

PAHA News

March, 2019



President's Report

I'd like to close the season by thanking all of our PAHA members for an amazing 2018-2019 season.

Players, thank you for the hard work and dedication to growing your hockey skills. The long practices, dryland training, FHA Friday nights are all paying off. With hard work, the sky is the limit on your potential.

Parents, thank you for the commitment to your children. I know personally the sacrifice we all make for our kids to play hockey. Early morning games, long weekends, cold rinks, hockey parenting is not for the faint of heart. The smiles, memories, and friendships made make it all worth the sacrifice. Job well done parents!

Coaches, thank you for all the dedication you have given this year. The time and energy to develop our players is being noticed at rinks all over Michigan. The on ice growth and successes wouldn't be possible without you.

Board, thank you for all hard work, ideas, and countless texts at midnight! From new jerseys to fundraisers for another rink, you do it all! Your passion to make PAHA the best hockey organization in Northern Michigan is unrivaled.

Petoskey Ice Arena, thank you for your pledge to providing PAHA a world class facility. The changes to the rink have made all things possible. We are all proud to call Petoskey Ice Arena home!

2019/2020 is shaping up to be another great year with PAHA. We look forward to seeing you all at the rink.

Charlie Licata, President

Banquet

Monday, March 18th @ the Iron Horse Cafe at NCMC from 5:30 - 7:30. Pasta Buffet dinner will begin at 5:30. There will be a picture slideshow presentation, and a brief overview and player presentation from each team's coach.

*Please give a head count to the team manager of your oldest player by March 10th.

*Please bring game socks to turn in if you have not already done so.

*Pictures will be delivered at the banquet! I saw a sample and am really impressed with the quality!

Board Members:

Thank you to Melissa Williams, Dave Schultz, and Brent LaFaive who have served on the board the past year or two. They will not be continuing on to next year. We also have two other board members, Charlie Licata and Christi Jacobs that will be rerunning as board members with their term expiring this year.

This means we have openings! There will be ballots at the banquet to vote for 5 board members. Positions are not voted on at this time, they will be decided at the first board meeting with the new board next summer.

Please email Charlie Licata before March 15th at pahapresident@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the board next season.

Team Highlights

U6: The players really worked hard this year and had a lot of fun. We had a lot of great help from the parents and all the coaches who went out on the ice. We did really well at all of our jamborees throughout the year, and I'm really proud of how the year went. I hope everyone had as much fun as I did! - Coach DeYoung

U8: The Mites had one of the largest teams that PAHA has had in many years, with a total of 29 players. They participated in jamborees across the state, including Sault Ste. Marie, Manistique, Traverse City, and many more. They have their home jamboree March 9th and 10th at Petoskey Ice Arena. Please consider stopping in to

U10 House: Although a winning record helps, the squirts had a very successful year of learning hockey and having fun! With a small team of just 12, they really gave it their all in everything they did. This is an important year of learning to play full ice hockey and experienced players stepped up to teach the newbies. The Squirts competed in two tournaments throughout the season, finishing 3rd in St. Ignace and 2nd in Traverse City. They represented District 7 in the MAHA state tournament and came out on top of the state for House B division! They have a State Adray league title to fight for in Traverse City to end the season March 15-17.

U12 House: The 12U B team had 17 players that fought and battled to a 4-4-1 league record and an overall 16-22-3 record. The team peaked at the right time to finish top 4 in District 7 and brought home a 2nd place finish at the Jim Elenbaas Challenge Cup Tournament.

U14 House: The 14u Petoskey Rhinos were a combination of Kalkaska association and Petoskey association players. We had a total of 12 players. Because of having players from two different associations, it made a fun and enjoyable year playing, coaching, and making new friends both on and off the ice. Boys practiced & played very hard all season & we are looking forward to watching them move onto the next level of playing for the Petoskey Northmen Varsity Hockey team.

Team Highlights

Squirt AA Travel: The end of the hockey season is a time to reflect, both for coaches, parents, and players. As we look back on our season our hearts are full of pride for the boys on the Squirt AA team. **Hockey** is the only **sport** that is non-stop. Yes, there are whistles here and there, but the game picks right up again. ...and that's exactly what these boys did every game. With a season of 30 wins and crowned league champs they stayed determined and worked hard even when down by a goal or two to come back time after time. Hockey at all ages should be about having a great time, making friends that last a lifetime, and fulfilling the competitive fire that lies within us all. Trying our best in an attempt to win, within the context of a team full of friends. The great road trips, filled with bounce houses, NHL games, swimming pools, and exploring new towns are all part of the experience. This team had a great time on and off the ice this year and they look forward to making more memories next year.

Peewee AA Travel: The Peewee AA team had 15 skaters and finished with a record of 21-21-3. The team finished 2nd in their regular season division of the Little Caesars League with a record of 13-3, and were elevated a division for the league playoffs. Tournaments attended were in Marquette, St. Ignace, and at the end of the season in Fraser, where the kids took 2nd place after falling in overtime of the championship game.

19U Girls Travel: We are a AA 19 U Women's Travel Hockey team based out of Petoskey, Michigan. Our players are from Iron Mountain, Lake Linden, Negaunee, Marquette, Newberry, St. Ignace, Harbor Springs, Cheboygan, Petoskey and Traverse City, Michigan!

Have Questions?

You can direct questions to any board member. If they don't know the answer, they will direct you in the right direction

2018-2019 Board Members

President: Charlie Licata	Treasurer: Shaun Osborne
Vice-President: Brent LaFaive	Coaching Director: Brent Ward
Secretary: Melissa Williams	Equipment Manager: Dave Schultz
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