

ERRA News

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Welcome to Our Newsletter!

Hello out there fellow ERRA members. We all have one big thing in common, our kids! I've been a member (mother of two hockey kids) for the last four years and have noticed that we really could use more communication about the goings on of our association to its members. I am creating this newsletter as a way for all of us to be better informed about our association. I have been trying to attend board meetings on a

regular basis and will try to communicate that information to all of you. There are really a lot of new things going on at our rink. I am excited to share this with you. I think we could use this space for others things too. If you have ideas or would like to help me on this project please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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New Treasurer-Jason Boxrucker

In July after many years of service to our association Melissa McDonald resigned the position of treasurer. Jason Boxrucker has agreed to accept this position. At the July 20 board meeting new directions for this position were discussed, among them were; consolidation of accounts, having a requirement of at least two signatures of all board members for all checks, bonding of all check signers, changing the fiscal

year from September to March, and running full audits by a CPA yearly.

Jason discussed his desire to have honesty and integrity in our financial accounting.

New Zamboni?



Did you know it takes over a year to get a new Zamboni? Did you know that a new Zamboni for our size rink costs somewhere in the neighborhood of \$80,000.00 or more? We currently have two Zambonis; the new rink Zam is 33 years old! It's a 1976! The model in the dome is 13 years old. The Zam in the new rink is very much on its last legs, not to mention a huge smog creator (have you ever been out there and inhaled while that ice is being resurfaced?). Todd Monge has been working on finding us a

new one or a new used one. There is a 2005 model that will become available in 2010 for \$32,500 plus transport. The board is discussing this option as well as a new model.

They are also discussing fundraising, financing and leasing options for a new or new/used Zamboni.

The major concern is that the new rink Zam is close to dead, and the Dome Zam isn't exactly new. What would happen on a busy weekend in the winter if they both broke down?



Hometown Hockey to the Olympics

Eagle River's own Jinelle Zaugg-Siergiej has earned her way to the U.S. Women's National Hockey team. This team is made up of the 22 top women hockey players in the U.S. The 2009-10 U.S. Women's National Team took first place in the 2009 Hockey Canada Cup at GM Place in Vancouver, B.C. The top four women's ice hockey teams in the

world -- the United States, Canada, Sweden and Finland -- faced off in Team USA's first international competition of the season, which served as a test event for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

For more information on the team see usahockey.com and check out her personal blog at jinellezaugg.blogspot.com

Rink Pride Days

Have you walked into the Dome lately and thought "hmm we really could use some work around here..." Well you are not alone. Recently a BIG list of to-do's was identified and dates were set for "Rink Pride Days". Our first set of dates will be Friday October 9th in the evening and Saturday October 10th during the day. Work to be exchanged for other hours. Interested?? Call Dave Cox or Todd Monge to sign up.

All Association Email List

Wendy Ebert is working to put together an email list with all the members of our association on it. If you don't already get emails from Wendy, email her at skateERRA@verizon.net and she will put you on the list.



Ice Refrigeration System

The system that maintains our ice for both arenas has been around for a very long time and consists of a labyrinth of piping, valves, compressors and coolants. Charlie Tienhaara our ice maintenance keeper recently met with the board to discuss the state of our system and its needs. He voiced concern that all of the safety valves have been overridden, which could ultimately cause the compressors to burn up. These safety valves protect the compressors and are designed to shut down the compressors in the event of problems with the ice coolant

circulation system. Discussion was also had about various ways to dehumidify the new rink. The new rink has problems with condensation and water leaking onto the ice. Discussion was had about the firm "Rink Tec" which most recently serviced our system. Mac is working on getting some new input.

Do you work in the trades? The ERRA is always open to trading work for hours. Look around our rinks, the possibilities are nearly endless... Construction, electrical work, plumbing, painting... Contact a board member; we can definitely use your skill!

New Lighting For Both Rinks!

The ERRA electric bill for the month of June was \$5700! And this was a mild summer...

Thanks to the Federal Stimulus the ERRA is able to replace the lighting in both rinks with new, much more energy efficient fixtures and bulbs. This cost the ERRA roughly \$10,000 (after a \$7900 Focus on Energy rebate). This will pay for itself with the energy bill savings in less than four years and then result in \$2400 year savings. The new lights will also be brighter than those they are replacing, the bulbs will last longer and they will not take

time to warm up to their maximum brightness. The installation in the Dome is complete and the new rink will be done by its ice in in November. A big thanks to Gary Dalbeck, Tory Meier, Jim Austin, Gregory Beach, Bryan Kurtz, and Nick Hallas from Superior Electrical Systems as well as Pat Weber, Nick Vugrenic from Eagle Electric.

Summer Hockey School

This year's hockey school was a huge success. Jack Fredricks met with the board on August 3rd 2009 and reported that the "Hockey School" (formerly "Northern Freeze") had its second largest year ever. Jack is the person in charge of the hockey school as well as summer ice rental. He reported that he was able to rent a lot of extra ice this summer. From private lessons to AAA hockey teams to the 3x3, Jack thinks this is a gold mine and only sees it increasing next year. The official name for next year's hockey school will be "Eagle River Hockey School". Dates are set for next years school, June 28th-July 3rd. For more information please see erra.com/hockeyschool. Thanks Jack!

ERRA board meetings are held on the first and third Monday evening at about 6:30 of each month at the Dome. All are welcome.

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Newsletter Ideas

As I said earlier I have a lot of Ideas anyone?
ideas of what this newsletter could be. Here are a few; Feel free to contact me at
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-a place to sell/swap
equipment

-a place to post questions

-a place to announce our
accomplishments

-upcoming important
dates/calendar

-highlight a child from our
association each month

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About Our Association...

The Dome is the oldest ice rink in the state of Wisconsin.

We are an all volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality recreational opportunities for children and adults in our community.

“The ERRA is a non-profit organization Dedicated to the Area Youth”

Area towns and townships, as well as businesses and donations from private individuals, continue to help support the ERRA youth programs financially. The Sports Arena is also the site of other fund raising activities sponsored by the ERRA, such as the Youth Days Auction, Fall Festival, and the Silver Blades Ice Show.

We wish to thank the parents of the area youth and the community as a whole for the endless hours of time, talent, and money that all contribute to help make the E.R.R.A. the success that it is today.