



DLYHA Newsletter

June 2011

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart. We thank you for your time!

Dates to remember:

August / September - Kent Freeman Arena Upgrades
September 11, 12, 13 – Youth Hockey Registration
October 17 – Pre-season camp starts - **tentative**
October 24 – Tryouts start - **tentative**
October 28 – Fundraising Dinner - Speak Easy



Kent Freeman Arena Upgrades

The DLYHA in cooperation with the City of Detroit Lakes has committed to several projects for the Summer of 2011 that will enhance the appearance and improve the quality of Kent Freeman Arena. August and September will prove to be busy months at the arena as several renovations get underway.

First is a major overall of Arena #1 with the installation of new/used boards. The DLYHA and the City of Detroit Lakes have arranged for the installation of a set of boards that comes to us through Becker Arena Products, Inc. The time frame for this project begins the first part of August with the demolition of the old boards and the retro-fitting of the arena to accommodate the new boards. Installation is tentatively set to begin the first part of September with completion expected to be mid-September. This has been a major goal of the Association and the City over the past several years and an exciting time to finally see it become a reality.

The second major project slated to be completed this summer is the renovation of the ceiling and lighting in Arena #2. This project is also expected to be on the agenda for the month of August with the removal of the old insulation which will be replaced with a spray foam insulation. This project will improve the cooling efficiency of the building as well as the esthetic appearance. The lighting is also set to be replaced with new, more cost effective and efficient lighting.

A third project is to refurbish the bleacher section of Arena #1. This project is in the infancy stages of planning with the thought process being to spruce up the rest of Arena #1 along with the addition of the new boards. This project will require significant commitment from volunteers as the majority of this project is labor intensive to remove the old paint and apply a fresh coat of paint.

These projects would not be possible without the hard work of many volunteers within the DLYHA. That being said, with so many projects slated to be addressed in a short period of time, please look for opportunities to help as these projects begin. The collective effort of many always improves the outcome of any project.

USA Hockey Board of Directors Approves All Points of Progressive Checking Skill Development Program

USA Hockey's Board of Directors overwhelmingly passed all aspects of the Progressive Checking Skill Development Program today during its 2011 Annual Congress.

A goal of the Progressive Checking Skill Development Program is to enhance skill development consistent with the American Development Model and its long-term athlete development principles.

It tightens the standard of play for intimidation hits in the legal body checking age categories. **Beginning in the 2011-12 season, legal body checking in games will begin at the Bantam age level (ages 13-14).**

Another goal of the program is to improve on-ice management of the game to help reduce potential risks in the sport. For complete information on USA Hockey's Progressive Checking Skill Development Program, visit their website at usahockey.com/bodychecking.

Registration Reminder !!!!

Registration materials will begin arriving in your e-mail boxes late August. You will receive a completed registration form for any player that was registered last season, along with a consent to treat form for each of them. Instructions will be included.

If you know anyone who will be new to DLYHA this coming season, they should contact me with their email information, player information, etc. ASAP.

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Perham Youth Hockey Golf Tournament

July 30, 2011 Perham Golf Course
4 Man Teams - \$80 person:
Includes green fee, golf cart, dinner
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