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Board of Directors Meeting Notice

Monday, January 14, 2008
West Salem American Legion
6:00 pm

General Membership Meeting Notice

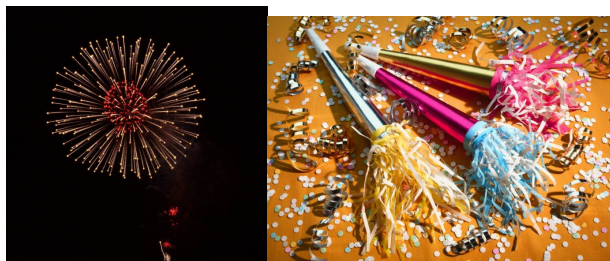
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West Salem American Legion Hall
7:00

West Salem Hockey Association Board

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Meeting Agenda

- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- League Report
- Old Business
- Open Skate
- Frozen Tundra Tournament
- New Business
- Village Lease
- Calendar Drawing
- Adjourn



Hoping everyone's New Year is full of joy and celebration!

Just a friendly hello

Can you believe we are going into our third month of the season? It's going by quickly.

I hope everyone had a wonderful New Years.

When you look back at how you celebrated the New Year I'm curious of how many people really know the history of New Years.

Did you know it is the oldest of holidays? It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4,000 years ago; in the years around 2000 B.C. The Babylonian New Year began with the first new moon. (Actually the first visible crescent after the vernal Equinox, or other wards known as the first day of spring)

If you think about it the first day of spring is a very logical time to start a New Year. It is the season of rebirth, planting new crops, blossoming, etc... January really has no astronomical or agricultural significance. It is purely arbitrary. New Years use to be celebrated for eleven days. Modern New Year Eve festivities pale in comparison. New Years resolutions also date back to the Babylon.

Have you ever heard of the tradition "using a baby" to signify the New Year? That began in Greece around 600 B.C. Early Egyptians also used a baby as a symbol of rebirth.

An old tradition also was luck taking part in your celebration. You will have good luck if you eat things in the shape of a ring on New Years Eve. ("Coming full Circle") Your luck also depends on the first people you see and celebrate with.

Well anyway, if you knew all this that's great you know your history very well. For those who didn't I hope you learned something about the common holiday New Years; whether you believe in luck or not I hope you all spent time with people you really care about and enjoy to be around during your New Years celebration this year.

Sincerely,
Kelly Cottrell

*Lost & Found

Over the Christmas holiday there was a charm bracelet found on the ice rink with a charm that Say's grandma on it. There was no harm done to the bracelet.

If it belongs to you or someone you know, please contact Steve Pierce @788-3611.

Coming Soon

A new West Salem Hockey website is coming soon. <http://wsha.webteam.net/index.php> Kris Cvikota has put a lot of time into it and will be completed soon. The Board of Directors would like to thank her for her time, and as well would like to thank Karl Kemnitz. Karl has taken care of the website for the last couple of years. He makes sure information needed is put on the website along with other duties that it includes. He continues to do a great job and is appreciated.

Anyone willing to help

The West Salem Association is looking for someone who would be willing to come and unlock the ice rink doors during the weekends and the holidays. If you are interested please contact Eric Hesselberg @ 786-2938 or contact another board Member. Thanks

WAHA Coach of the Month

Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association and Milwaukee Admirals are partnering to honor youth hockey "Coach of the Month".

Each month October thru March, a youth hockey coach from each of the (6) WAHA regions will be honored. There will be one coach per region, per month. They will receive a certificate along with being recognized on the WAHA web-site. Nominations close on the last day of each month.

The December coaches of the month included are very own Peewee 2 coach, Mike Campbell! Coaching isn't an easy job, and when you get nominated and picked as a "coach of the month" that has to be a tremendous honor. The Board of Directors would like to congratulate Mr. Mike Campbell; on what a fantastic job he has been doing with the group of kids who greatly look up to him. It is an honor to have coaches work with our kids in the West Salem Association that take such pride making sure they are being coached right; through the year! Congratulations Mike!

Fundraising

Being a non-profit organization as we are it is vital for are children and future hockey players that we

continue to do things that involve a little work, but raise money for the existence of the association. Do you have any ideas on how we can make extra money for our association? There are a lot of added expenses that are involved in a non-profit organization. Every little bit helps out. The smallest idea you think you may have may go along way.

If you have any ideas please contact any of the Board members.

*"Hockey parent's quick and easy recipe book for the busy lifestyle" is just a thought of away to earn money. If anyone is interested in heading up a cookbook sale and taking the time to put one together; or maybe you just need to put some of your hockey hours in please contact Kelly Cottrell @ 786-4371.

Open Skate

The board would also like to address that there is a difference between "Open Hockey" and "Open Skate".

For **Open Hockey**, helmets are required, and sticks and pucks are allowed. For **Open Skate**, no sticks and pucks are allowed at any time. The days and times for each will be posted on the website following the next board meeting.

We do need to make a few notes about the Open Hockey policy. The past few years, we have discovered that players from neighboring associations are taking advantage of our Open Hockey times. The Board of Directors would like to make it clear that "**Open Hockey" is for the use of WSHA members and alumni, and residents of West Salem, Bangor, & Mindoro only.**

It costs our association money every time we turn the lights on at the rink, and time to fix the ice after intense usage, so we need to make sure we are the ones getting use of the facility. Kids from other associations need to use there own facilities, not ours. A sign stating this will be posted at the rink soon.

We need our members to act as sort of "rink police" - if you see kids who don't seem to belong skating on our rink, please inform them of the policy, or

inform a board member of the situation, so we can keep an eye on the rink and a handle on our costs.

Also, please remind your kids to pick up the locker rooms after practice and open skate. If this becomes a problem we will have to assign parents to check and clean them after each practice.

Past Events

The Frozen Tundra Wild Squirt Tournament

The annual Frozen Tundra Wild Squirt Tournament, Has come and gone yet another year.

A lot of work went into this tournament as always. Many people need to be thanked, but most of all the two people who headed up this tournament with long hours and long days and nights of planning this event. This tournament wouldn't have run so smoothly without the hard work given to us by Joe & Lisa Belling. This is their second year of heading this event and both years they have done a magnificent job making sure all that needs to be done is done. They make sure through the tournament everything is going as it should. The Board of Directors would like to give them both a huge congratulations and thanks for another job well done; also we would like to acknowledge the amount of time they gave to the association putting everything together.

We raised around \$3,000.00 during this event. Kris Cvikota did a wonderful job making the flyers, and many other time consuming duties. Marv and Kari Lehmann spent the whole weekend helping out around the rink and in the concessions. Alexa Langreck did a beautiful job singing the National Anthem each morning.

All the squirt families need to be thanked as well for the time they gave, whether it was making the mommy pins or picking out the trophies. Anyone who helped out in the concessions and on the raffle table also needs to be thanked. We couldn't hold this tournament without all the team work that took place that weekend. The Board of Directors thanks you all!

The Outlook of the Month

When deciding who my next outlook is going to be. I take a lot of time thinking about it. There are many people who do so many things throughout the year. Working hard and putting together upcoming events is one of them. Being in charge of the uniforms for the association, and the treasurer is another job. Scheduling games, ice time and referees is another big job.

The referees who take the time to become certified and show up at the games; so our children can play hockey is greatly appreciated as well.

The few people who work on our ice and the machines when they fail us. All the parent representatives and of course all the coaches that are involved with the West Salem Hockey association play a huge part in the molding of our kids.

With all that said I have many people who stand out with there contributions and everyone is thanked tremendously.

This month's outlook goes to a lady who has gone above and beyond. A lady who claims she works everyday, but I don't know how she can do so much for our association and work at the same time, and oh yeah raise three kids.

This lady is not only the registry, but she schedules ice time, is the parent rep. on two teams and is an assistant coach on a team as well. She has learned how to use the Zamboni, and shows up to every Fundraising event to lend a hand if she isn't already knee deep in the event.

She is an awesome lady one of a kind. She can make you laugh after speaking to her for a brief period of time and has a heart of gold.

All her hard work is appreciated immensely. It is an honor to get into the roots of the one and only Kris Cvikota!

Kris Cvikota is originally from Adams-Friendship, WI. I asked her how she ended up in West Salem, she said "I moved to the area to go to UW-L and lived in La Crosse until we moved out near Barre Mills over 12 years ago. We were looking for a place in the country where our first (child) dog Cloe would have some space to run."

Kris's family includes her husband, Curt and 3 kids – Jake-10, Sam-7, and Aly-2. "We like to power pack our fun - when we aren't playing hockey at any given time of the year you could find us downhill skiing/snowboarding, out on the river, biking, hiking, or getting together with friends."

Kris is a, Project manager for a website development company called "Webteam".

I asked Kris how she would compare her family growing up to the values she has today.

My dad always said, "If you're going to do something, do it right." That phrase pretty much sums it up for me in all aspects of life. I come from a large family where were all expected to work and do our share. Experiences like that don't leave you as you get older, and teach good lessons along the way. You don't learn to be selfish while you're out cutting wood to heat the house."

What activities did you participate in growing up? I asked. "I think I was downhill skiing before I learned to walk, softball, swim team, band and dance team;

our family hunted anything that would fill a freezer, so I did that too.”

I asked Kris if she watched any hockey growing up. “Only when USA played Russia in the 1980 Olympics, while I was taking a short break from skiing.”

What do you think was your most interesting occupation you’ve had?

“Definitely the time I spent as a high school band director. I taught for 6 years and also coached JV Softball, which was awesome. You learn a lot in an educational atmosphere, and from the kids. Loved it – miss it a great deal.” (You can see Kris’s passion for teaching when she’s on the ice with the kids.)

If you could stop where you are at for a day and go back in time; where would you go?

“There was one day skiing in Colorado skiing at Vail, when it was about 50 degrees and sunny I think I could probably do again. Post ski beverage on a sunny deck listening to the band ... good times...” (Probably go back?)

I asked Kris where the most interesting place she’d been was.

“The area we visit in Jamaica – it makes you appreciate diversity of the world, and realize what great opportunities we have in the US. A great place to visit; beautiful world; beautiful people; (name that song).

What does WSHA mean to you?

“Hockey has really grown on our whole family (even the 2 year old is hooked!) and we love it. It’s great to see so many dedicated people moving towards a common goal and it’s easy to get caught up in both the work and the fun. There are a lot of wonderful people in the organization that we’ve grown close to. We love it, and are sad to see the season end in March. I think I was begging Chase not to turn off the ice our first year.”

If you could give advice to the younger generation of parents what would you say?

“Are the kids having fun and learning something along the way? Yeah? You win! I hope you’re having fun too.” (How could you not love this lady?) Between working, sports, and housework, how do you manage it all? Does your husband play a big role in all that? “Huge; Curt and I tag team everything - there isn’t any other way. I hate to say much more for fear of embarrassing him, but he’s my hero.” (That’s when you know you have it all)

If you could sum up the meaning of life in one song what would it be?

It’s tough to pick one. “I was a music major in college, and almost always have songs popping into my head for little situations throughout the day. I guess I would have to say ‘Good Riddance’ by Green Day (Time of your life). (Once you get to

know Kris you would see that song makes perfect sense.)

If you were stranded on a deserted island and could only have 4 things what would they be?

A Genie to grant me 3 more wishes, 2) water 3) Jack Bauer 4) a knife. “I wouldn’t wish for my family or friends because that whole ‘deserted island’ thing never seems to end very well.” (Now I wonder if Kris would have Jack Bauer help her off the island or enjoy the scenery for a while)

Do you have any hobbies?

I love photography, being outside, watching the birds, riding my Harley and learning new things. What is something valuable you have learned in life? “It’s important to have a sense of humor.”

I asked her if she could be anywhere right now that would be where? “I would be at Home reading a book.”

What is the best part of hockey to you? “Watching the kids develop their skills and seeing their confidence grow. Watching them do something great out on the ice and seeing the expression on their face when it happens.” (I bet when are kids are all grown we’ll remember those memories before 8 straight wins)

Lastly I asked Kris, if your children could learn one thing and one thing only from you what would it be? “You can do anything you set your mind on doing.”

*That wraps it up. Kris Cvikota is an amazing woman who is not only a great person, but does wonders for the Hockey Association. The values you are taught as a child do tend to stick with you a life time. How we raise our children is how the next generation will run the world. Thanks Kris!

The December Calendar Winners:

\$100: Ed Ikert

\$50: Kathryn Deery, Linda Antony, Bruce Harle, Lisa Gerke, Mark Garvalia, Jim Savoldelli, Debbie Berg, Susie Fricano and Laura Fitch.

\$20: Haylee Meyer, Bridget Young, Andy Lenselink, Rick Kastenschmidt, Chris Deery, John Deery, Morgan Myher, Ken Thorson, Bill George, Jessica Austin, Sue Maule, Julie Mislivecek and Joan Wachter.