



NBAHA

Newsletter of the North Branch Area Hockey Association – October 2007

Dates to Remember

- 10/12: Learn to Skate, 6:40 pm
10/13: 4th Annual Power Play
5 pm to Midnight
Lent Town Hall Municipal Building
10/15: New Mite Information Night
6:30 pm North Branch Library Community Room
10/15: NBAHA Board Meeting
8 pm North Branch Library Community Room
10/20: Learn to Skate, 6:40 pm
10/28: Adopt-A-Highway @ 1 pm
10/30: NBAHA Membership Meeting – Arena Focus
7pm North Branch Library Community Room
11/08: NBAHA Board Meeting
7pm North Branch Library Community Room
11/15: Special Membership Meeting – Arena Focus
7pm North Branch Library Community Room



4th Annual Power Play Arena Fundraiser This Saturday, October 13th 5 pm to Midnight Lent Town Hall Municipal Building

The 4th annual Power Play arena fundraiser is this coming Saturday, October 13, 2007. The event will be held at Lent Town Hall Municipal Building in Stacy and runs from 5 pm to Midnight. Dinner, silent and live auctions, pulltabs, tip boards, cash bar by Stacy Lions and live music by the Murcuries and more will round out an evening of fun. See the enclosed flyer for details.

More volunteers are needed to make the fundraiser as successful as possible. Assistance with set up, live auction helpers, ticket takers/sellers and silent auction are especially needed. To volunteer or for more information, contact Jen Fairbanks at 651-674-0813 or email E-mail powerplay@northbranchhockey.com.

ATV Raffle Ticket Money & Jimmy's Pizza Coupon Book Money Due!!!

The ATV Raffle Ticket stubs and money and Jimmy's Pizza Coupon Book Money were due on Friday, October 3rd. If you have not yet turned them in, contact Kris Dennis ASAP at 651-274-0870.

Arena Update

The arena committee has continued to meet with city officials in North Branch, Harris and Stacy.

Stacy - specific property identified, building code will require partial masonry exterior; city will most likely wave water and sewer hook up fees and any additional city permit fees; probable that all five city council members are on board with the project and have strongly indicated that they want to begin moving forward with the association to put the arena in Stacy. There have been very positive discussions.

Harris - identified two potential parcels of land; probably only able to provide land - no fees waived or additional infrastructure assistance; probable that three city council members are with us, one on the fence and one definitely against.

North Branch - specific property identified next to Andersen Windows, but city does not own this property and is in contact with the owner to see if the property can be gifted to the city - should have an answer within the next couple weeks; since the property is in the industrial park the building could be an all steel structure, which is a considerable cost savings over masonry exterior; water and sewer connections are in the street at this property and city would likely waive the hook up fees; four council members were at the last meeting and all gave positive feedback about the project and the potential site.

Next steps:

October 30 membership meeting - the arena committee will share the information collected from each community and open the floor for discussion about our options.

November 8 board meeting - the board will prepare a recommendation to the membership on how to move forward with the arena effort.

November 15 membership meeting - a special membership meeting has been called for November 15. At this meeting, the membership present will vote on how the arena committee and association as a whole should move forward with the arena effort.

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.

Adopt-A-Highway Volunteers Needed! Rescheduled to 10/28 at 1 pm

North Branch Area Hockey Association has a 2-mile stretch of county road that is registered with the Chisago County Adopt-A-Highway program. Adopt-A-Highway was originally scheduled for Saturday, October 20th but has been rescheduled to Sunday, October 28th at 1pm. We need volunteers to assist with roadside cleanup. Each family that participates will receive 1 service credit. If it's raining or there is bad weather, the event will be postponed until Saturday, November 3rd at 10am. Call the voice mail, 651-674-4152, to confirm if we are still holding the event.

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 1-651-327-7247 or email her at publicity@northbranchhockey.com with questions and to volunteer!

2007 – 2008 Team Declarations

The partnership has declared a B-1 Bantams team, B-2 Bantam team, A Pee-tee team, B-1 Pee-tee team, B-2 Pee-tee team, A Squirt team, 2 B-2 Squirt teams and a C Squirt team.

Preliminary Numbers as of October 7th

56 – Mites 16 – Squirts 24 – PeeWees
18 – Bantams 5 Girls Waived

2nd & 3rd Installments Due Nov. 15th & Dec. 15th

Traveling Skaters (Squirt, PeeWee, Bantams) 2nd installment for ice time is due on November 15th and the 3rd installment is due on December 15th. The payment for each will be \$153. After final ice hours are calculated for each team, adjustments will be made to each skater's bill. This could include a credit back to the skater if less hours than predicted are used or another payment being billed if more hours than predicted are used.

The 2nd and 3rd installments for Mite players will be due November 15th and December 15th as well. You will receive statements in the mail indicating what you owe for each installment.

Mite Information Night for New Skaters Volunteers Needed!

NBAHA will be hosting a Mite Information Night for new skaters ages 4 through 8, or preschool through 3rd grade, on Monday, October 15th at 6:30 pm at the North Branch Library Community Room.

Volunteers are needed to help with registration, root beer floats, setup, cleanup, etc. Each adult or traveling skater who volunteers will receive 1 service credit. Call Lisa Isaacson at 1-651-327-7247 or email her at publicity@northbranchhockey.com with questions and to volunteer!

Fall Learn to Skate

We have about 40 skaters sign up for the Fall session. Of those, about 25 have signed up for hockey. We expect there will be more skaters that sign up before mite hockey starts.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped with the 1st 2 Learn to Skate sessions. Volunteers are needed to help with Learn to Skate at Chisago Lakes on Friday, October 12th at 6:40 pm and Saturday, October 20th at 6:40 pm. Coaches and traveling skaters are needed to help on the ice. Parents are needed to help with checking in skaters and answering questions. Each adult or traveling skater who helps will receive 1 service credit for each session.

Attention Mite Coaches

Craig Moline will be contacting everyone who applied to be a Mite coach. If you are interested in coaching and did not turn in an application, please contact him.

If you are interested in being a coach and are not currently certified at the correct level or need to be recertified, go to the USA Hockey web site www.usahockey.com to determine when and where the level 1 coaching clinics will be held. Coaches are not allowed on the ice until they have completed certification.

Any questions regarding coaching at the Mite level can be directed to Craig Moline at 651-248-6302.

Mite Questions

Any Mite level questions can be directed to the Mite Director, Craig Moline at 651-248-6302. Or to the Mite Director Committee members: Lisa Isaacson at 651-327-7247 or Kristi White at 651-674-1854 or Chris Klein at 651-462-8586.

Kids Books & Cards Needed!!! Donation Box Available at Power Play

Tim Mellen is currently serving our country in Iraq. Tim and Amy have a son who will be playing his first year of High School hockey this year and a younger son who was a B Mite last year. As an association, we have decided to show our support by sending care packages to him throughout his service.

A request to help with a special program has been received from the Mellen family. Captain CH Winn is requesting children's books be donated for a program over at Anaconda for the soldiers of the 2-147. They will be video taping the soldiers reading a children's book and have the DVD sent home. The only problem is their supply of books is very limited. They are also in need of cards - Birthday (kids, boys, girls, husband, wife, mom, dad, etc), Anniversary (spouse or parents, etc) and other occasion cards. The selection currently is very limited.

If you are interested in donating children's books or cards a donation box will be available at Power Play. Or, call Lisa Isaacson at 1-651-327-7247 or email her at publicity@northbranchhockey.com.

North Branch Area Hockey Association Presents the 4th Annual

Power Play










Help Make the Dream a Reality!

This event benefits the NBAHA Multi-Purpose Arena Fund

October 13th, 2007
Lent Town Hall
5:00 p.m. – Midnight

\$10 advance tickets on sale at JJ's and from NBAHA players or \$15 at the door
18+ to attend the event

Open to the Public

 Taco Bar	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 Live Auction	
 Silent Auction	5:00 pm to midnight
 Live Music by the Murcuries	8:00 pm to midnight
 Cash bar	5:00 pm until midnight
 Pulltabs and Tip Boards	5:00 pm until midnight
 2007 ATV Raffle Drawing (Tickets \$10 each)	11:30 pm

Seeking Silent and Live Auction Donations and Event Sponsorships!

Contact 651-674-4152 if you are interested in making a donation.

Sponsorship levels available:

- **Goal Line:** Donation of cash or merchandise totaling \$2500 or more.
- **Blue Line:** Donation of cash or merchandise totaling \$1000 or more.
- **Red Line:** Donation of cash or merchandise totaling \$500 or more.
- **Score Board:** Donation of cash or merchandise in any amount.

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