



MEMORANDUM

Date: June 24, 2022
TO: Membership
FROM: Charlotte Johnson, Executive Director
COPY: Al McCulloch, VIAHA President
VIAHA Officers
SUBJECT: News from the 2022 VIAHA AGM

The 2022 VIAHA AGM was successfully held virtually on Sunday May 29th, 2022. Thank you to all who attended. Here are some up-dates from the event...

Election Results:

Happy to announce the following people have been elected into the below VIAHA **Volunteer** Board positions:

Al McCulloch - New VIAHA President: Al has been VIAHA's VP of Island League for the past 2 seasons. Before this he served as the President of Alberni Valley MHA for 11 seasons and coached for 8 seasons. Al also served 5 seasons as both Governor and Alternate Governor for the BCHL Alberni Bulldogs Jr A Hockey Team and volunteered for the U17 World Hockey Championships games when held here on the Island.
Welcome to your new position Al!

Jenn Alberts - New VP South Island: For the past 9 years Jenn has volunteered at Victoria Racquet Club MHA where her son and one of her daughters played. Over those years she served in many capacities such as Team Manager, Assessment Coordination, MHA Treasurer and other positions as needed. She has an awareness of the current challenges in minor hockey and feels she has a good understanding of what its members face today. Jenn works for a private engineering company and helps administrate a charitable foundation. She lives in Victoria with her husband of 25 years and their five children. **Welcome Jenn!**

Doug Bondue – New VP North Island: Doug now resides in Campbell River. He began coaching in Lake Cowichan in 1974. Upon moving to Port Alice in 1989 he continued involvement by coaching recreation and competitive players until 2015. He has held the positions of Head Referee, Head Coach, and President of Port Alice Minor Hockey Association. He also held the positions of VP, Head Coach, and President of the Tri-Port North Island Eagles Competitive Program. *Notably, the Port Alice Arena is named after Doug due to his amazing volunteerism. **Welcome Doug!**

Ken Miyoshi - New VP Island League: Ken has held the U13 VIAHA Managing Director position for the past 2 seasons. Prior to this he held the position of Director of Hockey Operations for Victoria MHA. Ken has been involved at the Minor Hockey level for many years and always works hard to ensure all his job requirements are met. **Welcome Ken!**

Bill Morrison – Re-Elected VP Mid Island: Last season was Bill's first as our VP of Mid Island. Bill now resides in the Nanaimo area and can often be found coaching Goaltenders and helping with their evaluations up and down the Island. While residing in the South Island, Bill held the volunteer positions of Goalie Director, Coach Coordinator and MHA President with Saanich MHA (now merged with Victoria MHA). Bill played professional Hockey in Europe for 11 years mostly with the UK, then Denmark and Germany. He played in 5 World Championships and participated in a 1998 Olympic Qualifying Tournament. He was a WHL Goaltending Coach for the Victoria Cougars for 13 years and last season coached the Campbell River Storm Goalies in the VIJHL. Bill has a passion for hockey on the Island and wants to see it grow to its full potential. **Welcome Back Bill!**



Jim Humphrey – New Active Past President: Although stepping down, he will kindly stay actively involved and help AI transition into his new role. Jim helped to amalgamate North and South Vancouver Island Hockey Associations into the District that is now known as VIAHA. He became the first President of VIAHA and continued on volunteering in this position for over 13 years (plus was an active Past President during a 3 year break in between). He has served our District diligently, often continuing to work through much personal hardship, loss and pain. We have plans to celebrate Jim`s retirement once he returns from some travels. **Thank you Jim for all you have done ~ and will continue to do for us!**

Stepping Down: Past VP South Island (**Nelly Brummitt**) and Past VP North Island (**Win Hunter**) decided not to let their names stand this season. Special Thanks to them for all their countless hours of volunteer time and efforts over the years – **you will be greatly missed!**

Vacant Volunteer Positions:

*We have a number of **important** vacant volunteer positions which need to be filled over the summer in time for the start of the season **and** hopefully before the Handbook goes to print:

- **U13 Managing Director** - for Island League/Competitive
- **U21 Commissioner** – Island wide for both Recreation & Competitive
- **U11 & U13 Commissioners** – for Female Recreation
- **U15 Mid Island Commissioner** – for Recreation
- **U18 (and possibly U15) South Island Commissioners** – for Recreation
- **Comox Valley MHA** - Recreation Commissioner

*Please contact the VIAHA Office if you are, or know of anyone, interested in the above positions and the application and job descriptions will be provided.

VIAHA Awards:

Congratulations to all the following 2022 VIAHA Award recipients:

- **MHA of the Year:** Campbell River MHA
- **VIAHA Presidents Award:** Kathy Irving, Cowichan Valley MHA
- **Volunteer of the Year:** Sarah Bielert, Alberni Valley MHA
- **Youth Volunteer of the Year:** Sage Jull, Capital Region Female MHA
- **Coach of the Year:** Darren Van Oene, Kerry Park MHA
- **Official of the Year:** Thomas Jeffery, Victoria MHA
- **Most Deserving Official:** Carson Prescesky, Nanaimo MHA

**Details on why they won these awards will be provided via Social Media posts once we have the photos to go with them.*

Congratulations to all the following 2022 VIAHA Scholarship recipients:

- **Andrew Munger**, Comox Valley MHA (North-Island)
- **Blake Nowicki**, Nanaimo MHA (Mid-Island)
- **Colton Steigenberger**, Kerry Park MHA (South Island)

Congratulations to all the following 2022 Summer Officiating School (SOS) Scholarship recipients:

- **Brandon Hildebrand**, Juan de Fuca MHA (South-Island)
- **Nik Barbounis**, Cowichan Valley MHA (Mid-Island)
- **Mason Couture**, Campbell River MHA (North Island)

Thank you and looking forward to the **2022-2023** season ahead.

Yours truly,

VIAHA Executive Director