



NBAHA

Newsletter of the North Branch Area Hockey Association – April 2009

Dates to Remember

- 4/18: Adopt-A-Highway, 10 am
4/20: Arena/Arena Capital Committee Meeting,
7:00 pm @ NB Library
4/22: Mite Committee Meeting,
7:30 pm @ NB Library
4/29: Arena/Arena Capital Committee Meeting,
7:00 pm @ NB Library
4/30: NBAHA Membership/Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
@ NB Library
5/1: Coaching Applications Due
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Traveling Coaching Applications Due by May 1st!!!!

Anyone interested in coaching at the traveling level (Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam) needs to email coachingdirector@northbranchhockey.com and president@northbranchhockey.com before May 1st to apply for a coaching position. The application that was used in the past is not being used this year. Instead, send an email with your name, the level you are interested in coaching, if you are interested in being a head coach or an assistant coach, coaching/hockey experience and contact information.

The coaching committee will conduct head coach interviews between May 2nd and May 10th. Selections for head coach at the top level will be made by the end of May. The intention would also be to place the next level head coaches as well, but would maintain that it would be dependent upon where their kid scores from a level perspective.

Anyone interested in being an assistant coach, please submit an email as well so that head coaches will have your information available.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Courtright at coachingdirector@northbranchhockey.com.

Adopt-A-Highway

Saturday, April 18th at 10 am

HELP US WIN \$2500 FROM LIBERTY MUTUAL!

Currently have 17 Certifications!!!!

Liberty Mutual is awarding community grants worth \$2500 as part of its Responsible Sports program championing and celebrating responsibility in youth sports.

Here's how it works:

- Every person who completes the online Responsible Coaching or Responsible Sports Parenting course and the 10-question review quiz earns one certificate. The twenty (20) organizations around the country that get the most certificates will earn a \$2500 grant.
- Since we'll only be competing against organizations of similar size, we have a great chance to win! Of course, the more people we get to take the course and quiz, the better our chance of winning the Community Grant.
- Let's all work together - for the kids, and for the \$2500 grant. Just think of the ways this grant could help us: ice time, arena effort, equipment, jerseys - you name it!
- **The grant period ends May 31st, 2009!** Please take the time to go online and complete the course as soon as possible.
- **Please encourage friends, family, and other sports enthusiasts to participate and help us reach our goal.**

To read the Parent course work or take the Quiz visit:
https://www.responsiblesports.com/responsible_sport_parenting/responsible_sport_parenting_quiz.aspx.

To read the Coach course work or take the Quiz visit:
https://www.responsiblesports.com/responsible_coaching/responsible_coaching_quiz.aspx

Once you've taken the quiz, you will receive an email from Responsible Sports. You will then need to click a link in the email to verify your quiz and credit North Branch Area Hockey Association with the certification.

Lisa Isaacson
Publicity Director

Adopt-A-Highway

Saturday, April 18th, 10 am

North Branch Hockey has a 2-mile stretch of county road that is registered with the Chisago County Adopt-A-Highway program. We need volunteers to assist with roadside cleanup on Saturday, April 18 at 10 a.m. If it is raining, Adopt-A-Highway will be rescheduled. Cancellations will be posted on the voice mail number, 612-674-4152, website and an email blast will be sent out.

To get to our Adopt-A-Highway site, take County Road 14 past the North Branch Middle School, then turn left on County Road 72. A sign is posted, and our commitment to Chisago County is to care for County Road 72 beginning at County Road 14 and ending at County Road 67.

Call Lisa Isaacson at 612-807-4609 or email publicity@northbranchhockey.com if you have any questions.

Mite Committee Meeting

Wednesday – 4/22 at 7:30 pm
NB Library

We will be having a Mite Committee meeting at 7:30 PM on Wednesday April 22nd at the North Branch Library to discuss the lessons learned from this past season. I would very much like for this to be a constructive meeting where ideas can be shared on how to improve our mite program. An outline of the topics to be discussed is available at <http://northbranchhockey.com/2009/04/07/mite-committee-meeting-nb-library/>.

Tim Hink
Mite Director

Arena Update

The arena committee has been busy developing site plans and building plans for the arena. The goal is to have everything in order to begin Phase I construction this summer and have it completed by fall. It will be very exciting to start using the facility this winter.

The arena and arena capital committees will be meeting on Monday, April 20th to discuss pursuing grants and in kind donations of labor and materials.

NBAHA Annual Meeting

The presentation and minutes from the annual meeting is now posted and available for review at <http://northbranchhockey.com/about/meetings/minutes/>. Thanks to the members who attended to give their input on the 2008 - 2009 season.

2009-2010 NBAHA Board Election Results

Board elections were held at the annual meeting last month and the results are posted below. Outgoing board members will begin working with incoming board members this month and the 2009 - 2010 NBAHA Board Members will officially take over their elected board positions at the April board meeting.

There was no change to the following board positions.

President - Tim Cashill
Vice President - Jeff Henderson
Treasurer - Paige Lee
Publicity - Lisa Isaacson
Registrar - Kristi White
Ice Director- Tom Garin

The following board positions had changes:

Secretary - Jen Fairbanks (will fill remaining 1 year term)
Mite Director - Tim Hink (Craig Moline - outgoing director)
Fundraising - Janelle Olson (Jen Fairbanks - outgoing director)
Coaching Director - Chris Courtright (Ben Fairbanks - outgoing director)

Thanks to the outgoing board members for their hard work and dedication to the association.

Charitable Giving

The North Branch Area Hockey Association annually disburses money back to the community as a result of the revenue generated from NBAHA's charitable gambling operations throughout the area.

This year, NBAHA made disbursements totaling \$1,000 thanks to the successful charitable gambling operations at JJ's Bowl (North Branch), Pizza Pub (North Branch), Tortillas (Lindstrom), Wild River (Almelund), and Oak Inn (North Branch).

NBAHA would like to thank the residents and businesses in North Branch and the surrounding communities for supporting NBAHA and our charitable gambling operations.

2009 (\$1,000)

\$200 - Early Childhood Coalition
\$200 - Senior All Night Party
\$200 - Youth Service Bureau
\$200 - North Branch Library
\$200 - North Branch Music Booster

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