



Dear Players, Parents, Coaches and Volunteers:

It is once again my pleasure to welcome you to our second season of Ottawa Sting hockey in District "B". Being involved in hockey for over 40 years, it never ceases to amaze me how quickly the year passes. Last year at this time we were scrambling to put together an executive and form a new association. This year we are striving to exceed last year's success and to help grow our young hockey players, into better players on the ice and better people in our hockey community.

This past season brought us many highlights and success stories. Putting together 19 hockey teams is no easy feat, and we were extremely happy with the success and growth that all teams shared. 16 of our 19 teams made it into the playoffs, which led to 3 league titles and a trip to the Provincial Major Peewee AA Championships in Thunder Bay Ontario. The Minor Peewee A team, lead by the Ottawa Sting Coach of the Year, Mike McDonald completed a highly successful season by winning their league championship. Our Major Midget AA team competed and won a local tournament in Kemptville Ontario, which gave them the opportunity to play in Owen Sound at the Ontario Winter Games, as well as winning the division with a mere 12 players and 1 full time goalie. In all, Sting teams totaled 16 tournament wins over the 5 month season.

The success of any organization depends on quality volunteers who work countless hours to help our young players achieve their goals. These include our coaches, managers, and team trainers, along with all our parents who work behind the scenes to help with their team's success. As well as our on ice volunteers, I had the pleasure of working with a fantastic executive team who went above and beyond the call of duty. Among our volunteers was Treasurer Bob Pelland who was selected as our Volunteer of the Year. Mr. Pelland put in an endless amount of time working with the team managers to ensure financial stability throughout the season.

Another highlight from the past season was a tremendously successful Bell Capital Cup, which included over 60 volunteers over a 3 day period. In all accounts and reports the tournament went on without a hitch. Once again I would like to thank Bob Pelland, Brooke Kelly and Richard Seguin, as well as executive members who help guide the ship over the 3 day tournament.

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As the summer progresses, we will continue to work behind the scenes to prepare for the 2008-2009 season. Last season we started with over 500 players vying for 325 spots at our initial tryouts. We are confident that we will once again attract these players for next season's Sting tryout process and are working hard to make sure the tryouts are a rewarding experience for all players involved.

OSMHA Executive Openings

The Ottawa Sting executive has 1 opening for Director of Player Development and extremely pleased to introduce David Hooey as our Coach Mentor for the upcoming season. I would like to say a special thanks to this years entire executive that worked so hard to make this past season a success; as well as all the coaches and managers who helped make our first season of Ottawa Sting hockey a great success.

In closing, I would like to say that I am extremely honored and proud to be the Ottawa Sting President and will continue to work with our executive members to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for our young players in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Tom Hughson