



Morris Hockey Association News

STEVENS COUNTY FAIR BOOTH

A BIG thank you for a job well done to everyone who helped prepare for and worked at the food stand during the Stevens County Fair. This is the one fundraising event where we all get to work side-by-side as families to both promote and support our program. Participation of every member/family is necessary, greatly appreciated and really helps acquaint association members.

HOCKEY REGISTRATION

It's getting to be that time of year again!! MBA hockey picnic and registration is set for September 14th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the LCC for both Morris and Benson hockey players. (There will be a second registration night on September 16th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. for Morris players.) Boys and girls of all ages are welcome!! See attached registration information sheet and potluck sheet. Please log on to mbastorm.com for the forms to print off and complete at home (one set for each player). We are hoping that this saves time in the lines and makes the whole process a lot easier for everyone. Remember to have your players sign on the appropriate sheets and **all new skaters and new Squirts should bring a copy of their birth certificate to registration.** We should have copies of all certificates from previous years for last year's squirts on up. Hope to see everyone there!!

Fees for level of play are as follows: **Initiation: \$50; Squirt and 10U: \$95; PeeWee and 14U: \$110; Bantam: \$135. Skaters will stay pay a jersey fee.** Registration fee will be waived for first-year Initiation skaters. If registering after the 16th of September will result in a \$25 late fee.

Morris Hockey has purchased a limited supply of "starter equipment sets" for the younger skaters. As of this date, the equipment has not arrived, but it is believed that the "equipment" will include: a bag, pads, and helmet. There will be a limited number of sets of equipment to be rented and a deposit of \$75 will be required. This equipment needs to be returned and inspected at the end of the season and up to \$50 of the deposit will be returned, depending on the quality of entire set of equipment upon return.

One change in the registration process this year is in regard to the fundraising checks. It was discussed and a motion was made at the last MHA Hockey Board meeting that the \$50 deposit checks are per fundraiser and per skater and not per family as in the past. There will be a maximum on the food stand of two skaters and four (4) shifts per family. Please plan accordingly for registration as you are writing out checks. **REMINDER THAT NO SKATER WILL HIT THE ICE UNTIL ALL REGISTRATION PAPERWORK AND FEES/DEPOSITS ARE COMPLETE!**

GIRLS HOCKEY

The MBA Joint Committee decided that the Storm will offer a 10U team for our girls this year. Girls, make sure you tell everyone interested to sign up during registration week.

LEARN TO SKATE/LEARN TO PLAY HOCKEY CAMP

Morris Hockey Association invites all boys and girls ages pre-school through grade 6 to come out to the rink to learn to skate and play hockey. Minimal equipment needed – if you don't have it we will provide it! October 12-14, 2008 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. To register please call Kristin Ohren at 589-1699 or Amy Christians (320) 287-1159.

COACHES

MBA Storm is in need of coaches for the upcoming season. PLEASE consider offering your time and talents to the youth of our program. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Rentz at 589-4458.

MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS

See attached information regarding Capitol Improvement Drive.

SKATING CLINIC

Check out the Storm website at mbastorm.com for information on the upcoming Robby Glantz speed skating clinic being sponsored by Benson Hockey Association on October 21-23, 2007. Registration forms can be downloaded turn in to Benson Hockey. This is a great opportunity for the kids to get out there and get skating before the season begins!!

MBA JOINT COMMITTEE

The MBA Joint Committee will meet September 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lee Community Center.

Morris Hockey Association Board Members - 2008

Jim Rentz - President
Todd Valnes – Vice President
Jeff McKeever – Tournaments

Amy Christians - Secretary
Kristin Ohren – Treasurer
Kim Gullickson – Fundraising

Ryan Watzke - Maintenance
Jamie Beyer – Concessions
Ann Vipond – Membership

