

WSHA NEWS



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March '08

Board of Directors Meeting Notice

Monday, March 10, 2008

West Salem American Legion

6:00 pm

General Membership Meeting Notice

Monday, March 10, 2008, 7:00 pm

West Salem American Legion Hall

West Salem Hockey Association Board

President:	Eric Hesselberg	786-2938
Pres. Elect:	Joe Belling	786-0637
Past Pres.:	Rich Berghefer	786-2926
Secretary:	Kelly Cottrell	786-4371
Treasurer:	Amy Molling	786-3087
League Rep:	Marv Lehmann	786-0286
Director:	John Caulum	786-3597
Director:	Mike Gorniak	786-0980
Director:	Kevin Bigley	786-2723
Director:	Jenny Greiner	769-4166

Meeting Agenda

- Report
- Treasurer's Report
- League Report
- Old Business
- Open Skate
- Calendar Money
- Neshonoc Days
- Golf-Outing
- Kids Banquet & Annual meeting
- Elections
- Bi-Law changes
- State
- June Dairy Days
- Adjourn




Farewell

Just a friendly hello

As I write this month I can hardly believe it is almost March. The season is about over and some days it feels as though it has just began.

A positive note as hockey wraps up we can dig our flip flops back out and get ready to soak in the sun. (Well a little premature, but soon enough)

Throughout the summer I will be sending out newsletters informing everyone of what is going on in the world of hockey. Staying informed is a key in staying active in the association.

Keep your kids active during the off season of hockey. Expand their minds and their bodies.

Remember to pat all your kids on the back for another season which they all work hard at throughout the year. No matter what the records for the season are it is only a fraction of hockey.

The kids still play hard and practice hard many times throughout the week.

Some times if you've ever noticed the kids are as hard on themselves and their teammates as their parents are on them. You'll find if you loosen up a little and remember what really matters your kids will enjoy the sport more and keep up on their great sportsmanship.

Before the season is over don't forget to thank your coaches for everything they've done this year. For the effort they've put into our children and time they give to us every week. I truly hope everyone knows how great of a job coaching really is and what a great group of coaches West Salem has been blessed with.

Sincerely,
Kelly Cottrell

Kind Words from Bonnie Trapp

Your kind and overwhelming expressions of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by our family; Allen, Mary, Bonnie, Bob, Kim, and Rebecca. Thanks so very much to all of you for your kind words, gestures, and never-ending support throughout my mother's illness and after her death. The unity shared in our hockey family is unmatched. Mother Marlene was blessed to be loved by so many and thought the world of our Hockey Association and the positive mentorship it provided to our youth. As she would always say, "Be the best that you can be and stay on your game!"

"I would also like to give a great thank you for the beautiful plant that was present during her funeral.

It is at my house now and by the grace of God and Karl it will remain a beautiful living plant."

The Angel with Black and Orange Wings

Sadness filled the air on February 3, when the West Salem Hockey Association lost not only a huge fan, not only the woman who worked on our fundraisers constantly, but the lady everyone called grandma. What a dear wonderful lady she was.

"When you lose someone special it's hard to breathe.

Once you shut her eyes it's hard to sleep, the angel looking down at you, knows your pain she has felt it too.

Now there is no misery, no pain, or sick days keeping you.

Sorrowing through the endless sky, knowing it was never good bye.

Never missing another game, the angel that flies, with orange and black wings.

When you see a flutter in the sky, remember her laughter as you try not to cry.

Remember the love she shared with so many.

The kindness and warmth she had will fill our hearts so we are not mad.

The next time her grandson shoots in a goal she will surely know.

The love for this grandma is shared by so many. I hope her energy carries through in the rink and her spirit flies high in the stands.

Next time you hear a distant laugh just smile to yourself. The angel with black and orange wings is passing through and letting you know that she is too watching from a far distant row."

Marlene Hulett will be missed by so many people.

With all our love and sympathy to Allen, Mary, Bonnie, Bob, Kim, Rebecca, Karl & Travis.

What a great lady she was and will always stay in our hearts and in our association.

With love The West Salem Hockey Association!



Upcoming Events

Elections

Election time is here again.

There are 5 positions opening on the WSHA Board of Directors for the 2008-2009 year. Those positions are:

- President Elect - one year position, after which the individual serves one year as President, then a third year as Past President.
- Treasurer - two year position. Position involves writing out checks, balancing the check book, and keeping track of checks that are out and that need to be reimbursed. Keeping track of expenses on a computer would be beneficial but not required.
- Director at Large - two year position
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- League Representative - one year position. Position involves attendance

The nominees running are:

Director:

- John Caulum
- Mike Gorniak
- Mitch Langreck
- Dale Larson
- Amy Molling
- Mary Whitbeck
- JC LeDoux

League Rep:

- Steve Greene

Treasurer:

- Joan Pierce
- Melissa Olver

President-Elect:

- Brian Meyer

Absentee Ballots: Absentee ballots will be available upon request in advance of election and hand delivered to an election committee member with the voter's signature on the outside of a sealed envelope containing the vote which shall remain sealed until the election and then counted at that time. Absentee ballots may not be circulated by any other members. Absentee ballots are available from board members Jenny Greiner and John Caulum. You can contact them directly to arrange a time when you can meet with them to fill out your absentee ballot. Contact information for Jenny and John is at the beginning of the newsletter.

Amendment of Articles

Proposed By-Law changes need to be turned in by adjournment of the March General Membership meeting.

As stated in Article VIII of the West Salem Hockey bi-Laws:

Section 1. By-Law changes must be submitted to the board in writing by the general membership meeting at least one month preceding the annual meeting.

Section 2. All By-Law changes shall be mailed to the general membership at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting.

Section 3. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of all voting members present at the annual banquet shall be necessary to amend the articles of Incorporation a/or these By-Laws.

Going to State!

The Board of Directors would like to give huge congratulations to the following teams who have succeeded in qualifying for the State Tournament:

- Peewee A
- Peewee B
- Squirt B
- Mite A

What an honor it is to qualify for the state tournament.

The Board of Directors would like to remind everyone who is attending state tournaments that our actions represent our association.

Poor sportsmanship isn't tolerated from the kids or the parents.

Let's go have fun, play hard and represent our community. Go West Salem Hockey!

Rink Tear-Down

Rink tear-down is right around the corner. The following date has been set to tear down the rink; March 15th from 8am to 4pm, other times to follow depending on how fast the ice melts. Please make sure you come and help out. The more people who show up the less time everyone will have to put into it. Don't forget our work hours include 12 hours of "rink maintenance". Rink set-up and tear-down are included in your rink maintenance hours. Rink set-up and rink tear-down are two huge jobs that need to get done every year. Let's end the year the right way and all pitch in and help out when we are tearing town the rink. Last minute cleaning will need to do be as well. Let's put the T in team work!

Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting

The Awards Ceremony Banquet will be held once again at Fox Hollow. The date is set for, April 13. The Annual Meeting will be held Saturday April 5 at The American Legion.

Bonnie Trapp will be heading up the awards banquet if you have any questions please give her a call @ 786-4233.

Please bring your kids it is a nice way to end the season and let the children know not only are they great entertainment throughout winter but we are also very proud of all of them!

Try Outs for 2008-2009

Try-out dates are set affirmatively for October 18th and 19th of the 2008-2009 calendar years. October comes quick so put these dates on your calendar.

As the Past President leaves the board

The Board of Directors would like to give out there thanks to Rich Berghefer. Rich has spent the last nine years being very active and involved on the West Salem Hockey Board of Directors. He has helped out in so many different ways. He has lead many events and joined in on many fundraisers. He will be greatly missed from the board with his excellent ideas and out spoken mind. Rich has helped out with all the things that we now take for granite; for instance the new cooling system to the new boards to the long hours of fundraising to purchase these items. Operation Ice was one of them. He continues to help out where ever he is needed. Rich had put in more than his share of

years to the association. His hard working sweat has made things a little easier on us, but to the people like himself we need to keep up what they all started.

Let's let him know how much we appreciate him as his last month goes by.

Great job Rich!

Thanks for all you've done Rich!

WANTED: ACTIVE
MEMBERSHIP IN THE
FOLLOWING AREAS:

Keep thinking about the summer events. They take more than a handful of people to work on through the summer. We are still looking for a couple volunteers to head up

- Neshonoc Days,
- June Dairy Days,
- Oktoberfest Races.

If you're willing to give it a shot please let someone from the Board of Directors know. It is greatly appreciated and it really helps out and makes our association money during the summer months. It is also a great way to become involved and get to know other people in the association.

Plan on bringing your children; to the parade this summer. Plan on helping make our float stand out this year! Plan to participate in the beer tent and during the carp contest. Sell your tickets given to you for June Dairy Days. Let's not forget about the association because hockey ends. It really is important for our children to keep fundraising throughout the year.

Does anyone have any ideas on different fundraisers that we don't already do? Bring your ideas to the board. Let's make our association better and stronger for the years to come!

West Salem Hockey Auction, that's an idea we could do. Everyone bring in one item. All the money goes to the association. (How fun would that be?)

Maybe next year have once every two weeks a certain team being in charge of make a bunch of food, whether it be a bunch of pans of lasagna or whatever is chosen and then people can buy

dinner at the rink after practices and skip having to worry about dinner and all the profit goes to the association.

Cook books, soup dinners, etc. there are so many things we could do throughout the year if more people stepped up and really cared. A few people can't do all of this but an association can. We could earn double the money we did this year if people really put there head's together, and their hearts into the association.

Our children are only young once let's work on making there hockey experience the best it can be!

Does anyone have any ideas on increasing the membership? What are things we could do to attract more people to the association?

What do you all think about holding a contest to see who can bring in the most new kids? It's up to all of us to keep things going around the association so keep thinking, bring your ideas forward. Don't think your ideas don't matter because they do. Everyone is an equal throughout the association. We all pay are fees and cart are kids around. Let's work hard this year!

Keep a look out for upcoming events. They will be posted as they come near! Just remember use your imagination, we all have one.

Thanks from the West Salem Hockey Board of Directors.