



Newsletter – August 2011

*The influence of a beautiful, helpful character is contagious,
and may revolutionize a whole town*

Arena Vandalism

DLYHA Board

We have had several unfortunate problems this Summer and in past hockey seasons with vandalism in the locker rooms and around the arena. It has become a costly issue for the city to repair these damages every year and will now pass on the cost to DLYHA. This money will be taken out of the funds that should be spent for everyone during the year for various things that we have to pay for. It should not be the responsibility of the association to pay for costs associated with someone who decides to destroy property, and going forward we will start making this the responsibility of the parties involved. If you see vandalism, it should be reported to the arena manager or a DLYHA board member.

We will be developing new policies regarding several issues that keep getting negative attention: vandalism, running in the arena hallways, shooting pucks against the walls, etc. These policies will be included in a revised copy of the "Redbook" which will be distributed to each family at the parent meetings this year.

Skate Sharpening News !

Roxy and Merlin Engum

Black Stone Sharpening is coming to Detroit Lakes!! For those of you not familiar with this, it is a different way of dressing the stone on the sharpener at the arena. It is a process developed by the Canadians to increase the glide characteristics of the skate and developing more precise edge control. This was done to increase the overall velocity and edge control of the hockey player. Rather than just a rounded hollow, it is a "Flat Bottom V". We should be ready to sharpen skates with this new hollow by September. Any player planning to take advantage of early ice out of town can give this a try.

Dates to remember:

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| August / September - | Kent Freeman Arena Upgrades |
| August (mid) - | Registration materials sent via email |
| August 16 - | Fundraising Dinner kickoff meeting |
| September 11, 12, 13 – | Youth Hockey Registration drop off |
| October 17 – | Pre-season camp starts - tentative |
| October 24 – | Tryouts start - tentative |
| October 28 – | Fundraising Dinner - Speak Easy |



To everyone who volunteered their time to unload the new boards for the arena on August 1:

*John Brehm
Derick Brehm
Sam Thomas
Kevin Kukowski
Matt Wimmer
Jeff Anderson
Andy Schwan
Rich Johnson
John Syvertson*

A special thanks to Brad Engen, owner of DL Express, for providing storage space for the new boards until they are installed.

Removal of the boards began August 2, thanks to Rich Johnson and Jeff Anderson for getting the work started.

Volunteers make our association great, we thank you for your time.



**Fundraising Dinner Meeting –
Tuesday, Aug 16, at 6:30 pm
Lakeside Tavern.**

Please come if you can help out this year !

Kent Freeman Arena Update

Chad Carlblom

The new boards for Arena #1 arrived on Tuesday, 8/2/11, and have been put into storage. Thank you to the volunteers who were able to make it on short notice to help transfer the boards into storage. A special thank you goes out to Brad Engen, owner of DL Express, for providing the much needed space to store the boards. The removal of the old boards in Arena #1 is well under way. The player boxes, penalty boxes, and timekeeper box are in the final stages of demolition before these areas can be retro-fit to accommodate the new boards and tie into the existing bleacher section. The fabrication of the new player/ penalty/ timekeeper boxes will likely begin sometime in late August. Timeframes for installation of the new boards remain on target and is planned for early September.

Arena #2 is also moving forward with the renovation of the ceiling insulation. The City of Detroit Lakes has awarded the contract for removal of the old insulation and application of new spray foam insulation. Once the insulation project is complete the new lighting fixtures will be installed as well. This project is underway and is expected to be completed in the month of August. During the insulation project, the DLYHA will be upgrading the sound system in Arena #2. New wiring, amplifier, and speakers will be installed to improve the game and tournament experience. Thank you to all the volunteers who have donated their time and energies to making these projects successful. Please look for opportunities to volunteer your time as email requests are made.