



North Branch Area Hockey Association
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Remember to check www.northbranchhockey.com for more details on items below and for daily updates!

Upcoming Meetings & Important Dates – see website for more details on each

7/22 – 7/24: County Market Brat Stand
7/27: Membership/Board Meeting @ 7pm, Library
8/6: Stacy Daze Fundraising Booth & Parade
8/13 & 8/14: Almelund Threshing Show Fundraiser

- **County Market Brat Stand Fundraiser - July 22nd to 24th**

Volunteers Needed!

NBAHA will be hosting a fundraiser at County Market brat stand this weekend, July 22nd through 24th. Proceeds from this event will go towards the Stacy Sports Complex. We are in need of many more volunteers to make the weekend a success. Shifts are posted on Dibs at http://www.northbranchhockey.com/dib_sessions/show/1868. This is a great time to start earning your service credits for the 2011 - 2012 hockey season. Questions on Fundraiser: Contact Janelle at fundraising@northbranchhockey.com or 763-443-6575. Questions on Dibs: Contact Nikki at servicemanager@northbranchhockey.com

- **BINGO HELP NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!!!**

North Branch Area Hockey Association is currently looking for 4 people to conduct bingo at the Oak Inn.

Bingo is currently held on Wednesday nights starting at 6:30 AND Saturday afternoons starting at 1:30. Persons interested have the flexibility to work both days as needed. Pay is \$10 an hour. Employees **DO NOT** need to be association members, so please feel free to forward this email to friends/family. If interested in working bingo, contact Janelle Olson for more information at gamblingmanager@northbranchhockey.com or [763-443-6575](tel:763-443-6575).

- **Stacy Days Booth:** We will be hosting at booth at Stacy Days this year on Saturday, August 6th. The purpose of this booth will be to sell summer raffle tickets and raise funds for the Stacy Sports Complex as well as promote the association. We are looking for two families (at least 1 parent and a skater) to sign up per shift. You will need to be comfortable with actively selling tickets in front of the booth. You will receive service credits for participating. Sign up on Dibs.
- **Stacy Days Parade:** We will be participating in the Stacy Days Parade again this year on Saturday, August 6th. Parade is at noon and line up at 11:30. This is a very good way for our skaters, coaches and parents to help promote NBAHA and recruit new skaters. We are looking for skaters, coaches and parents of all ages to volunteer to rollerblade or walk in the parade. You will receive service credits for participating. Sign up on Dibs.

- **Stacy Sports Complex Update**

Many of you are probably wondering what has been going on with this project since our update at the annual meeting. Even though you haven't seen much construction work at the arena site, countless hours have been invested by the arena committee and Conquest Inc. For the last few months we have been working with Conquest on a feasibility study. The arena committee felt it was important once we had a group of experts to work with to stop and verify we were heading in the correct direction. This study compared 3 options for the site: full arena, front of arena with artificial sheet of ice covered by a dome, front of arena with an outdoor artificial sheet of ice. We reviewed the cost of each option, funding currently available, time needed to complete a full arena, time needed to go through a bonding process in order to fund a full arena, capability to pay debt service that would be required to build a full arena.

After much consideration, it has been decided for 2011 to focus on completing the front of the building, an outdoor artificial sheet of ice as well as a smaller natural outdoor sheet of ice. In order to fully finance this option we will be working with Conquest to pursue financing. As well, we continue to pursue grant options. Our goal for Winter 2011 and 2012 is to

continue pursuing financing with the goal of covering the artificial sheet of ice for the 2012 – 2013 season. Thank you to everyone who has continued to contribute to the project, called in for weekly meetings on Monday nights and attended meetings with Conquest and in general kept the ball rolling.

Agreement with Conquest

As of last Tuesday an agreement was officially signed to work with Mark Bigelbach, Conquest and Pat Barret, Oppidan on the Stacy Sports Complex. Pat will be functioning as project coordinator and Mark as owner representative on the project. The expertise they both bring to the project from working on previous development projects, including arenas will bring tremendous benefit to the project.

What are they currently working on? Our first step is to get final pricing for this phase of the project. Pat will be meeting with individuals who have previously agreed to work on the project. As well, he will be soliciting bids on much of the work. A project plan is being created that will help us meet our goal of using this facility for practices during the 2011 – 2012 season. Mark is working on helping us find financing to fill the gap between funds currently available and total dollars needed to reach our goal. There are many options such as construction loans, bonding, and leasing equipment. These are all items our very small committee has previously been working on in our spare time so we are very excited to have Conquest on our side taking over these tasks.

Construction

Just recently, Gustafson Excavating finished moving the water main that currently ran right through the middle of the where the arena will be located. This was an important step that needed to be completed before construction could continue.

What's coming up? Very soon additional dirt work and construction will begin at the arena site. Once we have an updated project plan we will keep you posted on the projects progress. Watch the website for updates as well as pictures. I know we are all very excited to see the building going up as it gives us tangible evidence that our dream is that much closer to becoming a reality.

In Kind Donations

We are still seeking individuals who are in the construction trade to help with the project. If you are interested in helping please contact publicity@northbranchhockey.com as soon as possible and we will get you in contact with Pat.

Arena Board

We are beginning to form a Stacy Sports Complex Board. This board will have a similar function to the NBAHA board and will be in charge of running the Stacy Sports Complex. If you have an interest in being on this board please contact publicity@northbranchhockey.com for more details.

A Special Thank You!

We wish to extend a special "Thank You" to Dan Lee of J & DL Concrete and his family. Dan Lee and his crew helped on the foundation for the front of the arena last fall and were lined up to continue helping with the project this summer. Dan Lee passed away unexpectedly this summer. We won't forget the part he played in helping us take a step toward making our dream a reality. The association will commemorate his contribution by placing a puck on the Stacy Sports Complex Puck Wall in his name.

- **Volunteer needed to build new A-Frames:** We are looking for someone to build 2 new A-frames for the association this summer. These A frames are used to post upcoming information for the association at locations around town. The association will reimburse you for materials purchased. If you are interested please contact Lisa at publicity@northbranchhockey.com. You will receive service credits for this task.
- **Service Requirement for 2011 – 2012 Season:** The board has approved the requirement for next season and details are posted at <http://www.northbranchhockey.com/page/show/160018-volunteers>. Here are a few highlights from the policy.
 - 4 credits per returning family need to be completed between 4/1/11 and 3/31/12
 - \$50 fee per unfulfilled credit will be billed and must be paid prior to the next year's registration
 - New this year: Coaches(still expected to help at learn to skate/evaluations, etc), board members, active committee members, equipment manager, service manager, web manager, Girl's/Squirt/PeeWee/Bantam Coordinators will fulfill all credits by serving in these positions

- Volunteer opportunities are posted on the website under Dibs
- Nikki Saleen has agreed to fulfill the position of Service Manager and can be reached at servicemanager@northbranchhockey.com if you have any questions related to the Service Requirement or Dibs.

Please take time to review the policy the policy in detail. Summer and early fall are our busiest times and when we need volunteers the most.

- **Rink Rat Hockey at Isanti Arena**

Starting August 2011

A flyer regarding Fall 2011 Rink Rat Hockey at Isanti Arena sponsored by Cambridge/Isanti Hockey association is available at http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0019/7446/Rink_Rat_Hockey_Flyer_2011.pdf.