

Eye on the Puck

Manitowoc County Youth Hockey Association and Manitowoc United WIAA

2011 – 2012 SEASON

DECEMBER, 2011

Dear Hockey families,

The holiday season is upon us. What a great time to reflect on our many gifts, talents and friends that we have within our own association. Functioning as a group has many challenges and hurdles to overcome, however, when we can focus our attention on our kids and the sport they love the most, we cannot fail!! With that being said, I must commend the MCYHA Board for their unselfish, committed and hard working attitudes. Not only does the Board work cooperatively for the greater good of MCYHA, but they also respect differences and can share them openly with one another in order to do what is best for our kids. Please check out the monthly minutes on our website. The accomplishments, planning and productivity that occurs is nothing short of amazing!! When our focus is on one common goal our kids benefit! Thank you fellow MCYHA Board members!

I know we all have the temptation to look to the future and think that we can figure out exactly what our association will look like in the years to come. I ask that you avoid doing this and avoid talking to your kids about it. We never know what will happen with each team from year to year. Our Board works hard to make sure that we do what is best for our kids. Please do not think that we will not field a team at **every** level next season, including High School. There is no reason to think we won't. Talking about it only chases potential players and supporters away thinking that there is no team or association. We are here and we are alive and well!! The growth in the Mite – Bantams is incredible. The Bantam team alone will have four additional skaters added to their roster by the 1st of the year! Who would have thought when we started the season with 7 skaters that we could eventually field a decent sized team? Thank you for believing in this association and not spreading the negativity that surrounds us day in and day out. If you hear someone talking negatively about this association, please ask them to stop and focus on what is working! We have no room for negative attitudes and we have proven that we can overcome the rumors and grow this great game in Manitowoc County!!

May you all have a Blessed Holiday season and a Happy New Year!!

Carmen Persaud

MCYHA President

Champions do not become champions when they win the event, but in the hours, weeks, months and years they spend preparing for it. The victorious performance itself is merely the demonstration of their championship

character. - T. Alan Armstrong

BLUE LINE CLUB

The Blue Line Club is a group of individuals, many are parents and former skaters of MCYHA, that strive to support MCYHA in many ways. Recently, they have given Manitowoc United Hockey program \$4500 to cover ice costs for this season. We are so grateful for their support and thank them for their generosity!

Blue Line Club is open to any parent of a Bantam or High School aged skater. Please consider joining as they support and represent our past and our future!

If you are interested in joining the Blue Line Club, please contact Carmen Persaud at 920-645-1411 for information.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Each MCYHA family is required to attain 15 volunteer hours per season. Please check out www.manitowochockey.org for a listing of volunteer needs and the hours earned for each task. Please fill out a Volunteer Hours form when you do volunteer and place it in the red box next to the mailboxes in the lobby.

You will not get volunteer credit unless you have the form filled out and submitted.

A master volunteer schedule is posted in the lobby at MCIC. All volunteer opportunities will be listed. Please sign up ASAP. It is up to all members of MCYHA to work together to cover all needed areas for games, this includes WIAA skaters and families. Your help is much appreciated!!

A list of families and their current hours achieved is posted in the MCIC lobby and on our website. Please check this often to assure that you have all of your hours in by the end of the season. Hours are updated every two weeks.

COACHES CORNER

To all MCYHA player and parents: Remember we all signed a player/parent code of conduct, the most important part is respect. We all need to respect each other on and off the ice! We have a good thing going in our organization and it is showing by our steady growth at all levels. A momentary lapse in judgment can have long term negative affects and impair progress.

Remember why we all are here: [Because we love hockey and most importantly, to have FUN.](#)

I want to thank all of you for being part of this great organization.

Nathan Abbey

Coaching Committee Chair

"I wasn't naturally gifted in terms of size and speed; everything I did in hockey I worked for, and that's the way I'll be as a coach. " -Wayne Gretzky

COST SAVING MEASURES

MCYHA has established volunteers for many tasks around MCIC, including zamboni, skate sharpening and concessions. These measures help us to save money and reduce costs at MCIC. MCYHA Board is requesting all MCYHA members to be conscientious of other ways we can save some money. If you are at the rink, turn off the bathroom or locker room lights when no one is using those areas or consider **not** turning on the heat in the bleachers during practices. Every little effort will help. We truly appreciate everyone taking the time to think of ways we can save money.



The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime.



BASIC SKATE/LEARN TO PLAY HOCKEY

Basic Skate meets from 4:30 – 5:15p on Thursdays

Learn to Play Hockey meets from 5:15p – 6:00p on Thursdays.

Session 3: Jan. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

Session 4: Jan. 30th, Feb. 6th, 13th, 20th

For registration, please see www.manitowohockey.org under the FORMS tab. Click on Basic Skate to find the only forms needed. Registration for each can be via mail or in person. Basic Skate, Learn to Play Hockey and County League are invited to participate in fundraising

and volunteer hours, but they are not mandatory.

WE ARE IN NEED OF EQUIPMENT. IF YOU HAVE ANY EQUIPMENT THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO DONATE OR SELL PLEASE BRING TO THE RINK BETWEEN 5P – 8P ON MONDAYS OR THURSDAYS.

SKATE WITH SANTA OPEN SKATE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH FROM 1:00 – 4:00P

FIGURE SKATING AND HOCKEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR RUNNING THIS EVENT AND WILL USE THE PROCEEDS TO PAY OFF OUR 4TH CONTRACT. PLEASE LET CARMEN PERSAUD KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE OR WILLING TO HELP WITH CONCESSIONS, SKATE RENTALS, ETC.

MCYHA BOARD MEMBERS

President/MCYHA Apparel: Carmen Persaud

Vice-President/Team Manager Coordinator: Becky Markusen

Secretary/Fundraising Chair: Jill Shulander

Treasurer/Registrar: Erick Kahlenberg

Coaching Committee Chair/Basic Skate & Hockey Coordinator: Nate Abbey

MCIC/EXPO Liaison/ACE Director: Mark Persaud

USA Hockey/Try Hockey for Free: Bill Ploederl

Marketing Coordinator: Colleen Helling

Ice Purchase Coordinator/Volunteer Scheduling: Wayne Hurkmans

Equipment Room: Rob Hensel

Member: Jody Neilson

Contact information for board members is listed at www.manitowohockey.org. All Board meetings occur on the 1st Monday of the month at 7pm, upstairs at the rink. Anyone interested in attending a board meeting must contact Carmen Persaud at least 5 days prior to the meeting. Board members are present at the rink during most practices. Please feel free to talk to and ask anything of a board member. We will do what we can to get you the answers to your questions or to listen to your ideas. This is your association and we are here to represent all of our youth hockey players and their parents.

HOME GAMES FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY:

December:

17th Bantam vs. GB 6:30p

18th Bantam vs. Elmbrook 10a

30th High School vs. Kenosha 2p

30th Alumni Game 7p

January:

6th High School vs. Grafton 6p

7th Bantam vs. FDL 10a

8th Squirt vs. Appleton 10a

15th Bantam vs. DePere 11:45a

16th Pee Wee vs. Sheboygan 6:30p

20th Bantam vs. Sheboygan 6:30p

21st Mite Cross Ice games 10a

22nd Bantam vs. GB 11:45a

27th High School vs. Notre Dame 5:30p

28th Squirt vs. De Pere 10a

29th Bantam vs. De Pere 9:30a

29th Squirt vs. West Bend 11a

LOOK FOR UPCOMING HOLIDAY SKILLS CLINICS AT MCIC!!
(SCHEDULE AND CLINIC TYPE TO BE AVAILABLE SOON!)

MANITOWOC UNITED WIAA HOCKEY

"KEEP YOUR DREAMS ALIVE. UNDERSTAND TO ACHIEVE ANYTHING REQUIRES FAITH AND BELIEF IN YOURSELF, VISION, HARD WORK,

DETERMINATION, AND DEDICATION. REMEMBER ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE.” –GAIL DEVERS

The high school team is off and running. They have played hard and are quickly becoming conditioned due to their small numbers. We are actively recruiting additional skaters and have added two more just recently! So far, the JV has played against WI Wild from the Milwaukee area and Shawano. Both teams also field just one high school team. We are seeing this trend occur throughout the state and USA Hockey has seen the trend across the nation. We are not alone! Furthermore, our growth in the youth programs is indicative of larger high school teams to come. Once we put this season behind us, our numbers for the high school team will be much stronger!

The high school team recently played against Bayport High School in GB. The team lost 6 – 3, but played a great game of hockey. Goals were scored by Jacob Lembke and assisted by Alan Gunther, Alan Gunther with an assist by Morgan Herzog and Morgan Herzog, unassisted. Coach Persaud is very proud of this team! They have proved that a small motivated, hard working group can still play some incredible hockey!

It is not how big you are, it’s how big you play. -Author Unknown

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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AMERICAN LEGION FISH FRY TO BENEFIT MANITOWOC COUNTY YOUTH HOCKEY AND MANITOWOC UNITED

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH

4:00P – 9:00P

WE DO NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE DESSERTS. PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE MCIC LOBBY.

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CROSS – ICE MITE HOME GAMES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21ST

10:00A – 3:00P

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE SEE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE AT MCIC LOBBY.

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A & W SHARE NIGHT

MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH FROM 4P – 8P.

10% OF ALL SALES TO GO TOWARDS MCYHA AND MANITOWOC UNITED.

Do you want to see the concession stand open during practices? Consider volunteering to get a concession license through LTC. MCYHA is looking for 1 - 3 people willing to get this certificate and be present at MCIC during practice times. Volunteer hours will be given for this responsibility. For additional information or questions, please contact Carmen Persaud at cmpersaud@gmail.com or 645-1411. (One representative per team would be ideal)

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