

Menomonie Youth Hockey Highlights

"THE CHATTER"

Fall 2010



FROM THE MYHA BOARD

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

MYHA President

submitted by **Scott Strong**

Hello,

As the Thanksgiving holiday is upon us, I want to give thanks to everyone who contributes to this great association. Skaters – Thank you for your enjoyment of the game. Your smiles going to or from the rink say it all. Parents – Thank you for volunteering, fundraising, driving and giving your precious time bringing your children to the hockey rink. You're the backbone of the Menomonie Youth Hockey Association.

Coaches – Thank you for helping the skaters become better hockey players. Your teaching to the skater's improvement continues to improve this hockey association. Referees – Thank you for putting up with coaches and fans who disagree with your call. Your dedication to a thankless job at times is amazing. Hockey board – Thanks you for your time and commitment to this hockey association. Your areas continue to generate funds to keep MYHA one of the lowest cost hockey associations in region 6. I want to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving! I look forward to seeing you at the rink.

Sincerely,

Scott Strong

MYHA President

General Operations

submitted by Lori Paulson

Welcome to the 2010-11 hockey season! We had great turnouts for registration nights. Thank you to all who helped each night. Welcome back to all of our 114 RETURNING skaters! We also have 25 NEW skaters joining us this season! If you see a new face, please say "hi" and lend a hand if someone is struggling with the ins and outs of a new Association and possibly a new, unfamiliar sport. I think a lot of us can remember when we may have needed help suiting up our new hockey player(s), and maybe didn't feel comfortable asking for help. A big thank you to Donna Rudiger for her very informative presentation at the New Family Orientation! I would also like to thank our Registrar, Jess Rudiger, for all of her outstanding help and organizational skills. See you at the rink!

Lori Paulson

MYHA General Operations

Tournaments

submitted by Pam Entorf

Hi my name is Pam Entorf and I am the new Tournament Director. While I am new to this position, I am not new to our hockey association.. I have been involved for many years in youth hockey with both my daughter Mia, who now plays for UWStout Women's team and my son Keenan who is now a Peewee. I look forward to serving you as a board member and please don't hesitate to make suggestions for making our tournaments outstanding. Part of making this happen involves all of you. Youth Hockey is a **VOLUNTEER** organization and it

takes all of us to make our organization

SUCCESSFUL.

We hosted our **first Invitational Jamboree** for the Squirt and Peewee teams. Hudson, New Richmond, Eau Claire and Menomonie participated in the morning and Eau Claire, New Richmond and Menomonie which split into two teams to fill an open spot, participated in the afternoon. Brats, chips and bars were donated by our families and the concession stand had almost a \$1000 day for this event. Thank you to all the parents who helped out and made this event a success; there were a lot of positive comments from the other teams! We are planning on having more of these events in the spring. With both A B brackets for everyone to participate, I will keep you posted.

Updates on upcoming tournaments:

We have had a lot of interest in our tournaments from teams as far away as Thunder Bay Ontario, Canada for the girl's event in February, and several teams from the Madison area for the boy's events.

Dec 11-12 is the Peewee Tournament,

which will be our first tournament of the 2010-11 season. Is filling up quickly which is great news. This tournament will be here before we know it and we need to start planning now. We will need a Peewee Tournament Coordinator to help with this weekend. There are hours available to head this event up so please let me know if you are interested.

I am working on a manual to keep at the rink for everyone to use for a guide as you get ready for the tournaments. You will need to have a committee or committees to help get ready start identifying your team:

Decoration Committee- set up decorations for your tournament weekend. I am hoping to have crafty people make some really fun decorations that we can continue to reuse for the year and store in the office. I have purchased some hockey themed items for everyone to use

Raffle Committee- Jen Rudiger will be the coordinator for this and our expert in this area. She has done an amazing job in the past and can be of great help to all of us.

Work Schedule -I will have work schedule forms in the Tournament Manual for everyone to use for sign up by volunteers (that would be us the parents)

Food - we need to have a food item donated to sell at each tournament 9ie: walking tacos, pork sandwiches, brats etc... each group can pick their own theme)

Special Vendors- I have contacted a couple of vendors to be at the tournaments. Please let me know if you have any suggestions that would help make our events special.

Remember Tournaments are a big part of our FUND RAISING and it is important that we put on a great event to keep teams wanting to come back.

Ice & Recognition

submitted by Brent Miller

Just a reminder, the boards for the AG building will be put up after the wreath pick-up times. Be watching for emails with dates and time for volunteer opportunities to help get the AG building ready for ice.

OUR MISSION

To provide youth in the greater Menomonie area with the opportunity to learn, play and compete in the game of hockey with an emphasis on growth in the areas of skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

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