



NBAHA

Newsletter of the North Branch Area Hockey Association – June 2007

Dates to Remember

- 6/17: Midsummer Day Parade in North Branch
Lineup Starts at 1 pm. Parade Starts at 2 pm.
- 6/25: City Council Meeting – Arena Proposal
7pm North Branch City Council Chambers
- 6/28: NBAHA Membership Meeting &
NBAHA Board Meeting, 7pm
North Branch Library Community Room
- 7/26: NBAHA Membership Meeting &
NBAHA Board Meeting, 7 pm
North Branch Library Community Room
- 8/4: Stacy Daze Booth & Parade
Booth Open 9am to 4 pm
Parade - Watch for more information
- 8/4: Golf Classic Fundraiser @ Falcon Ridge Golf Course
1 pm Shotgun Start
- 8/10 – 8/12 Almelund Threshing Show
Booth - Watch for more information
Parade 1 pm each day
- 10/13 Power Play Fundraiser, 5 pm-midnight

Arena Update

The NBAHA arena committee has been busy in the last two months. We:

- prepared updated information (revised proposal, revised floor plan, and revised construction cost estimate).
- presented the revised information to the financial institution that was identified for potential funding of the arena effort, and they have verbally stated that if the City of North Branch commits to this effort that the association can qualify for up to \$1 million in financing.
- met with city staff and area bank representatives to present how the arena proposal has changed and explain the mechanics of the financing.
- presented the revised proposal to the North Branch City Council at a work session on June 7. During the work session, we explained how the arena proposal has changed and the council was able to ask questions and seek clarity on our request.

Here are the highlights presented to the city and area banks on how the proposal has changed:

- Smaller building (37,392 sq. ft. vs. 30,890 sq. ft.)
- Lower project cost (\$2.4 million vs. \$2.0 million)
- Operated by a non-profit arena corporation vs. operated by the city (some city council members were previously concerned about operating the facility)
- No financial risk to city for operating shortfall (operated by arena corporation vs. operated by city)
- Financing requires non-profit organization operation

- Long-term lease agreement between city and NBAHA (city owned, arena corporation operating vs. city owned, city operating)
- Expansion ready to add additional amenities (varsity locker rooms, weight room, meeting rooms) and additional sheet

Important highlights that haven't change:

- Need property and infrastructure committed by the city (minimum of 3 acre site, WAC/SAC fees, parking lot, curb and gutter, final grade and landscaping)
- Building can be used for many activities beyond hockey
- Positive economic impact to the city

Here are highlights on how the financing option that has been identified works:

- This method of funding was used to add the four new sheets at the Schwan's Super Rink, and we are working with the group that put that particular package together. This method is also being used by Forest Lake in their efforts for two indoor sheets of ice and a field house.
- Facility must be operated by a non-profit (501c3) organization, which NBAHA is.
- Utilizes conduit bonds that are available to the city (utilizes the city's bond rating – lower interest rate).
- Usually a group of banks come together to provide the funds, which spreads the risk, but one bank can provide all of the funding.

Where will \$2.0 million dollars come from?

- \$1,000,000 in financing
- \$300,000 already collected and in the bank/city accounts or committed and payments are being made
- \$200,000 estimated in-kind labor/donated materials
- \$100,000 estimated fundraising efforts within next 12 months (charitable gambling, Power Play, etc.)
- \$200,000 savings for used vs. new equipment (i.e., dashboards - \$75,000 vs. \$120,000; Zamboni - \$25,000 vs. \$70,000)

This leaves an estimated \$200,000 funding gap that can be made up for through grants, rink advertising signage contracts, membership and area business donations and funding commitments.

What is the annual debt service on a \$1.0 million loan?

Depending on the interest rate at the time that funding would be secured, \$85,000 per year.

How can the association pay \$85,000 in debt service per year?

The association has been raising this amount of money on a consistent basis for several years through charitable gambling, the Power Play event, golf tournaments, spaghetti

dinners, pancake breakfasts, and the registration fundraisers. These types of activities will continue.

Arena Update Continued

The most current version of the arena proposal document, a comparison of the architects cost estimates from the original proposal and the downsized proposal, and the supporting documents for the proposed arena outside the city of North Branch (option B in the annual meeting survey) have been added to the NBAHA web site and can be found by clicking on the multi-purpose arena link. Additional information will be added before the June membership meeting.

Next Steps

It is very important that parents, skaters and others interested in building an arena in North Branch attend the city council meeting on Monday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m. The city council will have a resolution before them that will state a specific location for the proposed arena. The city council needs to see that the membership supports this effort.

Motion to be Voted on by Membership at June 28 Meeting

At the May Membership meeting, Bob Parent made the following motion, which will be acted on at the June 28 membership meeting:

I would like to make a motion that we the North Branch Hockey Association end the pursuit of the concrete structure of any type in the city of North Branch, this would include arena option C, D and E in the annual meeting survey, due to the fact we can not support or afford such a building at this time. In addition we proceed to the option B of a permanent metal structure outside the city of North Branch or Arena option B from the survey taken at the annual meeting. This would be a much more realistic and affordable option and would meet all the criteria that was voted on at the annual meeting by the association members.

The motion was not voted on at the May meeting because Jeff sited Section 5 paragraph A of the NBAHA bylaws. He assured the membership present at the meeting that he would take the motion to the board for a recommendation on the motion. As stated in the bylaws, this motion will be brought back with a possible recommendation from the board to the membership for a vote at the next membership meeting.

If you have questions about the arena effort, please contact one of the arena committee members or e-mail arena@northbranchhockey.com.

**Attend City Council Meeting
Monday – June 25th
7 pm at City Hall
Attendance is requested of all members –
parents and skaters!!!**

*Arena proposal with a specific location will be voted on by the city council

Midsummer's Day Parade

Sunday, June 17th

Lineup at 1 pm, Start at 2 pm

North Branch Area Hockey will be participating in the Midsummer's Day Parade again this year. Parents and players are needed to walk or roller blade in the parade. Lineup starts at 1pm. Stop by the American Legion Hall to get directions to our spot or give Lisa a call at 651-327-7247 after 1 pm for directions. The parade starts at 2 pm. Remember to wear your North Branch jersey or North Branch colors or apparel, please wear a helmet if rollerblading. Also, bring a water bottle!!!

Participating in this event will fulfill two "Service Requirement" events. Check in with Lisa to receive credit for the event.

Call Lisa Isaacson at 651-327-7247 if you have any questions.

Membership/Board Meetings at New Location! North Branch Library Community Room

Starting with the June 28th membership and board meetings, the meetings will be held at the North Branch Library Community Room. If you arrive for the meeting during library hours, enter the front door of the library and take a right into the community room. If you arrive for the meeting after library hours, the front door will be locked. There is a sidewalk on the south side of the library that leads you around to the back of the community room and a door leading directly into the meeting room. This door will also be locked, but others in attendance will be able to see you and will open the door.

Donating Through United Way Charitable Giving

If your employer participates in the United Way charitable giving program, you can designate the funds you donate to NBAHA. You simply need to supply the organization's name and mailing address, which is NBAHA, PO Box 541, North Branch, MN 55056.

Equipment Turn-in

Managers and/or coaches, if you have not yet turned in jerseys and equipment (this includes bags of pucks, water bottles, etc. that belong to the association) for your team for this past season please contact Barb Miller at 651-462-4999 or email her at barb@thehitchingcompany.com as soon as possible. Once you have collected everything, she will arrange a time to meet you at the shack to get it from you.

**Membership Meeting
Thursday – June 28th
7:00 p.m. at Library Community Room
Attendance is requested of all members!!!**

*Arena Update

*Motion made by Bob Parent will be voted on

Service Requirement Policy For 2007 – 2008 Season

A 5 event service requirement (2 hour minimum per event) per family has been implemented for the 2007 – 2008 season. The service timeline runs April 1-March 31 and will require a \$100 deposit at registration, which will be cashed on March 31 if the service requirement is not fulfilled.

Below are events that will fulfill the service requirement. As new events arise throughout the year, they will be posted in newsletters and on the website. Check in with the event coordinator listed to receive credit. Once registration has been completed, balances by family will be posted on the website and statements will be sent with newsletters throughout the season.

There are some events where older skaters can help fulfill a family's event service requirement. These will be indicated with an Ⓢ. We will still need a sufficient number of adults to help supervise these events.

Events

Contact Lisa Isaacson at 651-327-7247 with questions about the following events and to volunteer:

- **Spring Adopt-A-Highway** Ⓢ: April 14, 2007
Counts as 1 event
- **Fall Adopt-A-Highway** Ⓢ: October 2007
Counts as 1 event
- **Midsummer Day Parade** Ⓢ: Sunday, June 17th, 2007
Lineup starts at 1 pm
Parade starts at 2 pm
Counts for 2 events
- **Stacy Daze Booth**: Saturday, August 4th, 2007
Setups starts at 8 am
Booth Open 9 am to 4 pm
Tear Down 4 pm to 5 pm
2 hour shift would count as one event
- **Stacy Daze Parade** Ⓢ: Saturday, August 4th, 2007
More information to come on Parade!
Counts as 1 event
- **Almelund Threshing Show Booth/Parade** Ⓢ: August 10 – 12, 2007
Booth – More information to come on the Booth
Parade Daily at 1 pm
2 hour shift would count as one event
- **Fall Harvest Festival Booth** Ⓢ: September 29 -30, 2007
Booth Setup, Saturday, Sept 29 at 8:30 am
Booth Open Saturday, Sept 29 from 10 am to 4 pm
Booth Open Sunday, Sept 30 from 12 to 4 pm
Booth Tear Down, Sunday, Sept 30 from 4 to 5 pm
2 hour shift would count as one event
- **Fall Learn to Skate** Ⓢ: October 2007
4 sessions consisting of a 1 hour class will be offered
Each session will count as an event since you will have to travel to a neighboring arena for the sessions
Coaches and older skaters will be needed
- **Winter Learn to Skate** Ⓢ: January/February 2008
4 sessions consisting of 2 one hour classes will be offered
Each 2 hour session will count as one event
Coaches and older skaters will be needed

Contact Kristi White at 651-674-1854 with questions about this event and to volunteer.

- **Registration**: September 2007
2 hour shift will count as one event

Contact Jeff Henderson at 651-674-2440 with questions about this event and to volunteer.

- **District Tournament**: March 2008
1 shift will count as 3 events, since the shifts are about 6 hours long

Contact Jen Fairbanks at 651-674-0813 with questions about the following events and to volunteer.

- **Golf Tournament**: Saturday, August 4th 2007
Falcon Ridge Golf Course
1 pm shotgun start
2 hour shift will count as 1 event
- **Power Play Fundraiser**: October 13, 2007
2 hour shift will count as 1 event
- **Other Association Fundraisers**: TBD
2 hour shift at each will count as 1 event

Fundraising Policy For 2007 – 2008 Season

During the upcoming hockey season, each NBAHA member family will be required to complete a mandatory registration fundraiser that raises \$200 using the following options:

- Option 1: \$200 in Raffle Ticket sales (20 tickets)
Main prize is a 4 wheeler
- Option 2: \$200 in Jimmy's Pizza Coupon Books (20 books)
- Option 3: Any combination of Option 1 and Option amounting to \$200
- Option 4: Cash buyout of \$200

Bonus: For every \$100 in additional raffle tickets or Jimmy's Pizza Coupon Books sold by a member family, \$50 will be deducted from that family's hockey fees.

Families who want to get a jump start on fundraising can pick up their fundraising materials at the pull tab booth at JJ's bowling alley starting Friday, June 15th. You must talk to a pull tab booth worker, not someone at the bar! The pull tab booth is open Monday to Friday 5:30 pm to 9 pm and Saturday 3:30 pm to 9 pm. You will be required to select one of the above options and write a deposit check for \$200 which will be returned when the money and ticket stubs are turned back in. If you have any questions, please call Jen Fairbanks at 651-674-0813 or email her at fundraising@northbranchhockey.com.

Any raffle tickets or Jimmy's Pizza Coupon Books sold during events this summer and fall will be split between those individuals who work at each event and will count towards their requirement and/or bonus.

NBAHA Golf Classic

Date: Saturday, August 4th

Time: 1 p.m. – Shotgun Start

Where: Falcon Ridge Golf Course – Stacy, MN

The hockey association will be hosting a Best Ball Golf Classic fundraiser on Saturday, August 4th at Falcon Ridge Golf Course in Stacy. There will be a 1 pm shotgun start.

Volunteers, sponsors and teams are needed! Watch for more information in the next few weeks.

Contact Jen Fairbanks at 651-674-0813 or email her at fundraising@northbranchhockey.com.

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

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