

**DYHA Parent Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 17, 2010**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Mystique Community Ice Center**

Brian Rieckens, President of the Dubuque Youth Hockey Association, introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Brian asked the DYHA Board members in attendance to introduce themselves: Mike Belmont, Eric Ellingboe, Marilyn Snyder and Dave Zillig.

The main reason for the meeting is to increase communication with parents of the organization. USA Hockey also requires all parents watch a Parent Video.

Brian introduced Ron Breitbach who is Manager of the Ice Center.

- Ron has been manager since October 9<sup>th</sup> and has been involved with youth sports since 1988.
- This Friday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, will be Volunteer Appreciation Night along with the public skate session. Appreciation night runs from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This will include free skating, popcorn, pop, and cake.
- Ron said he is here to serve the customers and the managing board of the facility. Topics discussed are as follows:
  - Closing the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor restrooms in the evenings during the week for cost savings.
  - Concessions will continue to be available. There is a no carry in policy.
  - Continued cooperation in keeping the facility clean.
  - Seating in the arena will continue to be roped off to keep non-used areas clean. Please help keep children out of these areas and the suites.
  - There is talk of possibly a netted area for kids to shoot pucks. This has not been finalized yet and open for suggestions.
  - Scheduling will continue to improve. The Ice Center has a new website and will post more information on the bulletin board in the lobby area.
- Question & Answer session.
  - Question: Why are the seats roped off for the High School games? Other facilities don't do that.
  - Answer: It is a janitorial expense to re-clean the facility.
  - Question: Will there be more drop in hockey?
  - Answer: There is more demand before the hockey season starts. This could be revisited if there is more interest.
  - Question: Where is the rink schedule posted?
  - Answer: There is a new website for the facility. The schedule will also be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.
  - Question: Is there an area to post the youth hockey schedule?
  - Answer: The bulletin board in the lobby is for youth hockey.
  - Question: Can information be passed through the schools?
  - Answer: The schools are very restrictive about information sent home. Some schools will allow a posted flyer.

Brian updated everyone on the current Board Treasurer position. We had asked for volunteers to fill the position vacated back in August. The board asked the previous treasurer to come back for the rest of the season, which she agreed to do. The board decided to pay her \$200/month for the rest of the season as treasurer. This is a temporary fix. The board has formed a Finance Committee to discuss options for the future. The board meeting last week was attended by some parents concerned about where the money goes from the house league fees. The fees for house league go into the general fund to pay for expenses. Last year our expenses were \$50,000. Last year the ice fee was \$175 and this year it is \$185. Last year we only carried over \$3,000 at the end of the season.

Brian then showed the Parent Video from USA Hockey and discussed the parent's role in making hockey a positive experience.

Nothing further, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Snyder  
Secretary