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I would like to start by thanking all the volunteers that stepped up as trainer/safety person for their respective teams. There were some injuries this year, as there always is, but due to the excellent job by the trainer/safety persons, the injury time was minimal and the players were back playing with their teams.

This year was a year for change, for safety sake, in minor hockey. A new helmet policy for coaches was implemented, and even though there were a few unhappy coaches, they all donned their helmets and I thank them for that. A new, well stocked, first aid kit for each team was introduced and I think, well received. A one-day first aid course, dealing with CPR, AED and other minor hockey related injuries was held and although it was not as full as expected, the ones that did attend, became better first aid people for it. A yellow card program was introduced, to deal with the unruly parent or spectator. Although I don't think all understood it, we will try it again, but hopefully explain its purpose this coming year. The AED's (defibrillators) that minor hockey helped purchase were finally put into service and used, thankfully with desired results.

The coming 2008-09 season will be much of the same, as the helmet policy will be enforced, the first aid kits will be stocked and ready to go. Minor hockey will be providing the one-day first aid course to all trainer/safety persons that are interested, and the required speak out and safety course will again be offered early in the season to ensure all the volunteers are up to date. The yellow card program will be available again, hopefully with a better explanation; it will assist in dealing with the unruly fan.

Thank you again to all the volunteers, without you, our children could not play the great game of hockey. Have a great summer.

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