



# NBAHA

Newsletter of the North Branch Area Hockey Association – February 2007

## Dates to Remember

- 3/8: NBAHA Board Meeting
- 3/29: NBAHA Annual Membership Meeting  
7 pm Middle School Cafeteria
- 4/5: NBAHA Board Meeting
- 4/25: NBAHA Membership Meeting

Membership and Board meetings are held at the High School – Room #D104 at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted on the web site calendar. **Children attending meetings with their parents/guardians must be in the meeting room, or we could lose our meeting privileges from the high school.**

The following dates are available for committee meetings, in room D104 at the High School on 3/14, 3/26, 4/9, 4/23. Contact Lynda Chilstrom to reserve the room.



## Annual Meeting March 29, 2007 7pm Middle School cafeteria

Mark your calendars and plan on attending this year's annual meeting. The items listed below are discussed at this meeting and it is important for as much of the membership to be involved as possible.

- Vote on board members
- Vote on bylaw changes
- Vote on disbursing gambling proceeds
- Receive an update from each board member on the past year
- Receive an update on the several avenues being pursued for the arena effort and have a chance to ask all of your questions.
- Provide information or ideas on how to make NBAHA better.

## Arena Update

A complete update will be given on the several avenues that are being pursued on the arena effort at the annual meeting.

Please e-mail [arena@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:arena@northbranchhockey.com) if you have any questions or ideas that will help this effort.

## Annual Meeting – Board Member Elections

It is time to look ahead to next year. The board member elections are held during the March membership meeting, which is March 29, 2007 in the cafeteria at the Middle School.

For the 2007-08 season, there will be two officer positions, Vice President and treasurer, up for election. All director positions are up for election each year. The director positions include: coaching, ice director, building and maintenance, registrar, fundraising, publicity and mite director.

If you or someone you know is interested in running for a board or officer position, please contact the nominating committee:

**Jeff Henderson, Chair** – 651-674-2440  
president@northbranchhockey.com  
**Paige Lee** – 651-674-6298  
**Craig Strom** – 651-373-6694

## Annual Meeting – Bylaw Changes

The following amendments to the bylaws will be voted on at the annual membership meeting, which is March 29, 2007.

### SECTION 3

#### A. Nominations and Elections

The Board of Directors shall appoint a committee of no less than three (3) people for a Nominating Committee. These can be members of the Board as well as members from the general membership. This Committee shall be chosen at the January meeting. Nominations shall be made at the Board meeting prior to the Annual Meeting with elections at the Annual Meeting. The floor shall also be open for further nominations at the annual meeting.

Stricken language: New Officers and Directors shall work with the outgoing Officers and Directors from April-July taking over on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**New Language: New Officers and Directors assume their positions at the 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting following the annual meeting.**

Motioned by Lynda to change the following policy manual language (New language is bolded below). Seconded by Craig. Motion carried.

#### Appendix A

##### Coaching Recommendation Committee Schedule

- A.1 Committee recommended to Board
- A.1.1 **The newly elected Coaching Director will recommend candidates for the Coaching Recommendation Committee to the Board at the 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting following the annual meeting.**

By 1 <sup>st</sup> board meeting following annual meeting	Committee recommended to Board
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Committee finalized by Board
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Advertise coaching opportunities
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Advertise coaching opportunities
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Application deadline
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	Candidate list given to Board
August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Board votes on candidates
October	Evaluations
mid-October	Hockey season starts

### SECTION 2

#### C. Responsibility of Directors

Stricken language: Directors must submit an itemized annual budget. An estimated general maintenance budget is due in August to be voted on by the membership.

**New Language:** Directors must submit an itemized annual budget. An estimated general maintenance budget must be voted on by the membership on or before the August membership meeting.

## Cash Calendar Drawing

Below are the results of the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Cash Calendar drawings. Congratulations to our winners! Thank you to everyone who has supported the association by purchasing a cash calendar. We raised \$11,860 to go towards the arena fund.

### December 19, 2007

Name	Cash Calendar Number	Amount
Paul Zengerle	2228	\$20
Heather Miller	2310	\$20
Stephanie Spencer	1994	\$20
Cindy Nielsen	1577	\$20
Karen Kodluboy	711	\$20
Bill Olinger	1412	\$20
Amanda Bartholmy	272	\$20
Heather Oslund	1663	\$20
Jean Strong	461	\$20
Kent Johnson	1000	\$20
Don Cunningham	561	\$20
Ronald Harstedt	1213	\$20
JoEllen Kastenbauer	1077	\$20
Rhonda Moline	1480	\$20
Loren Schulenberg	1253	\$20
Wayne Danks	571	\$50
Carolyn Gotteberg	1071	\$50
Jess Richards	1809	\$50
Ben Fairbanks	680	\$50
Mike Underwood	2071	\$50
Scott Byrkit	350	\$100
Larry Helms	284	\$100
Robert Schaffer	2257	\$200

### January 9, 2007

Name	Cash Calendar Number	Amount
Wayne Hall	1013	\$20
Robert Jackman	1010	\$20
Scott Jensen	959	\$20
Mike Miller	1430	\$20
Jack/Dianne Herdina	871	\$20
Stacey Knoner	2840	\$20
Phillip Olson	2695	\$20
Laura Spychalla	2010	\$20
Bill Richards	1791	\$20
Alyssa Prater	1672	\$20
Kathie Mackin	1151	\$20
Jennifer Garber	111	\$20
Joan Carbone	1721	\$20
Jeff Wuertz	408	\$20
Shawn Schommer	1772	\$20
Lenore Adey	595	\$50
Chuck Cunningham	2759	\$50
Darlene Schuppau	2663	\$50
Karl Fix	1033	\$50
Steve/Paige Lee	1280	\$50
Jesse Mollner	2307	\$100
Mike Pizzuti	1745	\$100
Troy Brown	596	\$200

### January 23, 2007

Name	Cash Calendar Number	Amount
Melissa Wagner	2109	\$20
Chris/Lynn Courtright	1550	\$20
Lori Kiester	1104	\$20
Dean Anderson	5	\$20
Kathy Gosiak	1966	\$20
Sean Underwood	2074	\$20
Kevin Orf	2161	\$20
Danna Timm	2049	\$20
Sharon Ederer-Duncan	611	\$20
Patricia Spude	2632	\$20

Michael Broden	2703	\$20
Steven/Paige Lee	1285	\$20
Judy Shaw	2512	\$20
Brent Coatney	1122	\$20
Geoff Puckett	259	\$20
Bryce Hall	2271	\$50
Mike Zipko	46	\$50
Ron Gotteberg	1074	\$50
John Bodine	1572	\$50
Judy Lartch	2823	\$50
Steve Amundson	2672	\$100
Kevin Haus	1797	\$100
Paula Kramer	2842	\$200

### February 6, 2007

Name	Cash Calendar Number	Amount
Bernie Ross	2217	\$20
Marilyn Spiczenski	720	\$20
Janelle Timm	2043	\$20
Mark Armstrong	2653	\$20
Kimberly Arnold	1060	\$20
Lyn Pariseau	3853	\$20
Karen Glancey	715	\$20
Wayne Danks	579	\$20
Craig Moline	1477	\$20
Lori Kiester	1095	\$20
Steve Smith	2226	\$20
Scott Carlson	2803	\$20
Dave Kaegbein	2459	\$20
Steve/Paige Lee	1272	\$20
Brian Hackbarth	1235	\$20
Sharon Runberg	1853	\$50
Sue Mukunza	1925	\$50
Renee Hall	2284	\$50
Esther Amundson	2677	\$50
Theresa Kujala	1375	\$50
Carchedi	412	\$100
Larry Stangland	1208	\$100
Chelsea Foster	2281	\$200

### February 20, 2007

Name	Cash Calendar Number	Amount
Tia Peterson	2760	\$20
Patrick Joyal	1047	\$20
John Ellis	137	\$20
Emily Bianco	692	\$20
Aaron/Chris Tell	86	\$20
Alli Kobs	2530	\$20
Shirley Runberg	1864	\$20
Brad Koecher	7	\$20
Mary Ann Hudson	2205	\$20
Joe Olson	1634	\$20
Dan Marinac	1036	\$20
Joe Locken	16	\$20
Lois Ann Basquin	683	\$20
Leonard Bedburg	1921	\$20
Patricia Roy	2516	\$20
Amy Noyes-Mellen	1336	\$50
Troy Brown	606	\$50
Melissa McNeal	399	\$50
Scott/Jody Andrews	251	\$50
Brenda Marrin	1162	\$50
James Vrchota	2153	\$100
John Axberg, Jr	270	\$100
Don Blakeslee	661	\$200

## Spaghetti Dinner

NBAHA hosted a Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale on Friday, February, 2, 2007 at the American Legion in North Branch. The dinner raised \$513.75 and those proceeds will go to the Arena Fund. The Bake and Craft sale was successful as well and \$652 went into accounts for those teams that participated. \$61 was raised selling NBAHA hats, mittens, bracelets, etc. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help with the Spaghetti Dinner and to everyone out to raise money for the arena fund and teams.

### Bake Sale Proceeds by Team

B1 Bantam	\$12.75
B1 PeeWee	\$217.75
B1 Squirt	\$150.50
C Mite	\$166
B Mite	\$105

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## Chuck-a-Puck at Boys High School games

Thanks to the teams who agreed to do Chuck-a-Puck and to run the clock, book, penalty box and announce at the High School games this year. The teams who participated are listed below along with their total earnings that have been deposited into their team accounts.

B1 Squirt	\$167.25
B Mite	\$78.75
B1 PeeWee	\$86.50
C Mite	\$167.75

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## Mite Corner

Any Mite level questions can be directed to the Mite Director, Craig Moline at 651-248-6302. Or questions can be directed to the Mite Committee members: Lisa Isaacson at 651-327-7247 or Kristi White at 651-674-1854.

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## Equipment Turn-in

Managers and/or coaches, please contact Barb Miller at 651-462-4999 or email [barb@thehitchingcompany.com](mailto:barb@thehitchingcompany.com) once you have collected all of the jersey's and equipment for your team. This includes bags of pucks, water bottles, etc that belong to the association. She will then setup a time to meet you at the shack.

Any Initiation and A mites who used a starter kit and have not yet turned them in need to contact Kristi White as soon as possible at 651-674-1854.

## Head Coaches Turn in Coaches Books

Any head coaches who have not turned in their coaches book yet need to contact Kristi White as soon as possible at 651-674-1854.

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## Used Equipment

Do you have any Squirt, PeeWee, or Bantam sized used equipment (skates, pads, helmets, etc) that you would be willing to donate to the association? We would like to be able to offer an equipment exchange to skaters or lend equipment to skaters who need a helping hand. If you have equipment available please contact Paige Lee at 651-674-6298.

## Winter Learn to Skate

This year's winter learn to skate has been very successful. We had 96 registered skaters participate in the Learn to Skate program. Thanks to the coaches, skaters and parents who volunteered!



**Let's get together to show our support to Tim Mellen as he heads over to Iraq to serve our Country!**

Where: American Legion in North Branch  
When: March 31, 2007 1 to 4 pm

## Team Updates

### A Mites

#### By Chris Klein

This has been by far the most fun I've ever had coaching hockey. I had to learn how to create a practice plan that focused on having fun while improving hockey skills instead of implementing systems. That was something new for me but what a great experience. This season reminded me of why we play sports, because they are FUN and all of the coaches took that attitude to all practices and games!!! It's not easy to measure how much our kids improved, but we did improve dramatically. Congratulations to our kids for having so much fun while improving and special thanks to the parents who all did a fantastic job supporting the kids and the coaches.

### B Mites

#### By Kristi White

What an exciting year for the B Mite team. They got introduced to having a "real" goalie (pads included), "off sides" and experienced the "Let's Play Hockey" atmosphere with the games that they played. Our skaters did great against the evenly matched teams of Chisago, Pine City, Mora, & Cambridge. They skated hard, enjoyed themselves and walked away with a smile on their face – what more could we have asked from them. They are gearing up for their final games at the District 10 Jamboree in March and looking forward to the end of the year party. What a way to end a spectacular season. Good luck at the Jamboree!! Thanks also to the tremendous coaches who did a great job with the skaters. Season record 8-1-1.

### C Mites

#### By Kelly Byrkit

##### North Branch C-Mites versus Pine City

The North Branch C-Mites played Pine City at the East Bethel arena on December 30th, 2006 pulling off a 10-1 win. The Vikings worked very well together as a team and Joe Fabini was a flurry of activity in the net with several stunning saves! Our defense is doing a tremendous job playing aggressive and keeping the puck in the zone!

Goals were contributed by Ryan Byrkit (hat trick), Jared Kozar, Nick Fairbanks, Wyatt Johnson, Tyler Cashill and Cole Peterson. Assisting goals were Derek Isaacson, Connor Lee, Tyler Cashill and Ryan Byrkit.



### North Branch C-Mites vs. Anoka 3

#### By Kelly Byrkit

The Vikings faced Anoka on January 14th winning 11-1. Payton Hyland did a great job in net and our defense was amazing, rarely allowing Anoka in the zone. However, passing was the story for this game. The players are really beginning to work as a team, looking up the ice for open players and passing the puck before shooting on the net.

Goals were contributed by Josh Strom (hat trick), Ryan Byrkit, Adrian Johnson, Nick Fairbanks, Jared Kozar and Tyler Cashill.

This brings the overall season thus far to 5-2.

### North Branch C-Mites Beat Elk River 7-2

#### By Kelly Byrkit

The mighty C-mites beat a talented Elk River team 7-2 on Saturday, February 12th. Nick Fairbanks was a force to be reckoned with in the net, stopping virtually everything that even came close to him. Our defense played aggressively and rarely allowed Elk River on our zone.

Scoring goals for North Branch were Tyler Cashill (hat trick), Ryan Byrkit (2), Adrian Johnson and Joe Fabini. There were many assists as our C-mites passed the puck and set up others for the goals. This was an action packed game and our C-Mites should be very proud of their performance!

### B1 PeeWee

#### By Lena Shephard

The North Branch B1 PeeWee hockey team traveled to Bemidji the weekend of January 26-28 for a tournament and dazzled the crowd with successful game play and close competition resulting in the team capturing 2nd place in the tournament. The weekend began Friday evening with a border battle between North Branch and Thunder Bay Canada which ended in a 7-2 win for North Branch. Saturday afternoon North Branch went up against Cold Spring and dominated the game with goalie Kolton Kiester only allowing in one shot ending in an 11-1 win over Cold Spring. Sunday morning North Branch played Hermantown in a heart stopper of a game. The North Branch Vikings were down 3-0 going into the second period. Coming out in the second period and scoring two goals uplifted the team. They came back to tie up the game in the third period and finished off with two additional goals propelling them into the championship game. The championship game Sunday afternoon was a thrilling game against Winnipeg. Goals were scored by Ryan Mohar, Hunter Miska and two goals by Calvin Miska resulting in a 4-4 tie to end the game. The tie forced the team into a ten minute sudden death overtime in which neither team scored leading to a shootout which resulted in 5-4 loss. The North Branch B1 PeeWees who are coached by Chris Fairbanks, Steve Lee and Joel Chilstrom secured a 2nd place spot in the tournament.





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