goal losses. They did finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in one of there three tournaments during the year.
- The 10U B team finished with a record of 7-16-4 and welcomed some new skaters to the EHA Girls hockey program which will help the program long term.
- The 8U numbers increased from prior years allowing for us to have three 8U teams, the most in the history of the girls program.

As you will notice by the team records, each of the Girls' teams had some successes during the season. Even though some of the teams did not have winning records, all of the EHA Girls teams competed in District Playoff Tournaments and Jamborees. Congratulations to ALL EHA Girls Teams members.

Looking forward to 2010-2011 season, numbers will continue to be important to improving the Girls Hockey program in Eagan. We will be planning for 2 teams at the 12U and 10U level and hopefully three 8U teams again. We will also be exploring the potential of fielding a 14U team.

### **MITE PROGRAM: PREP AND 1 – Scott Colbert**

A total of 98 boys and girls skated on Mite Prep and Mite 1 teams during the 2009-2010 season. There were 58 skaters across four teams at the Mite 1 level and 40 skaters across four teams at the Mite Prep level.

At this level the boys and girls skate together. As we continue to put emphasis on growing our girls program, we made the decision to cluster groups of girls together on teams at each level as opposed to spreading them out across all teams. Our belief was that this created a more positive environment for introducing our girls to hockey.

Our season began in December and there are several highlights:

- Hot Dog Hockey was again a big part of the season on Friday nights in January and February. This gave our kids the opportunity to play pick up hockey at local parks along with well deserved hot dogs and other treats. Thanks to coaches and families for supporting these events. This is turning into a great EHA tradition that needs to be continued.
- Practice Plans were provided to coaches each week to assist with providing a consistent curriculum to help teach basic skill development that is necessary at this age.
- Each team had 2 ice sessions scheduled at The Pond in Rosemount. This facility has a smaller ice surface than our rink at Eagan and provides unique coaching opportunities and a great experience for our players.
- Each Mite Prep team played in one of two Lil Chipper games that took place during boys high school games in December and January. Thanks to Coach Mike Taylor and the High School Booster Club for making EHA Mite Prep teams a part of their season!
- The season concluded with the Paw Power Jamboree on March 14. It was great to see all the smiles on the kid's faces as they played in front of many families and friends. A big thanks to the Booster Club for organizing this event and making it a big success.

Looking forward to next season, we need your help with coaching. If you are interested in coaching, please check out the USA hockey web site ([usahockey.com](http://usahockey.com)) for the level 1 certification classes. The more coaches we can have on the ice, the better the experience will be for the kids.

To our coaches - thank you for your hard work, commitment, and sharing your passion for hockey with the kids. It is truly appreciated.

And the biggest thank you of all to parents and players. Thanks for a great hockey season.

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### **MITE PROGRAM: 2/3 & 8U GIRLS - Joshua Alexander**

One hundred and thirty five skaters were involved in the Eagan Hockey Association Mite 2/3 and 8U level for the 2009 - 2010 season. We had 10 teams in all; three at the 8U level, four teams at mite 3, and three teams at mite 2. The coaches were outstanding at each level. They volunteered their time to help all our youngsters' progress with their skills, learn more about the game of hockey and have fun. Coaches at the mite 2, 3 and 8U level worked together with a consistent set of practice plans that focused on the skills every skater needs to improve their hockey ability. The practice plans allowed for all our skaters to have an equal and quality experience on the ice.

We started something new this season, the Mite Transitions program. This program was open to all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders playing at the Mite 2, 3 and 8U levels. These skaters received 12 additional indoor ice sessions (above and beyond their team practices) that focused on the skills and change in the game of hockey from Mites to Squirts. We will review this inaugural first year to see how we may change/improve it for next season.

Our season wrapped up on March 13 and 14<sup>th</sup> with our end of season "Power Paw" Jamboree. All teams participated in a round robin game schedule. Every skater seemed to have a great time. A big "thank you" to the Eagan Hockey Booster Club for helping to organize this event and make it extra special for our hockey community. Our boosters do a wonderful job of supporting our hockey program and helping make every event extra special for the kids.

The 2010-2011 season will be here before we know it. Our association will need your help with coaching (Dad's and Mom's) for next fall. If you are interested in coaching, either as head coach or assistant coach, please check out the USA hockey web site ([usahockey.com](http://usahockey.com)) for the level 1 certification classes. All coaches MUST have their USA hockey certification. The more coaches we can have on the ice, the better the experience will be for the kids.

Thank you parents, for a great hockey season. I look forward to working with everyone in the future. If there is ever a question or concern, please feel free to email me at [alexa057@msn.com](mailto:alexa057@msn.com).

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## **SQUIRT PROGRAM – Frank Wilary**

The Eagan Squirt program completed a successful season focused on skill development and fun. Our players were well prepared for the season as many of them participated in the Sunday summer clinics offered by Player Development and run by the Eagan High School coaches.

One A team, two B teams and three C teams comprised our squirt program this year. The squirt level is not allowed to keep official records for each team. However, it is safe to say that our teams played competitively against other associations throughout the season.

Our season started with the U10 / Squirt Face-off event in which our Squirt teams played back-to-back games. Many of our Squirt players were wearing the Eagan jersey for the first time at this event. Four teams from Tartan arrived as opponents for the Eagan teams. The East rink was packed with fans as most stayed to watch other Eagan Squirt teams play. After the games, our teams and opponents enjoyed refreshments supplied by our Booster Club. The U10 / Squirt Face-off provided a memorable experience for our players.

There were thirteen goaltenders on the six Eagan Squirt teams this past season. Goaltenders and coaches participated in Monday goaltender clinics throughout the season. These clinics served to improve the skills of the Squirt goalies. The clinics contributed to the success of our program.

Off-ice training was provided by Dr. Luke this season. Dr. Luke introduced our players to core strength development.

Our A and B teams played a 16 game district 8 schedule. Additionally, for the first time all three teams competed in the 128 team Squirt International Fargo tournament. Thank you to those involved for getting both B teams into the tourney as it is a fantastic experience for our players.

Eagan teamed up with Eastview and Apple Valley to form a tri-league for our C players. This was our third year teaming up with these associations and we hope to continue this league in the future. Other opponents were arranged at scheduling meetings held prior to the season. The season ended with the Wildcat Cup tournament. It was the perfect ending to a great season.

Thank you to all of the coaches and managers who worked extremely hard this past season to make it a success.

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## **PEE WEE PROGRAM – Scott Lee**

The Pee Wee level had seven teams this season – one A level, two B-1 levels, two B-2 levels, and two C levels. All teams had one goalie with exception to the A level which had two goalies. Six of the seven teams qualified for Districts. The A and both B-1 teams were coached by non-parent head coaches.

The Pee Wee A team was led by head coach Greg “Archie” Gouette, a non-parent coach. The team’s overall record was 9-30-4 for a total of 43 games and included a district league record of 4-10-2 and a scrimmage record of 3-7-1. Tournaments included Eden Prairie, Edina, St. Cloud, and Duluth. Unfortunately, the team lost two straight in the District Tournament and were eliminated. Despite the overall record, the team developed in individual and team skills through hard work and commitment.

The Pee Wee B-1 Blue team was led by head coach Kerry Karinen, also a non-parent coach. B-1 Blue played a total of 44 games with an overall record of 29-13-2. A league record of 10-4-2 advanced the team to the District tournament. Nine scrimmages ended with a 7-2-0 record and their tournament record was 12-7-0. Not counting Districts, B-1 Blue played in four tournaments including Mankato, Eden Prairie, Bloomington and Anoka. 2<sup>nd</sup> place was achieved in three of the four tournaments including a strong showing at the Eden Prairie tournament with wins over Eden Prairie Red, Osseo/Maple Grove Crimson, Wayzata Gold and Farmington Black. The District tournament started out strong with two wins followed by two close losses to miss a chance for a 3<sup>rd</sup> place game.

The Pee Wee B-1 Green team had Tom Schadeegg as non-parent head coach. B-1 Green played a total of 34 games with an overall record of 17-13-4. They were seated #1 in their league standings with a 10-3-3 record. The bulk of scrimmages were played early on with a resulting record of 1-4-0. Tournaments included Alexandria, Edina, Governor's Cup and Osseo/Maple Grove. B-1 Green took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Governor's Cup and Alexandria tournaments. Overall tournament record was 6-6-1 not including Districts. Two losses in the District tournament ended a strong season.

The Pee Wee B-2 Blue and B-2 Green teams both qualified for Districts. At the time of generating the year-end report both teams' records were not available on either the EHA or District 8 web sites. B-2 Blue was coached by Paul Galaski and B-2 Green had Terry Everson as head coach. B-2 Blue played tournaments in Champlin Park, Woodbury, Anoka and Duluth. Both teams, unfortunately, went 0-3-0 in the District tournament to end their seasons, but ended having fun seasons and stronger in both individual and team skills.

The Pee Wee C Blue team was coached by Jeff Bergman. The team played a total of 40 games and ended the season with an overall record of 18-19-3. Scrimmage record was 5-5-1, league record ended as 7-7-2 and overall tournament record was 6-7-0. Tournaments included Eagan, NSP, Breezy Point and Districts. In Districts, pool play resulted in winning the B Flight Championship. The team enjoyed all tournaments and highly recommends the Breezy Point event. The team felt they improved as the season went on and played their best hockey towards the end of the season. They felt losing the dry land training was disappointing but understand it was not in the control of the Association. The team also felt the pre-season checking clinic was beneficial and suggests adding a mid-season clinic would bring even more value after the players had a few games behind them.

The Pee Wee C Green team was coached by Rich Mills. C Green played a total of 30 games and of the scores posted ended with an overall record of 6-17-3. Scrimmage record posted was 1-5-1, league record was 6-17-3, and tournaments resulted in a 3-3-0 overall record. Tournaments were played in Wayzata and Winona. C Green had a roster of thirteen skaters and one goalie.

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## **BANTAM PROGRAM – Rob Hallum**

The Bantam Hockey season was off to a fast start immediately after tryouts, with the formation of 5 teams. The Team breakdown was 1A, 2B1's, 1B2 & 1C for a total of 66 skaters and 7 goaltenders in the Bantam program.

Four of the five teams went on to district tournament play, while the Bantam A & B1 Green teams qualified for regional tournaments. The total combined district record for all Bantam teams was 131-73-18.

Eagan hosted two Bantam tournaments during the season, the Thanksgiving Shootout & Wildcat New Year's Classic, which is a highlight for the teams participating in those tournaments. We also hosted the end of the season Bantam B Regional Tournament (which our B1 Green team participated in as D8 Champs) and the Bantam A District 8 Tournament. The tournaments all went very well!

The **Bantam A** team posted an overall record of 43-16-3; including scrimmages (12-4-20), league (14-2-0) & tournament (17-10-1). Under non-parent coach Mitch Stevenson, the Bantam A team played well throughout the year and posted a strong record and made a deep push in the District 8 tournament and settled for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, losing to Woodbury 4-1 in the District 8 Tournament Championship Game. Woodbury moved on from the District 8 tourney and became the eventual 2010 MN Bantam State Champs.

The team finished the season #12 in *Lets Play Hockey's* season ending Bantam A rankings list and finished #10 in the State in MN Hockey's final rankings. Also, this year marked a first in which our Bantam team played on 'Sunday' for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the competitive Edina Tournament. The team also had a strong 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the Roseau Tournament.

*"It was a great year!"* noted Coach Stevenson. *"the players developed and each improved. The team had four players that made the first cut of the Select 15's and we have two players returning next year; but it's always a rebuilding process!"*

The **Bantam B1 Green** team posted an overall record of 36-12-3; including scrimmages (11-3-1), league (12-3-1) & tournament (13-6-1) under non-parent Coach Andy Ryan. They had a 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in two of their season tournaments; went on to be seeded fourth out of the 18 teams in our district thru District 8 league play, and went on to win the District 8 Tournament and qualified for regions. They finished the season ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in *Lets Play Hockey's* season ending Bantam B1 rankings.

*"Everyone had a lot of fun". "It was a great group of kids and families, and the coaching staff worked really well together"*, said Coach Ryan! *"We had 11 second year players and it was great for them to close out their 'youth' hockey careers on a high note."* *"Most, if not all of them, will be playing again next year."*

The **Bantam B1 Blue** team posted an overall record of 15-16-1; including scrimmages (4-4-2), league (5-9-2) & tournament (6-3-1) under non-parent Coach Justin Simonson. The team missed qualifying for the District 8 tournament by only two points. However, they did have some success in regular season tournaments, including a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the Warroad Tournament and as Consolation Champs in the St. Cloud Tournament. *"This group of men came to me very raw, and in need of direction on the ice"* noted Coach Simonson. *"very early on, I could see that there was a lot of talent on the team. Through hard work, dedication, a team philosophy, and desire to play, these boys made great strides in making themselves better hockey players for the long run."* Coach Simonson also stated that each player showed a growing toughness over the course of the season.

The **Bantam B2** team posted an overall record of 17-20-7 under parent-coach Jeff Martin. The team posted a strong 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the Eagan New Year's Classic tournament and posted a

1-2-0 record in the District 8 Bantam B2 tournament. For district games, the team was more competitive than their record would indicate: Coach Martin noted “*We had a good year with a light bench, including two guys out for most of the season. This team never gave up - for every game down to the end of the season, where we made it into the second flight of Districts, even though missing a few players!*” Coach Martin continued, “*I think every player, parent, and coach have had the opportunity to learn and grow this season.*”

The **Bantam C** team posted an overall record of 20-9-4, including scrimmages (6-0-2), league (9-6-1) & tournament (5-3-1). The team had success both during the regular season tournaments including a 2<sup>nd</sup> place shootout finish against home Brainerd team in the Brainerd Tournament (with their B goalie in net), and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the North St Paul Tournament. They also posted a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the Eagan hosted Thanksgiving Shootout Tourney. The team posted a record of 0-3-0 in the District 8 Bantam C tournament play. The team was coached by parent-coach Mike Guggenberger. Coach Guggenberger noted, “*for the last four games, we outshot our opponents 118 to 51. And, our team finally broke a year’s long Bantam C curse by beating the Woodbury Blue team.*”

Each Bantam team posted positive accomplishments over the season. The players worked hard, learned and developed, and had a lot of fun. The second-year Bantam players will move on to fill strong High School, U16 and Junior Gold teams. Our first-year Bantams should serve as a solid foundation to build upon for the Bantam program next year.

The following items will be addressed for next season as key items for board consideration based on member feedback from this season...

1. **Competitiveness of Levels**
2. **Player Development Programs/Options**

Thank you to all of the coaches, parents, players and volunteers for making the 2009/2010 season a successful one! Also, thank you to the Bantam Parent Volunteers who really stepped up during the Bantam District 8 & Bantam Regional Tournaments as they came on almost ‘back-to-back’ weekends and volunteers were really needed.

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## **JR. GOLD PROGRAM – Luke Wall**

The EHA Junior Gold Program once again offered an opportunity for High School age hockey players to continue to develop their skills, as well as compete with their peers. EHA also did allow a few players from outside our association to join us, as there would otherwise be no place for them to play hockey. This was not active recruiting, just allowing a few more young men a chance to continue to play the great sport of hockey, even though their home associations would not be able to field a team.

Our association fielded 3 teams this year: a Junior Gold A; and two 16U teams; all playing in the Metro Hockey League. All 3 teams participated in the very competitive Metro Hockey League with over 18 teams in each division. All three of our teams played well and finished the season on a positive note, and they all qualified for post season play.

The Junior Gold A team finished right in the middle of the pack with a 12-16-2 record, and advanced to Regional Playoffs.

The 16U Green team finished the season at 15-17-3 and also qualified for the Regional Playoffs.

The 16U Blue team finished the season on a strong note at 18-17-0 and not only qualified for the Regional Playoffs, but also advanced to the State Tournament, eventually capturing the Consolation Championship crown with a very short roster during Spring Break.

Kudos to all players, coaches and parents for a very successful hockey season.

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### **BOOSTER CLUB - Jennifer Wilary:**

Another EHA hockey season has come to a close and the Eagan Youth Hockey Booster Club (EYHBC) would like to thank everyone for making it such a great success!

The Eagan Youth Hockey Booster Club is a separate entity designed to enhance the playing experience for Eagan Hockey Association families. EYHBC is composed of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Volunteer Coordinator, Merchandise Coordinator, Level Coordinators and a Booster Club Representative from each team within the organization.

The Booster Club holds general meetings the second Monday of each month to discuss and plan future events, including but not limited to EHA Open House, tryout dinners, Squirt Face-Off, Thanksgiving Shootout Tournament, Mite Outdoor Jamboree, Squirt Winter Meltdown, Mite Paw Power Jamboree, merchandise sales, coaches' gifts and Hockey Moms Night Out. EYHBC also acts in a supporting role for the New Years Classic Tournament, District and Regional tournaments and various other activities upon request.

The Booster Club raises money primarily from tournament admissions and merchandise sales. During the 2009-2010 season, Booster Club spent nearly \$30,000 on programs directly benefitting EHA hockey players and families! That's an impressive number that only pales in comparison to the countless hours of time that committed EYHBC volunteers donated to our program. Booster Club is a vital component of the Eagan Hockey Association!

Eagan Youth Hockey Booster Club invites you to become part of this fun and worthwhile experience. We are always looking for new and creative ideas to enrich the hockey experience for our young players. The reward is the number of smiles seen on the players' faces as they leave the rink after another fun-filled hockey experience. You can help make a difference!