November 2010

newsletter

Letter from the President

It's now mid-November and all of our hockey seasons have begun!! From our smallest Mini-Mites up to our U14's and Bantams, all teams are off and running.

A HUGE thank you should go out to all of the volunteers that made our try outs happen; The Try Out Committee, Outside and Independent Evaluators, On-Ice Moderators, On-Ice Coaches, Time Keepers, Concession Workers , Locker Room Attendants and many more. Without your help, we couldn't do it.

Now that our teams have been formed, let's direct our focus to making it the best experience we can for all involved. Be supportive of our coaches, volunteer to help before being asked, create some fun events outside of the rink to bring your team and families together and be positive with your child as they try to do the very best that they can.

Your board works tirelessly to make this association run as smoothly as possible. With around 300 boys and girls, over 20 total teams (13 traveling), over 60 coaches, over 20 Team Managers and all of your families, there is a lot of effort that goes into making sure policies and procedures are in place to help manage everybody and everything.

We are in the process right now of updating our own policies and procedures. Effective Associations have in place policies and procedures that are clear, understandable and followed. We will communicate to all of you once we have concluded that work and are ready to put them in place. This will take time as we want to be thorough, so please be patient.

I wish each and every one of you a successful hockey season. Cheer loud, have some fun and support our boys and girls!

Randy Lee
President, MWHA

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OPEN HOCKEY

November 26th Open Hockey at Pond Arena.

We have put on the web site some open hockey opportunities for our players up through the PeeWee and U12 levels. Below are the team levels and the times they are assigned.

Mini-Mites—12:00-1:00 p.m.

Mites---1:10-2:15 p.m.

Squirts and U10's---2:30-3:30 p.m.

PeeWees and U12's---3:45-4:45 p.m.

Open hockey is a chance for our boys and girls at the appropriate levels to come for an hour or so and just play. They need to be in their full gear, just like a practice or game, and there will be a coach on the ice to supervise.

Please remember, this is only for the boys/girls at the appropriate levels.

Have some fun the day after Thanksgiving!!

Volunteer Program Update

Parents please take the time to read through the volunteer policy update and the information regarding the DIB's system below. As you know it takes many people to successfully run a sports program at this level and your participation is essential. We value your efforts and opinions on making your volunteering

Volunteer Policy Update:

1) Our Volunteer policy was adjusted in the month of October to bring in the 2010 Golf Tournament as an eligible event. If you worked that event and have not been given credits, please contact Judy Hatchett (jjhatchett@msn.com) and cc Lisa Dierbeck (ldierbeck@frontiernet.net) with your hours worked and position.

2) We want to encourage First Year Mites to participate in Volunteering. Although First Year Mites are exempt from the Volunteer Policy, this is a great way to get involved into the Hockey Community and meet new friends.

3) The concessions stand work is now part of the Volunteer Items that are eligible for volunteer fulfillment.

4) A cancellation Policy was added to the Volunteer Policy, where Each item in the system can/will have a unique date that it can be canceled by. Most items will have a 7+ day cancellation policy, so we can manage expectations for coverage. Members are still responsible for their item until the request is granted by the Administration for the cancellation. They will receive verification that they have successfully sent a cancellation request to Admin. The Admin will cancel their request and the item will revert back to available status.

DIB's System

In the Dibs system there are MANY items that are not Jamboree related, so please take a look.

1) All home game concessions have been added into the system and many are 1.5 hours in length and have two items available for each game.

2) There will be many more items added into the Dib system and are working proactively to add the items far in advance

3) Please review the items and remember that you can filter by category to ease your viewing needs.

One last reminder. As the Volunteer Program is new to the MWHA as of 2010-2011 season, your feedback is VERY important! The changes that were made to the Volunteer Policy in October is because of feedback from our membership community. If you have feedback, please do not hesitate to contact;

Judy Hatchet (jjhatchett@msn.com) or your MWHA Board Member Jay Hopia (jay.hopia@gmail.com). We encourage feedback please!

HOCKEY FUNDRAISER

The Club's Choice Pizza and Dessert Hockey Fundraiser is up and running! This is an **optional** fundraiser to help families with their ice bills. The sale runs through Thanksgiving weekend, which is a great time to sell to relatives, neighbors and family friends.

Club's Choice offers a variety of products from pizzas, bread sticks, cookie dough, pies and more. Additional items are available online such as gift wrap, candles and other gift ideas. Just go to http://www.clubschoicefundraising.com and click on the 'Order Online' button at the top of the page and enter 'MOUN23' at checkout.

Important Dates

Monday, November 29th - ORDER FORMS ARE DUE (to your team manger).

Saturday, December 18th - DELIVERY DAY - 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. @ THE NORTH END OF THALER ARENA PARKING LOT.

*If you have not received a sales packet, please contact your team manager or,
Anna Peterson - Mini Mites & Mites
or Kristin Lee.

Ice Scheduling

As I'm sure you can imagine, Ice Scheduling is one of our most difficult and complex jobs within our Association. Sandy Togstad is in her 2nd year as our ice scheduler and she puts many hours into creating our schedule and delivering it in a timely manner.

The next time you are frustrated with the schedule, consider these scheduling facts;

- We have 13 traveling teams and, once formed, about 8 Mini-Mite and Mite teams
- We purchased approximately 875 indoor ice hours
- We play at two arenas; Pond and Thaler
- We need to schedule away games for each traveling team
- We schedule two tournaments per traveling team
- We share most ice hours which means two teams are on the ice
- We added scheduling some Mite games within D3 to the list this year
- We do our best to schedule around religion nights, school events, holidays and more
- We need to include skills sessions for both skaters and goalies

From an expectation stand point, it's our goal to have the following month's scheduled posted to the web site at least 7-10 days prior to the next month, if not sooner.

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT KRISTIN LEE AT- klee5617@aol.com
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or Cindy Lund for more questions on fundraising!

Association News

Girls Hockey

MWHA girls teams hope to continue their on winning ways this season at the U10B, U12B, U12A and a newly formed U14A level this year. U8 will begin play in January for District 3.

There are several new faces at the U12 level this year as they welcome a contingent of eight players from the Crow River association. The players have made the teams come in with 14 and 15 skaters and goalies each. This will be a big advantage as they edge into District 3 play ahead.

The U12A team is coached by Franz Burris, Pete Halluska, Craig Bistodeau, and Sue Schepers.

The U12B team is coached by Tom McGlynn, Jason Martin, Ron Anderson and Steve Hules. Both teams are expected to do well in season and tournament play this year.

Following the theme of the U12 teams, our new U14 team is actually a nearly equal "combo platter" made up of Mound Westonka skaters and Orono skaters. The team's "home ice" is both Mound and Orono. They are coached by Peter Rennebohm and Ken Dotzenroth. The team will begin league play in mid-November.

The U10B team looks to be a well-rounded set of first year and experienced second year U10 aged girls. They are coached by Steve Johnson, Bill and Sue Schepers and Steve Hules.

Newsletter Team News - Team Managers please report scores and highlights to; Dave Goulet on the MWHA board so that these can be properly reported, and players given recognition on a job well done!

Hockey Shopping

Always looking for that unique gift for your hockey player? Over the past several months new hockey stores are popping up everywhere and old ones are moving into new store fronts or expanding. I have compiled a list of stores in our area that any hockey player & parent should check-out!

Letterman Sports - New store in Plymouth offers MWHA members a discount and they are our on-line apparel partners this year. They also have a huge inventory of sticks, great selection of skates, equipment and apparel. **Best prices on skates, will match other stores regular or sale prices.*

Sports Hut - Formerly of Wayzata, now in Plymouth offers a variety of hockey equipment, skates & apparel (some of it I noticed had the MWHA logo on it). I found and bought a great pair of leather "Chopper" mittens with the Mound Logo embossed on them.....super cool!

Total Hockey - New location in Minnetonka (394&494) formerly the old Schmidt Music location. Great store, high end equipment, great sharpening equipment and a large variety of hockey gadgets. Great on-line store also!

Westwood Sports - Formerly Gold Medal in Chanhassen has excellent skate sharpening equipment, a new and better inventory on sticks and equipment over old store owner.