

President's Report

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We enjoyed another successful season, which was further enhanced by a surge in registrations resulting in the formation of nine teams, the first time we have had this number in 10+ seasons.

Congratulations to Yukon Inn, and GM Joel Witten, on winning the regular season, they pretty much went post-to-post. And congratulations to EDI, and GM Dustin Heffner, for winning the playoffs for EDI's first franchise title victory.

Here are a few of the highlights from this season:

- Team photos were taken, plaques were made up for sponsor recognition, and I assume these have all been delivered to the sponsors. We have very good sponsors and need to show them as much appreciation as possible. Special shoutout to Rice Moses for coming on board as the 9th sponsor through his Titanium Storage business.
- The annual tournament was a success on the ice, I heard pretty much nothing but good feedback. We had 12 teams, and main organizer Peter Johnston is to be commended for his efforts in running the tourney. As with everything of this magnitude there were a few minor hiccups, which we have and will discuss, but certainly nothing to take away from the overall positive product.
- Our penalty threshold of 30 minutes was reached by three players, which was a bit unfortunate, and we did have a couple of dangerous play situations, but hopefully these can be avoided in the future. We may have had one misconduct this season, and very few unsportsmanlike penalties, so overall it was a good season.
- The WOHL's Most Sportsmanlike Player, as voted on by the players, went to Ben Campbell of Medicine Chest. We again had good participation, as about 70% of the league voted, and 40+ players were nominated, showing how highly our players regard the league. Thanks again to Mark Pike for sponsoring this trophy through Crowe MacKay LLP.
- The Hogie Award, for long-time dedication to oldtimers hockey, was not handed out this year, after careful deliberation by the executive. We need to possibly look at re-defining the award, and this will be discussed going forward.
- Thanks go out to referees and timekeepers, who are a dependable group, we are lucky to have them
- And lastly I want to thank all the members of this season's Executive and Team Representatives whose work ensured that the league continues to be well managed. It's still the best league in town.

Thank you, Bernie