

Eye on the Puck

Manitowoc County Youth Hockey Association and Manitowoc United WIAA

2011 – 2012 SEASON

NOVEMBER, 2011

Dear MCYHA and WIAA parents and skaters,

This newsletter is filled with loads of information that will be useful to all throughout the season. Please make sure you read it in its entirety. One area of importance is the WIAA section. In there is a statement regarding the low numbers of participants at this level. I praise those kids who have the strength, determination and overall love of the game to return this year after last season! However, we need more skaters at this level to continue our own programming. At this point, we could use two more skaters to fill our bench and assure that hockey will continue in Manitowoc for years to come. We cannot control all the circumstances that would lead someone to discontinue playing, however, we can show support and encouragement, as well as strength of character, integrity and pride as examples of what it means to be a true hockey player. Perhaps we all should take example from our Bantam team who shows up twice a week and to games with a team of 7 skaters! Talk about love of the game of hockey! These kids are an example to us all. The reason these Bantam kids return week after week is for a hope to play high school hockey. I request all of you to be present to stand up for these kids at 4:30p today as they play their first home game. Every MCYHA skater from Basic Skate – High School has the attitude, showmanship and leadership that organizations thrive under. I am proud to see each and every one of you at the rink every week. You are our future and I hope for all of you that we can influence our high school skaters in the same way. They, too, need our support and understanding! Our numbers at the Basic Skate and Learn to Play Hockey level are indicative of a successful future!!

Carmen Persaud

MCYHA President

DEUCES WILD! DUELING PIANOS WAS A HIT!

IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS EXCITING EVENT, MAKE SURE YOU CAN NEXT YEAR! THE ENTERTAINMENT WAS ONE OF A KIND AND THE CROWD WAS OUTSTANDING! WHAT GREAT PUBLICITY FOR MCYHA AND A GREAT OUTING FOR OUR HOCKEY FAMILIES!!! THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE!

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!!

COACHES CORNER

All the teams have started off to a great start. Our Bantam team may have small numbers, but have shown how BIG their hearts are, we could all learn something from those players. All the teams attitudes should make every parent and player proud to say they belong to MCYHA.

Thank you,

Nathan Abbey

Hockey Quote:

A player must be able to skate, have hockey sense, be able to shoot - not necessarily able to score - and have drive.

Pierre Page

SKATE A THON

On Saturday, November 5th, MCYHA teamed up with MCFSC to host the 3rd Annual Skate a Thon. This was a joint event held to raise money for MCIC. Our two associations raised close to \$7000!!! A huge thank you to all volunteers and members of MCYHA and MCFSC who not only brought in pledges, but also who volunteered their time to make this a success!!

It's great to see kids come together to keep their home away from home alive and well!!!

USA HOCKEY AND WAHA UPDATES

Try Hockey for Free brought in four new skaters to our program. We thank Bill Ploederl for organizing this event. We look forward to taking part in Hockey Weekend Across America in February.

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 2: Nov. 17th, Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th

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.

A huge thank you to COREY UNDERWOOD and JAMIE DICKRELL for coming forward and offering to volunteer their time to help run our Basic Skate and Learn to Play Hockey programs. Your help is greatly appreciated. Welcome to MCYHA!!

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

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 NOVEMBER:

Saturday, November 12th 4:30p Bantams

Saturday, November 19th 10A Squirts

Sunday, November 20th 9A Pee Wees

Sunday, November 27th 10A Bantams

Sunday, November 27th 12:30p Pee Wees

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

With the lack of skaters participating in the high school program to date, it was apparent that we could not compete at a Varsity level. The only real option was to field a JV team. The coaching staff and I are in agreement with this option, though the decision is not entirely up to us. We had to appeal to our athletic director, who in turn had to appeal to the athletic directors in our conference. As you may know by now, there was an announcement in Thursday's paper granting us permission to play at JV level. The schedule is being addressed and will be issued when it becomes available. Though we have the go ahead for a JV team, the numbers are still not where we would like them to be for a high school team. There is concern that further defections could jeopardize the season. I would like to appeal to any player who has decided to sit out this season, hoping for different circumstances next season, the reality is, there may not be a next season. Without revenue from a high school program, there would be an extreme burden on the MCYHA to provide the MCIC with necessary income to warrant keeping ice in the facility. So not only will this affect high school, but the rest of the association as well and the figure skating program.

I have sent out an email requesting the return of all jerseys, I would like to get them accounted for before play begins. If you cannot return them to the rink, please find someone in the program to get them to or send me an email gcarriere@tm.net and we will make arrangements to get the jerseys.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PORT SANDY BAY PIZZA SALES!! ORDERS DUE BY NOVEMBER 14TH.

TASTEFULLY SIMPLE ORDERS ALSO DUE BY NOVEMBER 14TH.

CROSS – ICE MITE HOME GAMES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21ST

11:00A – 4:00P

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

BUCK SKATE! EVERYTHING IS A BUCK – SKATING, RENTALS, HOT DOGS, SODA!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 2011

1:00 – 4:00P

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP WITH CONCESSIONS, SKATE RENTALS OR GENERAL SUPERVISION.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS MCYHA AND MCFSC.

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)
