



Morris Hockey Association News

NEW BOARD MEMBER

The Morris Hockey Association would like to welcome it's newest board member, Darin Huot. Darin has filled the maintenance board position vacated by Steve Halbe. Thanks to Steve for the years of service to our organization!!

Darin is currently setting up arena work nights, which are scheduled for October 5th and 12th, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.. We are hoping for a large turnout to help get the arena in shape for the start of the hockey season (which is quickly approaching). There is still painting to be done, general cleanup and miscellaneous odd jobs. Please plan to attend the work nights. Many hands make light work.

REGISTRATION

Registration was held in Morris September 11-13 and it was great to see all of the familiar faces along with some new faces. The numbers for the Morris registration were as follows: Initiation – 29, Squirt – 10, Pee Wee – 14, 12U – 4, Bantams -1, and 14U – 1. As of this newsletter, the Benson numbers have not been finalized.

MHA would like to welcome all the new families to Storm hockey. It looks like we will be seeing many new skaters and parents around the LCC this hockey season. As part of our welcome, the board decided to put together an orientation night for all **new** hockey parents, **Initiation** parents, and any other **interested** hockey families on Sunday, October 23, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the Morris Arena. We will go over many things about the game of hockey, expectations and how each of us can help out, and the makeup of the association. All hockey families are welcome to attend.

Each level of hockey will also be having a team meeting prior to the start of its hockey season. It will be mandatory that at least one parent attend these meetings with their skater. The appropriate coach will be contacting the player/parent with this information as the season approaches. As part of this meeting, a new position of Team Manager will be discussed. Each of the levels will have a parent/guardian Team Manager to help the coaches with taking care of details of games and practices. A lot of parents want to help out their child's team but may feel that they don't have what it takes to be a coach or maybe they don't like the idea of throwing their skates on and showing everyone their awesome skating abilities. Here's the perfect opportunity to be a part of Storm hockey. Your child's coach will have more details about this important position at the team meeting. Please consider this opportunity and feel free to ask questions at the meetings as it is being presented.

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COACHES/COACHING CLINIC

There are still a few coaching positions that need to be filled!!! If you are interested or know of a person who is, please contact Jim Rentz at (320) 589-4458. Skating instruction at the Initiation level is one of our greatest needs. As you can tell by the numbers above, we have a strong Initiation program this year and lots of interest from our young skaters!!

Morris will be hosting the Levels 1, 2 and 3 USA Hockey Coaches Clinic on October 21-23, 2005. Please contact Jim Rentz at (320) 589-4458 for details. **Please note the date change from the last newsletter.**

FALL FUNDRAISER KICKOFF

Within the next couple of weeks hockey families should be receiving the first of our three fundraisers in the mail. The first fundraiser is a money raffle. There will be a cash drawing for \$100 at each of the boys and girls home high school hockey games (on LCC ice). EACH skater is required to sell one book of 10 raffle tickets, but all skaters are encouraged to sell as many tickets as they possibly can. The top two ticket sellers will receive gift certificates (\$150 and \$100) to Play It Again Sports in Alexandria.

FAIR FOOD STAND RESULTS

Thanks to all of the hard workers of the Morris Hockey Association who sold 4,500 burgers this year at the food stand! Special thanks to those who stepped up to work extra shifts and helped out when they saw that extra help was needed. The income generated from food stand was \$14,301.93 with expenses of \$6,349.82. There was also an expense of building rent, license fee, and donation of \$2,500 to VFW. Profit to LCC/MHA was \$7,952.11

LCC BUILDING DEBT

Good news!!! The LCC building debt loan has been paid off. As most of the seasoned members of the Morris Hockey Association remember, the LCC opened its doors for the first season of hockey in October of 1994. Our association has been working very hard at paying off the debt that was incurred for the building of our beautiful facility. This building was built with private funds and donations of its members at that time, and it was built without a referendum. We now need to move on to the next step of purchasing the proper equipment to maintain the facility. The MHA board will keep you posted as we continue to move ahead.

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