



NBAHA

Newsletter of the North Branch Area Hockey Association – June 2008

Dates to Remember

- 6/22: Midsummer Day Parade in North Branch
Parade Lineup at 1 pm, Parade at 2 pm
- 6/25: NBAHA Membership Meeting, 7 p.m.
NBAHA Board meeting, 8 p.m.
@ North Branch Library Community Room
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NBAHA Board meeting, 8 p.m.
@ North Branch Library Community Room
- 8/2: Stacy Daze Booth Setup at 8 am/Tear Down at 4
pm & Parade – More Details to Come
- 8/2: NBAHA Golf Tournament Fundraiser @ 2pm
- 9/13, 9/14 Pre-skates for Squirt, Peewee & Bantams at
Isanti Arena
- 9/19 – 9/21 Tryouts for Squirt, Peewee & Bantams at Isanti
Arena
- 10/11: 5th Annual Power Play Fundraiser
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Midsummer Day Parade This Sunday, June 22nd

NBAHA will be in the Midsummer Day Parade this Sunday, June 22nd in North Branch. Lineup starts at 1:00 pm and the parade starts at 2:00 pm. I'd suggest not getting to our parade spot too much before 2:00 pm as it's always a long, hot wait for everyone. Parents and players are needed to walk and rollerblade. Mite and Squirt skaters must have a parent/guardian in the parade with them.

We will not have a float to ride on this year. So, plan on walking or rollerblading the whole way. We are in need of a couple of wagons to help haul water bottles, candy, etc. If you have one you can bring with you for us to use please let me know.

Please wear a NBAHA jersey if you have one or wear red/black/white. Remember to bring plenty of water with you and sunscreen.

Stop by the American Legion Hall to get directions to our spot or give Lisa a call at 612-807-4609 after 1 pm for directions. I will be at our spot by a little after 1.

Arena Update

The Arena Committee has been busy putting together the costs to build the arena as well as refurbish it. This information is needed by the Arena Capital Committee in the grant writing process. The Arena Capital Committee will soon have the information it needs to start submitting grants. Both committees will be holding meetings in the near future. Watch for details on the Event Calendar on the website and come join the meetings if you would like to help!

Letter from the President

Dear Members,

First of all I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as the association as president. These are exciting times for North Branch Area Youth Hockey and I am looking forward to helping our association grow and develop quality hockey players. I will also help uphold the contents of our mission statement which states we will work to promote sportsmanship, discipline, teamwork, and through positive ethics build a foundation for a lifetime of good citizenship for our kids.

We have a great association with a bunch of kids that love the game of hockey and supporting parents that enjoy watching their kids grow, develop and compete. I've found that our hockey families are unique. We support our kids and the great game of hockey by driving an abnormal numbers of miles at even more abnormal hours just to watch the kids lace up the skates. We stand and skate in below zero temperatures as we realize sometimes that is what it takes. We continue to work hard to fundraise for our arena and we support our community in more ways than some realize. For these reasons I am proud to be part of the North Branch Area Youth Hockey Association.

As you all know, we have a lot of work currently going on. The co-op committee is meeting almost weekly to work through the details of a co-op. The arena and capital committees are working to keep the arena efforts moving forward and solidify funding for the arena. The volunteer committee is working hard to gain volunteers to fulfill all our commitments and the work that needs to get done to support the association. The coaching committee is actively working to recruit top quality coaches for the coming year. I know hockey can be a very demanding sport (unlike any other) from both a parent and player perspective. I encourage each of you to get involved as much as you can and we will make our dreams for our association come true.

I know I speak for the entire N.B.A.H.A. Board when I say that we serve on the board to serve our members. Please feel free to contact me or any other board member with any questions, comments, or feedback on how we can continue to improve hockey in our association.

Regards,
Tim Cashill

Stacy Daze Booth & Parade Volunteers Needed!!!

Stacy Daze Booth & Parade: Saturday, August 2nd in Stacy. We will begin setting up the booth at 8 am. Booth opens at 9 am. Teardown of the booth will start at 4 pm. Volunteers are needed to help work at the booth throughout the day.

Parents and players are needed to walk and rollerblade in the parade. **Mite and Squirt skaters must have a parent/guardian in the parade with them.** Watch the July newsletter and/or website for more details on the parade. We will not have a float to ride on this year. So, plan on walking or rollerblading the whole way. We are in need of a couple of wagons to help haul water bottles, candy, etc. If you have one you can bring with you for us to use please let me know.

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

Power Play Fundraiser October 11th!

The 5th annual Power Play Fundraiser will be held on October 11th. Watch for more details in upcoming months. If you are interested in helping with this event, call Jen Fairbanks at 651- 674-0813.

NBAHA Golf Classic Fundraiser August 2nd at 2pm!

NBAHA will be holding a golf tournament on Saturday, August 2nd at 2pm as an arena fundraiser. Watch for more details in the July newsletter, on the website and through email blasts. If you are interested in playing in the tournament or volunteering, call Jen Fairbanks at 651- 674-0813.

Coaching Certification Level 1, 2, 3, 4 Classes

If you are interested in being a Mite, Squirt, PeeWee, or Bantam coach or helping on the ice with Learn to Skate and are not currently certified at the correct level or need to be recertified, start watching USA Hockey Website, www.usahockey.com for certification dates. Clinic dates are usually posted mid summer. We have been told a Level 4 clinic will be held at the Super Rink on September 19th.

If you are interested in attending a certification class, contact the coaching director, Ben Fairbanks. Ben will register all of the coaches needing certification so the association can pay the registration fee. Contact Ben at 651-674-5958.

Coaching Applications For Traveling Teams Due by July 1st!

Coaching applications for head and assistant coaches for Squirt, PeeWee and Bantam teams are due to the Coaching Director by July 1st. Applications have been mailed to last year's coaches and should have been received by now.

If you are interested in applying and haven't received an application, the application is available at <http://northbranchhockey.com/board/coaching-director/coaches/>, or call Ben Fairbanks at 651-674-5958.

Mail the application to North Branch Hockey, c/o Coaching Director, PO Box 541, North Branch, MN 55056.

Co-op Update Save the Date! Pre-Skate and Tryouts

The Co-op committee continues to meet on a weekly basis with Cambridge/Isanti. The committee is working out all of the details needed for a successful co-op. Volunteers will be needed to help with many co-op related tasks. Watch for more information!

Pre-skate dates for traveling teams (Squirt, PeeWee, and Bantams) have been set for 9/13 and 9/14 at Isanti Arena. Tryouts have been set for 9/19, 9/20, and 9/21 at Isanti Arena. More details will be provided as they are available.

Volunteer Policy 2008 - 2009

For the 2008-09 NBAHA season volunteer time has been restructured. Families must sign up before or at registration to be active on at least one committee (definition of active is at the discretion of the committee chair). Committees include: Presidents committee, Arena committee, Building and Maintenance committee; Coaching committee, Publicity committee, Fundraising committee, Learn to Skate committee, and Mite Committee.

A \$50 deposit will be collected from each family. Families can buyout the requirement by having the check cashed at registration. 1st year families are not required to participate in the volunteer time commitment

Without the help of volunteers, NBAHA would not be successful. It is important that we have an adequate number of volunteers on each of the committees. Families are welcome to participate in more than one committee. Help is always needed!!!

The committee chairs need help this summer as well as throughout the hockey season. A sign up sheet will be available on the website under the tab "Other" and then under "Volunteer". You can also call Lisa Isaacson at 612-807-4609 or email publicity@northbranchhockey.com to indicate which committee(s) you would like to be involved with.

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Volunteer Policy 2008 – 2009 Continued

Presidents Committee

Chair: Tim Cashill @ 651-408-1055

The Presidents committee encompasses several sub committees.

1. District 10 Tournament:

- Recruit and organize volunteers to work at the District 10 Tournament
- ### 2. Gambling Committee:
- Brainstorm prospective new sites
 - Review procedures at existing sites
 - Spot audit played games
 - Ensure Internal Controls are being followed properly
 - May be involved in investigative duties as required/needed
 - Weekly deposits of gambling funds

3. Co-op Committee. Chair Jeff Henderson @ 651-674-2440

- Work with C/I to organize co-op for upcoming season
- Work on procuring jersey's/socks for Traveling teams
- Help organize pre-skates and tryouts
- Work with C/I throughout season to keep co-op on track

Fundraising Committee

Chair: Jen Fairbanks @ 651-674-0813 or

fundraising@northbranchhockey.com

The responsibilities of the committee include:

1. Generating fundraising ideas
2. Organizing fundraiser
3. Working with Publicity Director to promote any fundraising events.
4. Work with Gambling manager on any raffles or gambling type fundraisers
5. Recruit volunteers for fundraising events
6. Phone calling

Coaching Committee

Chair: Ben Fairbanks @ 651-674-5958

The Coaching committee encompasses several sub committees.

1. Coaching Committee (The number of members on this committee will be limited and selected by the Coaching Director & approved by the Board):

- Recommend head coaches for each team
- Develop and administer coaching recommendation process
- Develop the player evaluation and tryout process
- Develop and administer coaching and player mentoring process
- Develop and administer coaching and player development process
- Develop and administer coaching feedback surveys at the end of each year
- Evaluate coaches and determine target numbers of expected players to return for the next year

2. Coaches:

- Head and/or Assistant Coaches of team
- Help with Learn to Skate sessions

3. Team Managers:

- Help coaches and Board with communication to teams
- Organize volunteers needed for team events

Arena Committee

Volunteers are needed:

1. To participate on Arena Committee
Chair: Jeff Henderson @ 651-674-2440
 2. To participate on Arena Capital Committee.
Chair: Kelly Lambrecht @ 651-462-1367
- Help secure funds needed to build arena
 - Write grants
 - Phone Calling to members and businesses
 - Help with mailings to members and businesses
 - Personal visits to businesses

Learn to Skate Committee

Chair: Craig Moline @ 612-807-4609

Volunteers are needed to help the Mite Director with

1. Organizing Fall and Winter LTS program
2. Manage pre-registration
3. Help create lesson plans for skating sessions
4. Help with publicity of Learn to Skate events
5. Recruit volunteers to help with Learn to Skate sessions
6. Work at LTS sessions - checkin, coaching, refreshments, answer questions.

Building & Maintenance

Chair: Don Osland @ 651-237-0635

Volunteers are needed:

1. To help with Shack Cleanup
2. To help with outdoor ice and includes, but is not limited to, flooding, shoveling, and preparing ice, repairs and general maintenance
3. To help with maintenance of the shack

Publicity

Chair: Lisa Isaacson @ 612-807-4609 or

publicity@northbranchhockey.com

Volunteers are needed:

1. To organize booths & parade entries & work at events
2. To work on newsletter which is published about every 6 weeks. To write articles, create newsletter, copy and distribute to members via mail and email.
3. To create flyers for events, get copies made and distribute around town, to schools for Friday folders or to team managers
4. To write team articles and/or take pictures
5. To work with newspaper on advertisements and submitting articles
7. To do sign creation for A-Frames to advertise events
8. To contact community & bank billboards to advertise upcoming events
9. To order end of year trophies and distribute to team managers
10. To do phone calling
11. To help at registration sessions to process paperwork
12. To help at Spring & Fall Adopt A Highway

Mite Director Committee

Chair: Craig Moline @ 612-807-4609

Volunteers are needed to help Mite Director with:

1. Recruiting, selecting, appointing and developing Mite coaches
2. Coordinating mite recruitment and registration
3. Assigning mite players to the appropriate mite level
4. Coordinating communication among players, coaches, parents and team managers
5. Available at Mite games and practices to answer questions

Association Contact Information				
NBAHA	PO 541, North Branch	MN 55056	651-674-4152	www.northbranchhockey.com
Gambling Manager	Kris Dennis		651-274-0870	gamblingmanager@northbranchhockey.com
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Publicity	Lisa Isaacson		612-807-4609	publicity@northbranchhockey.com
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**Midsummer's Day Parade
Sunday, June 22nd**

Lineup at 1 pm, Start at 2 pm

Parents & Skaters Needed to Walk and Rollerblade with NBAHA Float!!!!

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Go to <http://northbranchhockey.com/> for up to date information on North Branch Area Hockey association.

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