

Benson Hockey
Association News

Don't forget to check the Morris Benson Area Storm website to gain more insight on the upcoming season at mbastorm.com

Fall registration will be held Sunday, September 16th from 5:30-7:00 PM in the Benson High School Cafeteria. See the flyer for more information. Pass the word to anybody who may be interested in joining the hockey program. You may bring used equipment at this time to sell or trade.

If you are interested in becoming a coach at any level, which includes being on the ice for practices or in the players bench opening the gate, you can become certified at one of the following coaches clinics throughout the state of Minnesota. At this time there are only a few posted. You can attend a level one-initiation clinic in St. Cloud Oct. 5th or a level 2-associate or level 3-intermediate clinic in St. Cloud Oct. 6th. For more information and the complete list of dates and locations log on to USA Hockey or the Minnesota Hockey website or call Barb at 843-4412.

If you are interested in officiating for the upcoming season you can get certified to do that by attending one of many clinics and completing an online exam. You can find more information on the clinics and the complete list of sites for registration at minnesotahockey.org. A few of the clinics available are: Sept. 22 in St. Cloud, Oct. 13th in Redwood Falls, Oct. 20th in Alexandria or Litchfield and Oct. 27th in Detroit Lakes.

Fulfilling your family work hours helps keep the association going. We do not collect money up front to cover additional operating expenses like many organizations do. We also will do our best to maintain low registration fees as long as work hours are met. Please do your part in preparation for the season as well as during the season. You are responsible for reading and understanding the work hour policy that will be handed out during registration. Thank you for all of your hard work and support of the program.

If you need equipment we will have times set aside when it can be picked up. Melissa Schwendeman is our equipment manager. If you absolutely cannot make one of her times that she has set aside to meet skaters for equipment you may then reach her at 843-3041.

The current Benson Hockey Association Board members consist of:
Barb Schwarz, Miriam Lindblad, Scott Schwendemann, Teresa Hovde, Dan Aarhus, Phil Goff, Jeff DeHaan, Deb Orr, and Troy Kennedy.

Meetings are held the third Monday of the month while the Joint Hockey Board meets the first Monday of the month.

Financial Assistance may be applied for through the Benson Blue Line Club. Forms will be available at the registration table.

We have two fundraising opportunities. First, we have started a raffle, only 400 tickets at \$50 a ticket, for a 2007 Harley Davidson Dana Street Bob Motorcycle.

Each family will be asked to sell a few tickets. We had the bike on display at the Swift County Fair and have a good start on ticket sales. Second, we will be doing the Schwan's Fundraiser for the second year. There is a buy out option for this one. More details will be coming.

Finally, if you as a skater spent 30 plus hours on the ice last year, not counting practice time or games and have not received your rink rat t-shirt yet contact Barb at 843-4412.

Have a fun and enjoyable winter.