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October '07

Board of Directors Meeting Notice

Monday, October 08, 2007

West Salem American Legion

6:00 pm

General Membership Meeting Notice

Monday, October 08, 2007, 7:00 pm

West Salem American Legion Hall

West Salem Hockey Association Board

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Meeting Agenda

- Report
- Treasurer's Report
- League Report
- Old Business
- Zamboni
- Rink setup weekends Oct. 13-14, 20-21 weekdays 15-19
- Hockey pictures Nov. 3rd
- Sparta Bantams
- Golf Outing
- Registration Sept. 15th, 19th
- Oktoberfest Races
- New Business
- Experience the Ice Day Sunday Nov. 11th 2-5pm
- Calendar Drawing
- Adjourn



Just a friendly hello

Hello & Happy October!

The days just seem to fly by.

October will be a busy month with the Oktoberfest races, hockey try-outs, rink set-up, and don't forget Halloween!

I'm sure everybody is back into the swing of things now that school has been back in session for a month.

Speaking of school, I would like to share something with you that I learned in a class recently. It is statistics that involve children of today's generation. I'm going to tell you about the two I find most disturbing.

- 67% of families don't sit down and eat supper together
- An average parent talks to their children 35 minutes a WEEK

Do you fit in or know people who fit into these categories? It can be worked on and statistics can change. Everyone leads busy lives, but make the time. One day you will be sitting at the dining room table alone, and you'll wonder how come you didn't share that time with loved ones. Talking can be done anytime; even driving in the car to practice or a game. It makes a difference.

Do you think if people weren't economically trying to keep up and lead such fancy life styles there would be more time spent at home and time spent with their families? I can say for all of you who don't know me well, I may not be "economically rich", but I've got the world in my 3 kids eyes, and when I go to bed at night, that is all I need.

With that everyone have a FANTASTIC & SAFE Halloween. I will leave you to think about what I shared.

Sincerely,
Kelly Cottrell

A Very Special Thank You

I do apologize to the Dejno family for not getting this out in my last newsletter.

They would like to give everyone special thanks for your thoughts, prayers, and flowers during a very difficult time. Carol's father, Bryce's grandfather (Mr. Gary Berg) passed away. "Your thoughtfulness and kindness is greatly appreciated. We are very blessed to have such wonderful friends in our lives! Thank you."

Steve, Carol, Bryce, & Kenzie Dejno

To the Dejno family: I am very sorry for your loss. It is times like this when you need all the friends and support you can get.

Upcoming Events

RINK SET-UP

ATTENTION: WORKERS ARE NEEDED! YOUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU!

I can't express the need for help. Even when things are expressed, people still don't show up. A few people can't do this alone! We have new boards this year, which even makes the hard work, harder. There are also many things that need to be done, for people who can't help lift things etc. Making the effort to show up is noticed.

If this doesn't get done, our kids will not skate.

The group of men who normally show up and work long hours alone; will not be around soon to help.

We need to learn from them, and find out what needs to be done.

The more people that show up to help, the quicker it takes to do. Give your hockey association support! If you're newer to the association, please come and help. It is a great way to get to know the parent's your children are skating with. Besides, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The dates are weekends Oct. 13-14, 20-21 and weekdays 15-19. Your help is APPRECIATED and NEEDED.

Experience the Ice Days

Experience the ice day is scheduled for November 11 from 2:00 – 5:00.

If you read my recent newsletter, the "experience the ice days" was an idea given to us by Marlene Hulett. It is a day when young children can come to the rink and skate with equipment provided from us. (Helmet, skates)

It brings kids into our association, who enjoyed getting out there and learning how to skate.

We'll have food, and drinks provided, and a sure good time with all the curious skaters. Sometimes all it takes is to get a child out on the ice, to really show them they can learn to be a hockey player too. If we can get some older kids out on the ice with the younger kids, I think that helps as well.

Pass the word around to anybody you know who maybe wants to play but is intimidated. It is a good time to jump in.

If anybody wants to help out on this day, please call myself (Kelly Cottrell) @ 786-4371 (I would love some of your ideas as well)

Calling All Goalies

Region 6 will be hosting TWO regional goalie clinics for youth and girl players. They are grassroots clinics that will be hosted by WAHA Player Development Director, Dave Witting and two well know goalie coaches who work with the elite players in our state, (Mike Lane and Larry Clemens.)

There will be two 2-hour sessions at each site - one for the squirt/pee wee age players and one for the bantam/midget age players. Players who have never been in goal will also have an opportunity to try it.

Saturday, October 6 the clinic will be held in Sparta from 4:00-8:00 pm.

Sunday, October 7 the clinic will be held in Menomonie from 9:00 am -1:00 pm.

Registration will be held on-line at the wahahockey.com web site.

IT IS FREE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS. Costs will be Covered by WAHA.

Tryout dates put this on your Calendar!

Tryout dates and times are as follows. All tryouts for Mites, Squirts, and Peewees will be held at LaCrescent Ice Arena

Practices:

Sat. Oct. 13

11:45am - 12:45pm Mite Practice
12:45pm - 1:45pm Squirt Practice
1:45pm - 2:45pm Pee wee Practice

Sun. Oct. 14

11:45am - 12:45pm Mite Practice
12:45pm - 1:45pm Squirt Practice
2:00pm - 3:00pm Pee wee Practice

Tryouts:

Sat. Oct. 20

2:45pm - 3:45pm Mite Drills
 3:45pm - 4:45pm Squirt Drills
 5:00pm - 6:00pm Peewee Drills

Sun. Oct. 21

2:00pm - 2:45pm Mite Drills/Scrimmage
 2:45pm - 3:45pm Squirt Scrimmage
 4:00pm - 5:15pm Peewee Scrimmage

Note: There will be a mandatory Parent meeting held during your skaters practice time on Saturday, October 13. The purpose of the parent meeting is to explain the tryout process and to answer any questions anyone might have about the process in an open venue. At least one parent of every skater should plan to attend this meeting.

Anyone with questions about tryouts prior to this meeting should contact ACE Coordinator Marv Lehmann at 786-0286.

IMPORTANT: There are still a few families who haven't turned in their registration packets. This must be done, prior to try-outs. There is NO skating at any official West Salem events unless registered! That includes the practice dates as well. If you need to get registered please call Kris Cvikota @786-3489 or if you need to make payment arrangements contact Eric Hesselberg @ (786-2938)

Bantam Practices

Please put this on your calendar if you have a Bantam.

Bantam practices start Oct. 15 in Sparta from 8:00-9:30. That night there will be a parent meeting at 7:30. All families need to have a parent attend.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Eric Hesselberg @ 786-2938

Practice times for Bantams in Sparta.

Mon. Oct. 15 8:00 -9:30

PARENT MEETING Mon. Oct. 15 7:30

Fri. Oct. 19 7:45 - 9:15

Sat. Oct. 20 2:45 - 4:45.

Mon. Oct. 22 8:00 - 9:45.

Fri. Oct. 26 7:45 - 9:15.

Sat. Oct. 27 2:45 - 4:45.

Mon. Oct. 29 8:00 - 9:30

Try-outs will be on

Sat. Nov. 2 8:00 - 9:45 am drills

Sun. Nov. 3 12:30 - 2:30 scrimmage

Coaches:

I just want to put a little something in here thanking the 2007-2008 coaches this year. I think most parents do understand that you have busy lives just as we do, and you put in a very high commitment when you take on coaching these kids! You don't just drop off or watch from the sides; you actually teach these kids the next step on what it takes! I think that it's great and without such dedication our kids would have no boundaries and just skate around without authority. You have to teach them not just skills, but respect on the ice!

I'm sure it gets hard through the year if it isn't a child maybe a parent. Just remember you are the coach, and if we as parents knew better or more than you, we would be on the ice coaching. Do your best, and that's all you can do. Hats off to you guys! You put the T in team!

Outlook of the Month

Well it is time once again for the outlook of the month. When I picked this month, I knew it had to be someone scary enough to make you want to pull the sheets over your eyes! Someone scary enough to make the kids run and hide once they say "Trick or Treat", and the door opens! Ha, Ha, just kidding! This month is dedicated to Chase Miller! He really is an outstanding man in our association. If you've been in the W.S.H.A. for at least a year I would be surprised if you haven't heard his name before. He only has one kid in our association (Everette) but honestly everything he does you would think he had a dozen.

Chase is one of the people I have mentioned before in the category of "helping out in every fundraiser that exists. Whenever something is going on Chase is normally around.

When I hear people say they are busy it makes me think of people like Chase. (Maybe he can give some pointers on how to do it all) I would like you to really get to know this guy! He wasn't named Chase for nothing. If you want to keep up with this guy you better start running!

Well everyone should we get on with the interview?

Well how about we start with where Chase was born. "Right here in West Salem." I asked him if he played any sports growing up, "he did ice skate a lot, but was too busy holding down two jobs by the time he was a sophomore."

If anyone doesn't know the Miller family, here is a little clip about them: His wife Lori works part time as a dental assistant, and is a full time mother, and wife. (As we well know is a HUGE job!) His son Everett is 12, and loves hockey. He also plays the trumpet, and as most brothers is really good at ignoring his sisters. Alaina is 8, she lives for gymnastics, and Emily the youngest is 3 and likes to copy her big sister Alaina.

I asked Chase if he had any great accomplishments in his years as an adult, and with no surprise he sure has. He is a Past President of the La Crosse Area Builders Association; also last year he was awarded the citizen of the year by the West Salem Lions Club. (I would say that is something to be proud of) Chase's greatest accomplishment besides his "family" is his business. He started it in 1989 and is still going; before that he hadn't held a job for more than a year. (Now 18 years later, that's awesome!) If you're wondering what that occupation is I'm getting to that right now. Chase has been doing Seamless Rain Gutters like I said since 1989, started as GCV Inc. in 1995 he believes was commercial properties but is now residential. I asked Chase what the W.S.H.A. means to him. He answered very simply, "I get to be part of something my son really enjoys!" (Simple answer, but very commending as a father).

I had to ask the question, since Chase puts in hundreds of hours a year in Hockey; why do you volunteer so much of your time, when it is obvious you are a busy man? "I don't do it so there's less work for the other parents; I do it to make it easier and more enjoyable for the kids."

I kind of laugh when I asked him this question, "If you had to explain the meaning of life in one song, what would it be?" He answered "Highway to H****" If you have never heard that song it's a song by "AC DC" (sometimes I think with all the bumps and difficult obstacles we go through in the path of life that song can shed some light.)

I think Chase is a great role model for young adults. Though I did ask him if he could change one thing about himself what would it be? "He said yes, think more before I speak. Also be more tolerant of others short comings. (Think more before you speak, yes that is something a lot of people could probably work on including myself) Thanks for the honesty Chase!

I asked Chase between all he does, owning his own business, giving up so much of his time to the hockey association, being a husband and a father, how much does your wife play a role in all that? "Lori doesn't necessarily like all the time I spend away, but without all she does I couldn't do as much as I do! I have cut back a lot of my volunteer work. I think I've paid my debt to society." (I wonder if

Chase's cut back goes from 300 hours of volunteer work too 200 hours, watching him in action, I would say he still does more than the average)

I asked Chase what some of the good & bad changes were, he has seen within the association in the last few years. "The good he shared was modernizing the facility. The bad he shared were when the board tries to accommodate a single person, when what it is really about is the entire membership.

Ok, here is a little advice from the man himself for the younger generation of hockey parents. "Don't yell at your kids when their playing! That is the coach's job, and also when you see trash lying around at the rink pick it up!"

How does such an extraordinary person as you keep it all together? I curiously wandered. Once again he simply said, "I don't, it just seems that way." (In that case another amazing quality) What is something valuable you have learned in life and can share with us? "After you work hard, you can play hard!"

Does Chase have any hobbies? I bet you could of guessed, "No time for hobbies, but he has sky dived, climbed Kilimanjaro 5 nights up and 1 night down, and also white watered the Nile, which was the greatest thing, camping on the shore of the White Nile River in Uganda Africa.(very neat)

What would you like to see changed in the W.S.H.A.? "To all the parents that think when they have put their work hours in the work is over. It is far from over. If everyone quit, after their hours were in, we would never have ice!"

Lastly, I asked Chase if his son or daughters could learn one thing only that would be what. He gave me two answers, "work ethic! The second would be not to forget that the service Men and Women die everyday for us, for our freedom."

"Well I hope you all have learned a little about Chase Miller. If you need anymore pointers, maybe you should practice running the marathon, you might have a chance of catching up with him."

Thanks Chase!

Raffle drawing winners for September:

\$100.00 - Jim Perry

\$50.00 - Carol Baier, Julie Miller, Tracy Krueger, Ethan Gerke, Jamie Malphy, Patti Lemson, Taylor Hoag, Bridget Young, Johnny Wadzinski,

\$20.00 - Chris Deery, Madison Whitney, Kelly & Mark Cottrell, Ronan Young, Sandy Bonnes, Steve Dejno, Marv Lehmann, Kari Lehmann, Mallorie Trautsch, Berdine Freit, Kris & John Mielke, John Priebe, Jeff Zander

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