

# WSHA NEWS



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February 2010

## Board of Directors Meeting Notice

Monday, February 9, 2010  
West Salem American Legion  
6:00 pm

## General Membership Meeting Notice

Monday, February 9, 2010  
West Salem American Legion  
7:00 pm

### West Salem Hockey Association Board

President:	Brian Meyer	786-3664
Pres. Elect:	J.C. Ledoux	786-3387
Past Pres.:	Joe Belling	786-0637
Secretary:	Mary Whitbeck	786-4682
Treasurer:	Joan Pierce	788-3611
League Rep:	Brien Plunkett	792-3363
Director:	Mike Gorniak	769-4158
Director:	Mitch Langrek	786-1030
Director:	Mark Weilandt	786-2512
Director:	Dale Larson	790-2502

### Agenda:

Secretary's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
League Report

### Old Business:

Upcoming Board Elections  
Bylaw Submittals  
Fundraiser

### New Business:



### February...

brings many things to us: Groundhog's Day, President's Day, Valentine's Day...but one of the biggest things we as hockey families think of when we hear February is PLAYDOWNS!!! It's that one weekend out of the year when our teams take everything they have learned over the past few months and put it to good use. As parents of kids who play hockey, here are a few tips to remember when it is play-down season...

A fantastic shift is one where your child's line scored a play-off goal.

Applaud all the good defensive plays that prevent goals.

Your child's role is to prevent goals on every shift when the opposing team has the puck, and to try and score whenever your team has control of the puck. Goals are usually much harder to come by, as everyone is trying their hardest. There will be less room than normal due to what is at stake.

Play downs can be stressful, emotional and exciting for your child, coaches and families involved.

Please keep in mind that in the end, it really is only a game, and fun should be the number 1 priority. If our kids are out there skating hard yet still having the time of their lives, then that's when we know that we, as coaches and parents, have had the most successful season ever.

Good Luck to all of our teams!!!

Mary

**Upcoming Events**

- February 12-14 – play downs
- March 6-7 & 13-14 – State Tournaments
- March 8 – Board Elections

**Message from the President**

With the season being at its peak and playdowns right around the corner, I just wanted to send out a friendly reminder to all

WSHA requires that all members follow the Zero Tolerance Policy. We require our members to act accordingly, whether they are in the stands or working concessions or acting as an off-ice official, coach or player.

Please remember that while you are working in the concession stand that it should be treated as a business and not a hang out. Members who are assigned to work their scheduled shifts should be the only ones in the concession area. Also remember that the new policy implemented by the Board this year states that no one under the age of 14 is allowed to work in the concession area.

It has been a great season so far and let's end it on a positive note.

Thanks for your cooperation and best of luck to our teams during playdowns!

Brian Meyer  
President

**Past Events****Calendar Sales**

Thanks to everyone for selling calendars once again this year. By now everyone should have their stubs turned in and your post dated check either cashed or shredded. This is one of the bigger fundraisers we do every year, so thank you for doing your part to ensure the future of our hockey association.



**GOOD LUCK AT**  
**PLAYDOWNS!!!!!!**

**Did you know???**

The West Salem Hockey Association holds a general meeting the second Monday of every month at 7:00 pm at the American Legion. If you ever want to bring up an area of discussion, listen to what's going on within the association, or just simply want to be nosy, please feel free to stop in and attend. It is a great way to not only get the latest news and info, but it is also a great time to meet people. Our association is only as strong as its members, so please try to attend and keep informed as to what is going on. Having a problem? Have an idea? Bring it to a meeting. Want to participate in something that is a big part of your kid's lives? Come to a meeting. The decisions that are made today are decisions that should be made by everyone involved. If you have an opinion or have a voice that needs to be heard, stop in to the Legion. See you on Monday!

**Play Downs**

This year's play downs are scheduled for the weekend of February 12 – 14, 2010. Playdown brackets are located on the WAHA website or through a link on our own website. Good luck to everyone!

**State Tournaments**

State tournaments are scheduled for the following weekends:

Squirts and Bantams: March 6 & 7, 2010  
Mites and Pee Wees: March 13&14, 2010

Your parent reps will pass along any and all info as they get it. Locations for State Tournaments are listed on the WAHA website – link is available through the WSHA website.

**Work Hours**

Reminder to all that you can enter work hours through the website – very simple and easy! Everyone is responsible for work hours and you are billed for any left unfulfilled. Also note that all unfulfilled work hours that you are billed for must be paid prior to registration for the next year.

**Open Board Positions**

Elections will be held at the March General Membership Meeting for the following positions:

President Elect  
Treasurer  
Director – 2 positions will be open.  
League Rep.

Anyone interested in running for any of these positions, please contact Mary Whitbeck, or any other board member.

**Elections**

Elections for the upcoming year will be held in March at the General Membership meeting. Anyone interested to voting must have attended at least 2 General Membership meetings within the past year to be eligible. Any questions or concerns, please contact any current Board member.

**Upcoming Events**

March and April are right around the corner, which brings us the Kids Banquet and the Adult Banquet. Please watch for more info in the near future. Also coming up in few months are Neshonoc Days and June Dairy Days. There will be lots of fun

opportunities coming to get in some work hours!!!  
Keep checking your emails and the website for all  
the info.

### **Calendar Raffle Winners**

There are no drawings held for the months of  
January and February. Winners will be posted  
again for March.

### **Recipe of the Month**

If there is anyone out there who has a recipe they  
would be willing to share with the rest of us, please  
email me and I will post it in the following month's  
newsletter. I'm always looking for new and fun  
things, so start sending them in!