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December '08

Board of Directors Meeting Notice

Monday, December 8th, 2008
West Salem American Legion
6:00 pm

General Membership Meeting Notice

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7:00 pm

West Salem Hockey Association Board

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Agenda:

Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
League Report

Old Business:
Recognition Plaque
Squirt Tournament
Open Skate

New Business:
Nametags on Jerseys
Learn to Skate program with Village Rec. Dept.
Resurfacers Expenses
Newsletter - paper vs. electronic

Just a friendly hello

Hi to you all!
December has arrived and just with that, the blankets of snow lie across our yards and fill our children's thoughts with sleds, snowman, ski slopes, angels, Christmas of course, and we can all say it feels like hockey when we can't feel our toes! The little rosy cheeks are so adorable and very much complimented with hot chocolate mustaches and marshmallow noses.



The smell of cookies; baking and fudge settling as the whole family decorates the house. When I look at a picture of a snow angel, it almost brings me back to when I was a kid.

It didn't matter how cold it was back then or how deep the snow, as long as I had on a hat, scarf, mittens, snow pants and boots I could run in the snow all day and all night until I was made to come inside.

I can remember lying in the snow and flapping my arms and legs to make a snow angel, as I stuck my tongue out to catch snowflakes. (Even as kids we are multi-taskers).

I can remember sledding for hours and never getting tired of running up the steep hill.

The neighborhood of kids would all get together; too work on large snow forts; so we could have large snow ball wars.

As we all know the life we leave behind is full of simplicity and un-demanding events at that age. I can remember going to hockey game after hockey game and the only thing I really cared about was how soon my hot chocolate would cool down so I wouldn't burn my tongue.

I can even remember helping my mother in concessions and "really enjoying it"!

Well that was then and this is now. Most of these things I have done in the last few years with my own kids, but I seemed to get colder faster, and steep hills make me dream of escalators climbing up the top of the hill. Making snow angels now seem a bit wetter as the snow creeps in my gloves and down into my boots. I just smile when I look out my window and see my kids having as much fun as I once did.

Now in life the simplicity of the winter is preparing the large mugs of hot chocolate and kissing the rosy cold cheeks good night!

Sincerely,
Kelly Cottrell

Upcoming Events

- o December 5th-7th - Squirt Tournament
- o December 14th 2-3:15pm Experience the Ice Day

MUCH APPRECIATION!

We would like to extend our thanks this month to Paul Degenhardt for the use of his equipment in the painting of our rink.

Also special thanks to Cathi and Kurt Burger for their very generous donation this year for the Squirt tournament's raffle table. They're donating the 34" Flat Screen T.V. to the raffle table and their generosity and kindness is appreciated!

Thank you again! These kind acts are what help to make our association great!

Safety Concern

I thought I would keep this in the newsletter for another month because it is a very important issue, especially now that the parking lot can be slippery, accidents can happen even more.

Last year the issue was raised about the safety in our parking lot. This issue is still in effect and we all need to abide by it. The Board of Directors would like to reiterate the safety concern for our children:

When parents are dropping kids or picking them up, please do not park on the side of the parking lot closest to the rink. This puts the other WSHA kids at a high safety risk, especially now that the clocks went back, it is dark early and it would be very easy to accidentally injure a child walking across the parking lot.

We ask you to please park your car when you are dropping or picking up your children. If you need to, please stay on the road and don't even enter the parking lot. We need to all be on the same page with this. We are hoping it isn't necessary to put a sign out by the side of the parking lot in question.

The Board of Directors thanks everyone ahead of time for your support in this concern!

Work Hours/ Project Work Log - Now on the Web!

This online work log is something new this year that has been put together to help in the convenience of maintaining your work hours. This form is on our website and can be used to log your family work hours. Do not submit hours both on the online form and paper slips. Please include information in all fields. Try to keep up with your logging throughout the season so you don't forget later on. Take advantage of this awesome new feature on our website!

If you have any questions please contact Mitch Langreck @ 786-1030

Hockey Vandalism

It is unfortunate but indeed we have had some vandalism happen at the rink. The first day the doors were left open, one of our wooden benches was destroyed.

The hockey rink is a place where our children can go to and skate freely. Our kids can have fun with their friends and practice moves they would like to get better at. We have a good thing going right now, but good things can come to an end. Please talk to your children about respecting everything inside of the rink and out; they need to know they are there to skate and not to mess around.

Most kids do go to the rink to skate and have fun developing their skills, but they sure don't need the influence of the other children who are not doing what they are supposed to be doing.

As a parent, when you are at the rink with your children and you see kids acting out of line or leaving their trash on the ground, please address the issue immediately. Tell them to pick their trash up, and tell them to respect others property, and to act appropriately while they are there.

Other associations in the area are very jealous of the available ice time we enjoy. Let's keep it that way and make sure these privileges are not taken away.

This is our rink during the winter and these are our kids, lets work on this together!

Past Events**Oktoberfest Races**

During the last meeting Mike Gorniak did present the Board of Directors with a check for \$2,600.00. That is indeed fantastic and just what we need during this time of year. When electricity bills are getting high and bills are needed to be sent out money like that is just what we need!

Thanks again for the second year in a row to Mike Gorniak, and his partner this year J.C. LeDoux. Also thanks to everyone who helped out and of course Midwest Motorsports Management, Chuck and Holly Deery, and Dave Noelke!
Thank you again!

Upcoming Events**The Frozen Tundra Wild Squirt Tournament**

The Frozen Tundra Wild Squirt Tournament is this weekend. It starts Saturday the 6th at 9:00am and

runs until Sunday. This is a fun exciting weekend at the rink.

If you have younger children in the Mites and Termites you should think about bringing them to watch some of the Squirt games. Let them see what they will be doing in their future of hockey. If you come early there will be breakfast pizza, and throughout the day there will be, Brats, hotdogs, chili, walking tacos and more. You can eat at the rink and help support our association.

In addition, there is the most kick-butt raffle table in all of hockey with tons of prizes waiting to be won.

A few of the top prizes being:

34 inch Flat Screen T.V.

360 Xbox

Mathews Genesis Bow

Hockey bag

Hockey stick

Autographed Packer Football

Fleece Blanket

Badger Hockey tickets

And more!

Come and try to win one of these great prizes, you never know when it's going to be your lucky day at the rink!

Don't forget as well, the opportunity for putting in work hours is here this weekend. Get some hours in while they are jumping out at you. There are sign up sheets at the rink hanging in the first warming room. There are plenty of other things to do as well, so if you want some hours now is your chance! Or just come and help support the West Salem Squirt team!

If you have any last minute questions once again You can contact Kevin Bigley @ 786-2723 or Dawn Martin @ 780- 5222.

Hope to see you there!

Experience the Ice Day

We have set aside December 14th from 2-3:30pm for Experience the Ice Day. Special thanks to Mitch Langreck for pulling this event together. The goal of this event is to let kids come out and skate that day and see if hockey is something that might interest them.

We will coordinate food and beverages for the kids and their families. Each child who attends will receive a hockey stick, puck, tape, and small goodie bag!

These experiences are how we bring in new kids to be apart of the WSHA. We are looking for a few extra helpers to explain to those who attend what hockey is all about. It is also another way in which you can put in a few work hours. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Mitch Langreck at 386-6763.

Open Positions for the Upcoming Season

We **STILL** need some volunteer help in a very critical area! All of the functions throughout the year are crucial to the success of our program. We are still looking for a Neshonoc Dayz Coordinator. This has been in the newsletter for the last few months. If you are new in the association or just haven't gotten your feet wet yet, think about stepping up and taking on this event. Find someone and team up together. Our association depends on the success of these fundraisers. Please don't just read it, really think about it and consider it. Please contact President Joe Belling if you are interested in taking on this fundraiser @ 786-0637.

Updated Try-out Procedures

The West Salem Hockey Board of Directors is looking for a group of volunteers who could meet and work on updating our try-out procedures. The procedures we have now work very well, but there is always room for improvement.

If you think you could be an asset to this committee and you feel you could bring in some good input, please think about joining the committee.

Try-outs are very crucial to the development of our children. It is of great importance that kids are placed exactly where they developmentally need to be.

If you are interested please contact President Joe Belling @ 786-0637.

ALL NEW - Small Games Night!

John Van Cleave is hosting "small games night" on Sunday evenings at 7:00pm. These sessions incorporate small area games with skill development in a fun atmosphere. This is an optional session and is open to skaters of all ages. Any association coaches are welcome to come and lend a hand as well.

I have heard first hand from parents and kids who have been attending this event on what a great program it is.

Thanks to John for putting together this next step in our player development process your time is greatly appreciated!

Olympia Drivers Wanted

Anyone interested in learning how to operate our ice resurfer should contact Chase Miller @ 780-1505. Once again each team should have at least two parents trained on this machine to help out for practices and games.

Ask your kids the difference between resurfaced ice and non-resurfaced ice. I bet they will tell you every time that resurfaced ice makes a huge difference.

The West Salem Hockey Association website

www.westsalemhockey.com

Visit our website.

Check out all the information you need, and more! You can download your teams schedule, the telephone numbers of your parent representative or coaches if your kid is sick.

Log in your work hours.

You can find maps to out of town games and find the latest newsletter or general membership minutes as well.

You can also see if there are any upcoming events or new equipment at the swap shop.

Check it out!

Something to Think About

How many of you can say your kids really enjoy playing hockey?

How many of you can truly say your kids would be heart broken if today was their last day to play the action-packed sport they have all been thriving to learn, whether they have been playing for 5 years or 2 years?

I for one can really say my kids would be lost during the winter if hockey didn't exist.

I don't think a lot of people will tell you there favorite thing about any sport or function whether it is church, soccer, boy scouts or hockey is fundraising. It does take a little time and effort.

You have to really believe in what you're doing to take the extra time out of your life to put something together or knock on someone's door to sell something. We work everyday to survive; to pay our bills and put food on our tables.

When we post different events and ask for your help, yes we all know it is part of your time. Anyone can coordinate Neshonoc Dayz or other annual events. You don't need to be a certified project manager or party planner - all you have to do is believe in what you're doing.

So it brings me back to my two questions.

If your kids enjoy it and would be heart broken to stop playing, you have to believe that helping out in these events are crucial to the growth of our association.

I'll ask you again, as I've asked before, make December the month you start believing in what your kids are already telling you they enjoy.

Everything in life is strong when a group of people do it together!

WSHA has succeeded and can continue as long as we do it together!

Recipe for the month



Fried Ice cream

This is one of my favorite desserts. Hoe can you not like fried ice cream?

Personally the best fried ice cream I've ever had was in Houston Texas, and it had strawberries and bananas on top with a thick Carmel pecan sauce drizzled over the top. I'm talking good!

Ingredients

1 quart vanilla or coconut ice cream - 3-4 scoops
1 cup crushed frosted cornflakes (Kellogg's or other)

1 cup sweetened coconut flakes (if you like nuts, use walnuts or choco-chip cookies)

2 large eggs

2 tbsp sugar

Vegetable oil, for frying

Hot chocolate sauce or strawberry sauce

Whipped cream (optional)

Method

With an ice cream scoop, form 4 large balls of ice cream. Place on a dish and freeze for at least 2 hours

Grind the cornflakes first so they are converted into a fine powder. Do the same with any other ingredients you are using, like walnuts or cookies. In a bowl, combine the cornflake crumbs with the coconut and walnuts (or cookies). Spread the mixture in a shallow dish. Now dip the ice cream balls in the crumb mixture, roll around so each ball is evenly coated with the mixture and freeze again for 30 minutes.

In a bowl, beat the eggs and sugar. Dip the coated ice cream balls into the eggs, then gently roll in the crumb mixture again, coating completely. In this case, the more you coat, the better it will be. No part of ice cream should be left uncoated!:) Freeze for another 1-2 hours, or until you are ready to

serve.

Heat the oil in a large pot and wait till it is really hot (around 375 degrees). One at a time, lower the balls into the oil and fry until golden brown, about 10-15 seconds only. Do not fry more else the balls will crumble and the ice cream will melt!! Just long enough that the cornflake covering gets cooked.

Remove from the oil, drain on a piece of paper and place immediately in a dessert bowl. Drizzle with chocolate sauce and whipped cream and dazzle your guests with your **Fried Coconut Ice Cream!!** Remember, you should deep fry the balls immediately before serving only. Do not fry and keep!

Calendar Winners for December:

\$100 Eric Berg

\$50 Charles Kalas, Keegan Wedwick, Troy Crogan, James H. Boylan, Ann Ehlers, David Deery, Jamie Christensen, Ann Boland, Linda D Hirsh

\$20 Kari Lehman, Tom Oldenburg, Sabine Kalas, Bangor Lanes, Dan Berg, Gladys Halverson, Matt Berghefer, Joe Hartley, Heidi V. Brown, Dave Schneider, Meyer Kids, Virginia Duffy, Peggy Langreck