### Greetings Members,

Hello everyone, it is that time of the year again for us to look back on our Female Travel/Rep program. As we moved this year to somewhat of a traditional hockey season, it was safe to say that we still experienced some challenges along the way. As I said last year, my hope is that we can return to a sense of "normal" and we can shift focus back to our goals and aspirations in regards to hockey.

As a program, we have many highlights to be proud of this year!

## U11 RMFHL Wildcats (atom)

Our U11 RMFHL Wildcats unfortunately did not have a team this season. Demand was not there this past season to roster a team; however my hope for next season is that we will see a continued shift to a more "normal' season and we will be able ice a team and give our athletes that wish to compete in the RMFHL an opportunity to do so.

# U13 RMFHL Wildcats (peewee)

Our U13 RMFHL Wildcats are definitely a division with some highlights to recognize. Given the demand this season, we were able to have two teams compete in the RMFHL. Both of our U13 Wildcats teams continued to exhibit an amazing work ethic and showed some incredible growth. Both or our U13 Wildcats teams battle hard throughout the league and well into the playoffs. I am excited to see what these athletes can do next season!

### U15 RMFHL Wildcats (bantam)

For the first time in some years I am pleased to say that MHMHA was able to ice a U15 Wildcats team that played in the RMFHL's A division. The U15 Wildcats had a young roster and at times challenging numbers but that didn't deter from the team battling through the regular season and into the playoffs. I would also like to take a moment to congratulate all of our athletes for their hard work and their exceptional representation of our association at the regional tryouts for the U15AA Southern Express. It is with a great deal of pride that I say we had 9 athletes graduate from our Wildcat program and take the next step on their journey. MHMHA should feel very proud that 9 of the 18 players on the U15AA Southern Express came from our association

#### Wildcats/SAHA Mentorship program

I wanted to take a moment to give a little information and to say thank everyone involved in getting the first year (in many I hope) of the mentorship program off the ground. This past season, we were pleased to invite out the female athletes from the U18 female Prep hockey team to come and work with our female athletes from U7-U15. The mentorship program saw the SAHA players help strength skills of our athletes and build relationships. I would like to thank Evan Vosser of SAHA and all of the athletes for volunteering their time and hard work. I would also like to thank all of our Wildcat

Coaches and athletes for all of their hard work throughout the program. I am excited to see what next year can bring for the mentorship program.

Thank you for your time and I am eager to see everyone at the rink next season!

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