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Eye on the Puck

NOVEMBER 2008

A Message From the President

Congratulations to all MCYHA teams for getting underway with what we hope will be a great season of team play, personal development and a lot of fun. Our association has challenges, much like every association in the State. However our excellent coaches, team leadership and members really make the difference!

Speaking of making a difference, the MCYHA Board has several openings we need to fill. Several of you have already expressed interest, and I would like to hear from anyone else so we can move forward and broaden the leadership of your association.

Here's how:

1. Send me an email at markherz@umich.edu expressing your interest in being a board candidate
2. Include in your email a few sentences about why you want to serve, and what you think you can contribute
3. Please do this by November 22nd.

What we will do then is send out an email voting message to all Association members (just like last year's season ending survey) asking you to vote. We will tally the votes and hope to act to approve the new board members at the December 1st MCYHA Board meeting. Everyone with an interest is encouraged to apply. In particular it would be great to get at least one candidate with previous board experience and/or someone from the high school level so we can have a more balanced board.

Thank you again to all of you have volunteered and given time to help makes things happen for our players. In particular, thanks to our new and veteran coaches. You have all made it a great environment, so keep up the great work. See you at the rink!

Mark Herzog
MCYHA President

PUBLIC SKATE

Tues - Fri 11am to 2 pm
Saturday 2:15 to 4:15
Sunday 2:45 to 4:45

Adults \$3.00
17 & Under \$2.50
50+ \$2.50
Skate Rental \$2.00

Basic Skate/Hockey Session 2

Session 2 starts Thursdays
from 5-5:40pm,
Nov. 20-Dec.18

(no practice on Nov 27)

Contact Cassy Braun at 684-
1898 to register.



Youth Hockey Officials....

For you new officials, you can not officiate until your registration is complete, this includes submitting and passing your open book test. For you returning officials, you can continue to officiate games until November 30 at which time your registration status will be expired. Turn around time is about 10 days from when you submit your test, it will get longer as we get closer to November 30th.

Good Luck & Enjoy the Season
Lori Deschene ldeschene@comcast.net

Hello Hockey Fans! Blade Bash Casino Night is Back!

We are on our way with the plans with Blade Bash. This year's Blade Bash marks our 13th annual event. This is the gig that gets us those funds to help our organization. We strongly rely on everyone to make this event a success and you all have shined each and every year. We are continuing with the Casino event again this year, but we tweaked it so that you'll have more bets for your bucks!

As far as music, a DJ will be spinning tunes while you are saying "Hit Me" but after the tables for the casino are closed don't worry - you won't be bored, because you'll be belting it out to Karaoke. We will be having a small contest for different categories, it's going to be a blast. You CANNOT miss this event!

So what can you do to get involved NOW you ask? I need you to come to the next Blade Bash Meeting at December 15, 6:30 p.m. If you just want to pop in to get the info, a flyer or poster or bring us those great donations for the silent auction we will be very pleased. Speaking of Silent Auction, I need someone to head up this wonderful portion of our event. Please give me a call at 682-6995 if this is something you can help us out with!

We also need table sponsors for the Casino. A table sponsor's minimum donation is \$200 - if your company would like to help out we will proudly display them on our table and on our power point presentation that runs all night long.

Oh and the best tweak of all - admission is **FREE!!!!** This is a Valentine's day date you can BET is going to be fun. Call with any questions or ideas to make this another successful Blade Bash - Lisa Callsen 920-682-6995.

Practice changes for Bantam, JV and Varsity on Monday nights!

Bantams will practice from 6-6:50pm Mondays for the rest of the season.

JV/Varsity will practice from 7-9pm Mondays through Dec 29 and will be evaluated if this schedule will continue or not.

Watch for updates on the website, from your team parents and signs around the ice center.

MCYHA BOARD MEETINGS

The MCYHA Board meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Ice Center. Board meetings are open to all Association members. If you have something you would like placed on the agenda, contact Mark Herzog at least 5 days prior to the meeting.

The next meeting is December 1st..

Visit our website at

www.manitowochockey.org

2008-2009 MCYHA Board Members

	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Mark Herzog - President	652-0183	2011
Shannon Nickels - Vice President	684-3970	2009
Missy Christensen - Secretary	682-4413	2010
Lowell Johnson - Treasurer	683-3207	2009
Cassy Braun	684-1898	2009
Theresa Smoter	683-2273	2010
Brian Kiley	682-3094	2011
Jennifer Rogler	726-4183	2011

NEW SKATER SPONSORS

We have 12 new skaters who signed up for the hockey (travel) league this season. Welcome to hockey!

Mites - 6 new skaters

Squirts - 2 new skaters

PW - 3 new skaters

Bantam - 1 new skater

The following people have sponsored a new skater by donating \$100 towards their registration fee. Skaters will be sending a thank you to their sponsors with a short bio about themselves, what they enjoy most about playing hockey and their game schedule. We would like to thank each sponsor for helping these new skaters - Thank You!

Mike and Mary Maples - Skater: Ian Markusen (Mite)

Jeff Maples - Skater: Caelan Markusen (Mite)

Tom and Dianne Finnegan - Skater: Dylan Abbey (Mite)

Rich and Darla Klassen - Skater: Dylan Pintor (Mite)

Joe and Kathy Palmer - Skater: Parker Heimerl (Mite)

Bruce Smith - Skater: Dalton Genrich (Squirt)

Dale and Kathy Hanke - Skater: Justice Hollahan (Squirt)

Mark Hendricks - Skater: Justin Farris (Bantam)

We are still in need of 4 sponsors. If you or someone you know would like to sponsor a new skater, please contact Kathy Palmer at 684-5696.

NOMINATE YOUR COACH

Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association and Milwaukee Admirals are partnering to honor youth hockey "Coach of the Month".

Each month October thru March, a youth hockey coach from each of the (6) WAHA regions will be honored. One coach per region, per month. They will receive a certificate along with being recognized on the WAHA web-site. Nominations close on the last day of each month. This is not a popularity contest. Please supply a 5-8 sentence paragraph as to why your coach should be selected as the "Coach of the Month" and years of service with the association. **These must be included for the coach to be considered.** Coaches can be re-nominated each month if they are not selected.

Does your coach run creative and fun practices?

Has your coach been in the game a long time and should be honored? Is he/she a good person and deserves recognition?

If you know a coach who you feel should be recognized go the WAHA website and click on Coach of the Month and nominate him or her.

Hockey Board Members Needed!

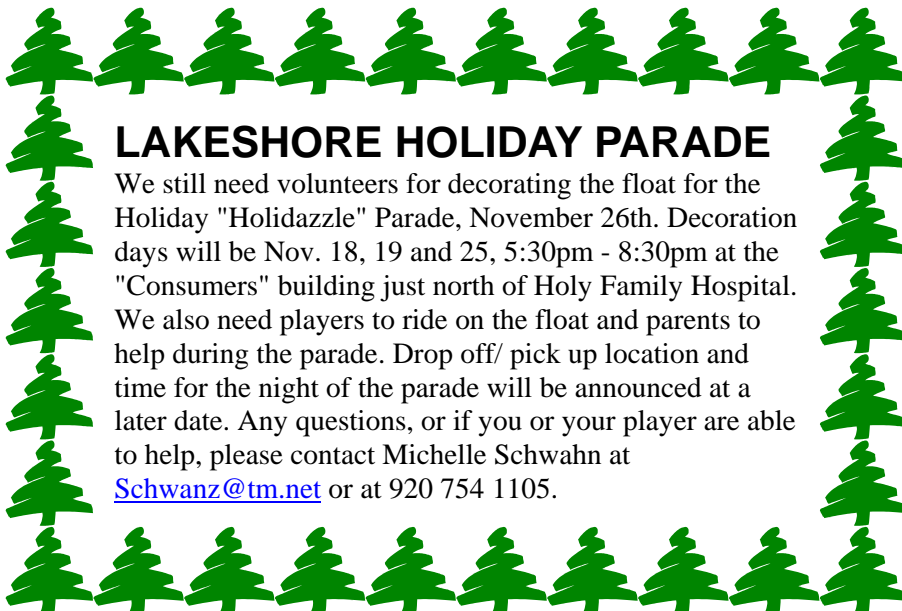
Anyone interested in becoming a board member can call any hockey board member or send a short biography to Mark Herzog markherz@umich.edu.

There are three seats open at this time.

Board Meetings are the first Monday of every month at 7:00 PM at the ice center.

WE WANT TO BE WIAA AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our Association Board has determined that in order to continue to be a strong and competitive organization, it's important that we convert from WAHA to WIAA at the Varsity level. Many of the surrounding teams in our region have already made the transition or are in the process. What this means to us is that in order to not have to travel excessively we need to make the change too. We have a task force started, but we are looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in being on the committee, please contact Theresa Smoter at theresasmoter@sbcglobal.net



LAKESHORE HOLIDAY PARADE

We still need volunteers for decorating the float for the Holiday "Holidazzle" Parade, November 26th. Decoration days will be Nov. 18, 19 and 25, 5:30pm - 8:30pm at the "Consumers" building just north of Holy Family Hospital.

We also need players to ride on the float and parents to help during the parade. Drop off/ pick up location and time for the night of the parade will be announced at a later date. Any questions, or if you or your player are able to help, please contact Michelle Schwahn at Schwanz@tm.net or at 920 754 1105.



LAWN SIGNS

Thanks for displaying the lawn signs this fall, If you still have a lawn sign, please return it by the end of November. For your convenience there is a box labeled "Lawn Signs" located at the ice center. Please do not take the lawn sign apart. We'll be re-using them next season.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you to Embroidery Plus for selling hockey apparel, Heilmann Photography for team photos, Rehab Plus for being our athletic trainers, Blue Line Club for developing the JV/Varsity flyer and WCUB for announcing at Varsity games. Your support is greatly appreciated.

FUNDRAISING HOURS

Please log your volunteer "team hours" and "fundraising hours" on a Hockey Volunteer Hours form. You will need to have this form signed by a hockey board member, team parent or fundraising committee. After form is signed, please put form in the volunteer box located on top of the hockey mailboxes. Remember, it's 10 hours of team and 10 hours of fundraising. Thank you for your continued support of our kids favorite sport!

Lakeshore Lightning

...is no more. Due to declining numbers, we have lost one of our teams. The U-19 girls team folded this season due to a lack of players. Please encourage any one you think may be interested to try hockey. It would be a shame to lose anymore teams.



PLAY DOWNS AND STATE!!

Each team has agreed to participate in play downs in February and with any luck, the State Tournaments in March. Coaches and/or team schedulers will let you know when and where play downs will be. Good luck to all our teams!



Approximate Pizza profit is in...
\$2153!
 Over 1750 Pizza & Garlic Bread sold

**Don't miss out
 on the next pizza
 sale!**
Jan. 5th – 19th
***2 weeks to sell!**

Pick up Pizza at Port Sandy Bay:

Dec 9th
4:30 to 8:30

Are Pizza's frozen?

Yes!

Volunteer Hours for selling?

**Yes! 1hr for every
 15 pizza's sold**

Prize for top seller?

**Yes! Pizza Party @
 Port Sandy Bay**



Contact:
 Karmie Goessl
jkgoessl@charter.net 553-1613
 Or
 Lori Deschene
ldeschene@comcast.net 684-1976



Volunteer Hours:

Kristi Kiley k.kiley@comcast.net
 will be doing the "Fundraising Volunteer
 Hours" tallying & posting this
 information on the website
Manitowochockey.org

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help at the team levels for the hockey league and basic skate/basic hockey (including team parent coordinator, team parents, head schedulers, team schedulers, team reporters, coaching, referee coordinators, registration, ticket sales, 50/50 raffles, team photos, etc.)

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for the fundraising committee and selling fundraiser items to keep our costs as low as possible.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be on a committee (including Coaching Committee, Programs/Marketing Committee, Fundraising Committee, Blade Bash Coordinator and committees, WIAA taskforce, etc)

And also thank you to all the volunteers who donate time for newsletter, volunteer hours, website, birth certificates, equipment room, forms updates, etc.

Send newsletter articles
 and e-mail address
 changes to Steve
 Massey at
mcyhanews@charter.net

Coaching Committee Report

The 2008/2009 Season is off to a Strong start.

JV / Varsity tryouts were completed and improvements documented for next years tryouts. This is a learning process for us and each year we keep improving. Coaches are established at each level but we are still looking for assistant coaches at JV & Varsity. Contact us if you know anyone who is interested in these positions. The 1st joint JV & Varsity - Conditioning, Skills & Drills practice occurred 11-10-08 and was a success. We will continue this thru the end of the month and re-evaluate if we will continue the joint practice. The committee is working on player evaluation forms; these will be used for the mid & end of season coaches evaluation of their players. The Coaching Committee would like all interested coaches to apply this year for next season, so we are not scrambling at the last minute. Lastly, the Coaching Committee is still looking for interested individuals that feel they have something to offer, to join the committee. Contact Jay Hetland at 683-3987 or jrjhetland@isol.net if you are interested.

\$\$ Candy Bar Money is due!



Each case of candy bars sold will receive 1 hour of "fundraising" time!

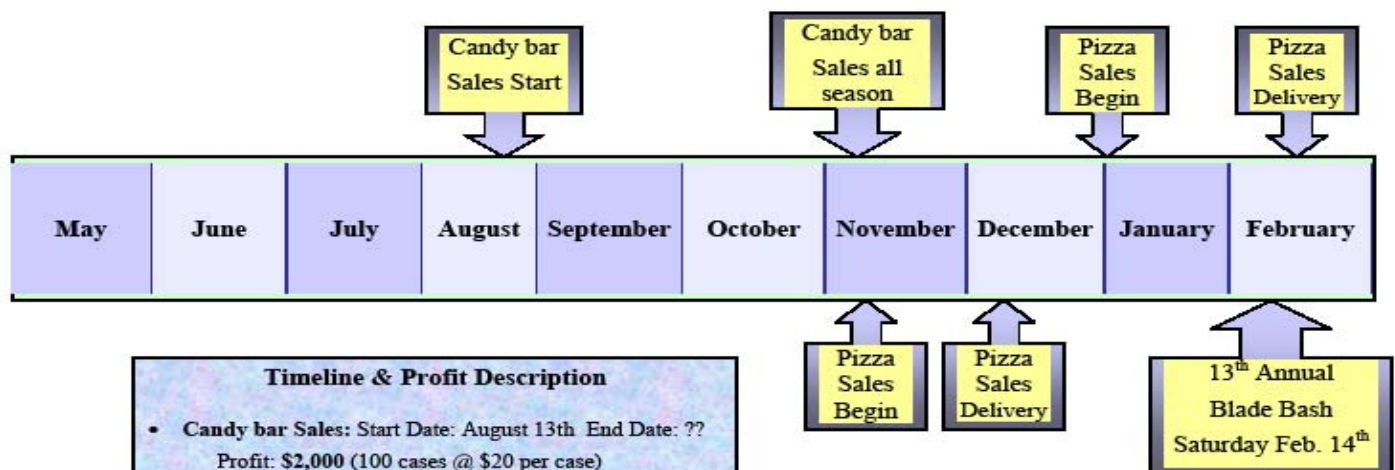
This fundraiser will run all season long due to its great success.

To pick up additional cases of candy bars contact Lori Deschene 684-1976 or ldeschene@comcast.com

A table will be setup in the lobby of MCIC on Monday 17th & 24th during Mite through Var practice for

- Money drop off
- Additional cases available for pick up

Fundraising Timeline & Projected Profit 2008-2009



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