



NBAHA

Newsletter of the North Branch Area Hockey Association – October 2009

Dates to Remember

- 10/22: **Power Play Committee Meeting:** 5:30 pm @ Janelle's House
- 10/23: **Power Play Setup:** 9:00 am @ Lent Town Hall
- 10/24: **Returning B Mite Evaluations** - players from last years B mite Black, and White teams @ 8:30 – 9:30 am @ Isanti Arena
- 10/24: **6th Annual Power Play Fundraiser @ 7 pm**
- 10/25: **Returning C Mite** (players from last years C mite Red team) **Evaluations** and Possible Returning B Mite Evaluations @ 2:10 – 3:20 pm @ Isanti Arena
- 10/25: **Goalie Clinic @ Isanti Arena**
- 10/27: **Traveling Skater Payments Due**
- 10/29: **Membership/Board Meeting:** 7pm @ NB Library
- 11/01: **Goalie Clinic @ Isanti Arena**
- 11/03: **New Mite Information Meeting:** 7pm @ NB Legion Hall
- 11/03: **Returning Mite Starter Equipment Pickup:** 8 pm @ NB Legion Hall
- 11/15: **Goalie Clinic @ Isanti Arena**
- 11/19: **Membership/Board Meeting:** 7pm @ NB Library
- 11/22: **Goalie Clinic @ Isanti Arena**

Power Play Arena Fundraiser This Saturday! Donations and Volunteers Needed

A few of the donations received as of today include ~ MN Wild Tickets, MN Timberwolves tickets, Applebee's gift certificate, Joe's on Main gift certificate, birthday party package at AmericInn, night stay at AmericInn; night stay and dinner gift certificate at Grand Casino Mille Lacs, several clothing items, Wal-Mart gift certificate; manicure gift certificate, Pizza Pub gift certificates, wine baskets; Longaberger baskets; McDonald's coupon packs for free menu items, screwdriver set, Avon basket, Creative Memories basket, wine rack with 2 bottles of wine, Rainbow Foods gift certificate and Owls tickets. We are however, still in need of additional donations. Please consider making a donation or talking to your place of employment about making a donation. If you have a donation, please contact me to arrange a time for pick up or delivery. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Listed below are some of the events taking place that night:

Bingo	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Paddle Wheel	7:00 pm start and periodically throughout the night
Silent Auction	7:00 pm start and running throughout the night
Live Auction	8:00 pm start time
Pizza Delivered	9:00 pm
Beer & Pop for Purchase	7:00 pm - 12:00 am
Pull Tabs	7:00 pm - 12:00 am
DJ	9:00 pm - 12:00 am
Raffle Ticket Drawing	11:30 pm

There are still several shifts available that night for anyone that still needs to work on fulfilling their service requirement. Most shifts are only 1-1 1/2 hours and you will earn one service credit. Help is still needed with the silent auction, the live auction, helping with food service, selling bingo cards and the paddle wheel. We will also be selling 50 tickets, at \$10 each, for a chance to win a duffle bag of money and I need someone to sell tickets for that as well. That shift starts at 7:00 and will continue until they are sold. Please take a look at the available shifts on the website and contact me if you are able to help.

Janelle Olson, fundraising@northbranchhockey.com, 651.237.0269

Raffle Tickets & Pizza Hut Cards

If you still have raffle tickets, Pizza Hut cards and money to turn in, please contact Janelle Olson at fundraising@northbranchhockey.com or 651.237.0269. All raffle tickets must be accounted for prior to the drawing on Saturday, October 24th.

NBAHA Apparel Fundraiser

In need of new hockey apparel? Looking for gift ideas for the holidays? NBAHA will be holding an apparel fundraiser. The following items will be for sale: roll-up waterproof fleece blanket, red fleece blanket, stadium seat, baseball hat, beanie/skull cap, adult/youth crew neck sweatshirt, hockey lace sweatshirt, and long sleeve t-shirt. The details of this fundraiser are currently being finalized. Watch the website and your email for order forms.

NBAHA 6th Annual Power Play Fundraiser

Power Play



Help Make the Dream a Reality!

October 24th, 2009
Lent Town Hall
7:00 p.m. – Midnight

Open to the Public

Bingo, Pizza, Pull Tabs, Paddle Wheel,
Silent and Live auction, Beer & Pop, Raffle
Drawing, DJ

Silent and Live Auction Donations Needed for Saturday's Power Play Fundraising Event

Would your employer be interested in contributing a silent or live auction item for our Power Play fundraising event? Are you willing to donate an item to the silent auction item?

Area businesses have been contacted for donations for the silent and live auction. We are still in need of many more donations to make the event a huge success. Even if you don't work in the area, your employer may be willing to donate money or items that will help raise funds to build an arena.

A few ideas:

Do you quilt, crochet blankets, stamp or scrapbook, make candles, do bead work, build bird houses, or any number of things? Do you make jams, jellies, or salsa? Do you have Wild, Timberwolves, or Gopher tickets that you would be willing to donate? Do you own your own business and have products you would be willing to donate, such as Tastefully Simple, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, or Party Lite? Are you willing to donate an item or two to the association for the silent auction?

If you work in a service industry such as a restaurant, beauty salon or gas station, maybe a gift certificate could be donated by your employer. If you work at a large corporation, maybe they have promotional items they can donate or event tickets. If your employer manufactures products, maybe a product donation could be made.

It only takes a couple minutes of your time and a little courage to ask for a donation. The benefit of taking the time could bring the association closer to building an arena for our kids.

Please contact Janelle at (651) 237-0269 or fundraising@northbranchhockey.com to arrange for pickup or drop off of donated items.



Mittens for Sale to Support Goalie Clinics \$15 a piece

CINB is currently selling mittens for \$15 a piece to help support the Goalie Clinics being provided this season. We all know that goalies are a very important part of a team and that often they don't receive the training they need to succeed. This year CINB is investing in goalies by providing Goalie Clinics throughout the season. These clinics are open to Mites and Traveling Skaters and are free of charge. For more information look under Teams and Goalie Clinics.

In order to help cover the cost of the goalie clinics, CINB is selling mittens made by **Mittens with a Mission**. Mittens are available in a variety of styles and colors and in XS, S, M, L and XL sizes. These mittens are a very nice quality. Mittens will be available for sale at membership/board meeting this week, Fall Harvest Festival this weekend and at other events until all mittens are sold. We started with a total of 65 mittens, below is a list of what is available currently by size. Anyone interested in helping sell mittens to family and friends can email publicity@northbranchhockey.com.

Interested in Being on the NBAHA Board? Looking for candidates for the Secretary Position!

Jen Fairbanks, who was currently filling the remaining term of the secretary position, has resigned due to other commitments. The board would like to thank Jen Fairbanks for her years of support to N.B.A.H.A.... It's very commendable!!!

We are now looking for a NBAHA member who would be interested in filling the remaining term for the secretary position on the NBAHA board. The board will be appointing someone to fill the remaining term from November 2009 through March 2010.

The duties of the secretary include:

- Taking membership, board and other special meeting minutes
- Maintaining all records of business transacted
- Maintaining a file of all correspondence
- Booking the meeting room for all membership/board meeting as well as committee meetings and special events
- Responding to board emails as appropriate or forwarding to correct board member
- Checking voice mail and responding to calls as appropriate or forwarding to correct board member
- Posting minutes on the website
- Backup for website updates
- Backup for email blasts and calling posts
- Authorized co-signer on all checks in the absence of the President or Vice President
- Computer skills are needed

This position requires a commitment to attend the membership/board meetings and help at association events where board member presence is needed

If you are interested, please email Tim Cashill at president@northbranchhockey.com before Thursday, October 29th as we will be discussing a replacement for Jen at our board meeting that night. Please include a brief description of your skills, what you can provide by being a board member, and why you are interested in being on the board.

The NBAHA secretary position is a 2 year commitment. The secretary is elected at the annual meeting during even numbered years (example: next election will be in March 2010).

Entertainment Happenings Book Fundraiser Books are \$30 each - \$5 Savings!!!

NBAHA will be selling 2010 Entertainment Happenings Books as a fundraiser. The cost of each book is \$30, which is \$5 less than they sell for normally. The book contains over \$19,000 in savings!

Books may be purchased directly from our website using your credit card. Click on the Entertainment Book icon on the home page (lower left hand side) or use the following link www.fundraising.entertainment.com/esale2.cfm. Books ordered on the website will be shipped directly to your house and the Association will get credit for the sale. Please pass this information on to family and friends that usually purchase the Entertainment Happenings Book, or, to anyone that you think would be interested.

Books may also be purchased by contacting Janelle. If you would like a few books to try to sell to family, friends or co-workers we currently have about 40 on hand.

This fundraiser will run through December 10, 2009. Coupons are good now through November 2010.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Janelle at fundraising@northbranchhockey.com or 651-237-0269.

Mite Evaluations

- **Saturday, 10/24 8:30 to 9:30 am** - Returning B Mite Evaluations - players from last years B mite Black, and White teams
- **Sunday, 10/25 2:10 – 3:20 pm** - Returning C Mite (players from last years C mite Red team) Evaluations and Possible Returning B Mite Evaluations

The NBAHA mite program is designed to teach the fundamental skills needed to skate and play hockey. At each level of the mite program, new skills are added that build upon previously learned skills. Our goal is to make sure that we successfully teach each and every skater the required skill set for their current level before moving them up to the next level. It is important for the growth and development of our kids and our mite program that all skaters are placed at their appropriate level and are not advanced prior to mastering their current level's skill set.

In an effort to achieve this objective, NBAHA will be conducting skater evaluations at the mite level this year. The skaters will be evaluated based on a combination of the HEP (Hockey Education Program) Skills Challenge created by Minnesota Hockey, and the USA Hockey Skills Development Manual and evaluation guidelines that have been set by USA Hockey and Minnesota Hockey. Skaters will be placed on the team at the appropriate level based on these evaluations. Skaters may move up or remain at the level that they played at during the 2008-2009 season, but no skater will be moved back a level. Evaluations for 2008-2009 A Mites (last year) will be conducted at the first few practices of the season (mid November).

2008-2009 B mite skaters will be evaluated on Saturday October 24th from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM at the Isanti Arena. Some skaters from this evaluation group may be asked to participate in a second session of evaluations on Sunday October 25th from 2:10 PM to 3:20 PM at the Isanti Arena. Those skaters asked to return will be notified at the end of the first session.

Skaters from the 2008-2009 C mite team will be evaluated on Sunday October 25th from 2:10 PM to 3:20 PM at the Isanti Ice Arena.

If you are unable to attend the appropriate evaluation session, or have any questions or concerns, please contact the Mite Director (Tim Hink) at mitedirector@northbranchhockey.com or call 651-295-9122.



New Mite Parent/Skater Meeting 11/3 - 7:00 pm @ North Branch Legion Hall

A new Mite Parent/Skater information meeting will be held on November 3rd at 7 pm at the North Branch Legion Hall. Starter Equipment will be handed out at this meeting to those skaters needing equipment. A \$75 deposit check will be collected for equipment checked out.

Returning Mite Skater Starter Equipment Pickup 11/3 - 8:00 pm @ North Branch Legion Hall

Returning Mite skaters who need to borrow starter equipment can pick up equipment following the new Mite information meeting. A \$75 deposit check will be collected for equipment checked out.

Traveling Skater Fees Next Payment Due October 27th

Below is the payment chart for Squirt, PeeWee and Bantam levels. The next payment is due on Tuesday, October 27th. Please mail payment to North Branch Area Hockey Association, c/o Treasurer, PO Box 541, North Branch, MN 55056. If you have any questions on fees, contact Paige Lee at 651-674-6298.

Final adjustments to fees will be made towards the end of the season. Adjustments will be based on actual ice hours and tournament costs. Skaters will be notified of any additional fees owed or refunds due.

	Estimated Total Fees	Due at Registration	Due September 25th	Due October 27th	Due November 24th
Squirt	Approximately \$1000**	\$340.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$60.00
Pee Wee	Approximately \$1100**	\$340.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$160.00
Bantam	Approximately \$1200**	\$340.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$260.00

Returning Mite Skaters

You will be contacted by your coach by November 8th regarding your 1st practice time. If you have not heard from a coach by then, please contact the Mite Director (Tim Hink) at mitedirector@northbranchhockey.com or call 651-295-9122.

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Schedules and Information for Traveling Teams can be found on our website on the Teams tab across the top of the page. The links found here will take you to the CI website. Traveling skaters will be using the calendar on the CI site to determine practice/game times. The event calendar on our home page will not be updated with traveling team practice/game schedules.

Team pages will also be created for the Mite teams once the season begins and will contain calendars and other important team information.

Check the NBAHA event calendar frequently for events and meetings.

Hockey Education Parent Requirement Help Earn a \$2,500 Grant

Each family is required to complete at least one online Parent or Coach Course/Quiz this fall. The information is available online at https://www.responsiblesports.com/responsible_sport_parenting/responsible_sport_parenting_quiz.aspx or https://www.responsiblesports.com/responsible_coaching/responsible_coaching_quiz.aspx. Once you have completed the online coursework and quiz, you will receive an email from Liberty Mutual with further instructions that need to be followed in order to credit your certification to North Branch Area Hockey Association. The more certifications we receive the greater chance our association has at earning the \$2,500 grant. After crediting your certification to our association, please forward the email you received to publicity@northbranchhockey.com to fulfill your requirement.

One certification per email address is allowed. So, feel free to take the quiz for every email address you have.

Forward this information to family and friends and ask for their help! The grant period ends on November 30th.

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