

First I would like to start off by thanking the board for having me as part of the board, there is a lot more to this role than I imagined but it was a good role to be introduced to the bigger picture of CMHA as there are a lot of moving parts.

With coming onto the board mid August this posed a bit of an issue with getting the sublimated socks for Rep groups as due to supply issues the Hockey Shop would have needed a longer lead time of at least 6 months in order to get the socks in time for the start of the season. So as an alternative we decided to go with plain black polyester socks (one pair) - Kobe Pro Socks. There were some complaints, some people want the colored sublimated socks for Rep, some people feel that Rep and House should get the same socks and do away with the knit all together. Regardless, my suggestion would be this order should get done fairly soon when the new board comes on and decide if they should stay with all black or to get sublimated with the CMHA colors. This may be difficult to get the order done with not having registration completed and not knowing how many teams as this is important however, we have so many left over House knit socks that we should be ok.

Also a recommendation if we could get volunteers to bundle up all the leftover socks in the storage room that could assist with costs as we probably have enough for at least the older House teams.

We added #13 to U15 and below as this was a smaller size jersey as some teams complained previously that we did not have any smaller jerseys. The U11 teams feel that we should order more smaller jerseys for this age group as most teams felt the jerseys were way too long. My suggestion would be to order 2 sets for each team of Youth XL - we could make them #19 black/gold and #20 black/gold.

There are also 15 jerseys that were damaged or not returned that we will need to replace. These will need to be ordered asap so that we get them in time for the start of the winter season.

Another request for the start of the 2023/24 season comes from U9 teams and below as the goalie leg pads were in rough shape and many needed to be replaced. You will see my budget request reflects adding a lot more goalie equipment for the younger ages.

Last but not least I have also added more pinnies to be added for the U11 and possibly U13 teams as the current pinnies are huge on this age group and these would need to be pre-ordered asap and this was also budgeted for.

In closing for future my recommendation would be that the ideal candidate should be someone who can lift 50lbs as this job does involve a lot of physical activity lifting those jersey bags on and off the rafters and ideally someone who lives closer as at the start of the year there are a lot of requests for things and most people want things that day and don't want to wait a couple of days. Also my recommendation is this could be a 2 person job especially at the beginning and end of the year as getting all the equipment organized, pinnies for evaluations, jerseys, etc. is a

HUGE responsibility and then collecting the jerseys at the end of the year takes weeks which again this could be a lot smoother if there were 2 people involved. I would also ask that Coordinators, VP's, etc. help support this role more from ensuring that Managers read the Equipment policies as most of the jersey damages were due to mold (by kids leaving jerseys in bags) and sewing or ironing on the "C" and "A" logo to the jerseys. Also having the jerseys returned - washed, repaired if there are any damages, on hangers, in numeric order, in the jersey bags as they were given as this causes a lot of issues when the majority of the bags are coming back missing numbers, not washed, etc.