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September '07

Board of Directors Meeting Notice

September 10, 2007 West Salem

American Legion

6:00 pm

General Membership Meeting Notice

Monday, September 10, 2007, 7:00 pm

West Salem American Legion Hall

West Salem Hockey Association Board

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Meeting Agenda

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

League Report

Old Business

New Business

Calendar Drawing

Adjourn

DOES ANYBODY KNOW WHO JAMES & DONNA MILLER ARE? (They donated a \$25.00 check to us,) If you do please contact somebody on the board; so we know where the generosity came from!

Thanks!!

Just a friendly hello

Hi everybody!

With only a handful of days left this summer; we better use them wisely. Enjoy the sun and the smell of fresh cut grass while it lasts.

Summer vacation is wrapping up quickly.

I hope everyone enjoyed a little vacation; whether it was traveling some where or just relaxing in your own back yard, sitting around a camp fire during dark, letting the children eat a roasted marshmallow or two, spending time together as a family.

Sometimes unfortunately people can get wrapped up in how busy there summer was in a negative way. How many practices or games a week they had. "The summer went so fast we never even had a chance to leave town! We just didn't seem to do enough etc..." Anybody who has thought that in the last couple weeks as they were registering there kids for school, picking out school supplies and all the other wonderful expenses, should just take a deep breath and think " It's not what you do it's what you make of what you do. Spend time and support those kids.

Sit with them and watch the sun go down or the stars come out. I strongly believe if you don't do the little things with your children you will wish you did one day when they aren't around.

Enjoy the company of your loved ones and your friends, because we all know how quickly time goes by. That is what life is really all about

Sincerely,

Kelly Cottrell

Past events

The Annual Golf Outing

What a great time! This is an event in the summer that takes a lot of time, planning, and preparation. I got to see first hand this year all the work that goes into the event. The people on this committee go above and beyond there work hours needed.

They strive to make as much money for the association as they can. This is a fundraiser you could ask about in the years to come to help out in. Some of the people on this committee have been heading this up for over 5 years. A couple people were new to the committee and saw first hand what it is all about. What work they involve themselves in during the summer. Wow!

What a chunk of money earned!

I would like to thank the members of the committee. We should call them "The Summer crew."

It really is an event planned all summer long!

Thanks Chase Miller, Jeanna Jones, Mike Gorniak, Kelly Sandvig, Jeanne Myers and Shannon Russel, for taking all the time for our children!

Also thanks to all the members of the association who helped out all day and night! Even if you came and golfed, that helps out too! (I wish I could name all of you, but I wouldn't want to miss anyone! You know who you are though) YOU ALL ROCK!!!!

Thanks again Golf Committee!!!!!!

The Bangor Fun Days

Hmmm, what can I really say about "The Bangor parade?"

It is indeed too bad when a couple people put forth their time and efforts, and no one shows up to help participate. That is honestly what happened this year.

The West Salem Hockey Association consists of over 90 families; though only a handful actually participate and volunteer their time. These people can't attend everything! We have such a great association, but without parents volunteering with the different events, we would have nothing! Please remember we are all in this together. Lets make that our goal for the 2007-2008 season. Thanks everyone who helped with the Bangor Fun Days Committee!

Upcoming Events

Oktoberfest Races

Looking for help!

We need help Wed. 3rd through Sat. 6th. The shifts are 3-4 hours. We especially need help during the day on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

If needed feel free to bring your pre-school children with. (It really is an easy way to get in some mandatory work hours.)

Last year we earned over \$2,500.00.

There will be a sign up sheet at registration, so make sure to fill in a slot!

Any questions contact Mike Gorniak @ 769-4158 Also we would like to thank the Speedway management for the opportunity to help out & participate in this great fundraiser!

Rink Set-Up

We will be starting rink set-up in October.

We do have all new boards this year and it will require a lot more help this year than we had last year. Please make time this year and help.

Our kids count on us to help get the rink ready for them.

Lets make it happen together!

Save the Date Team Tryouts/Splits

Every year, parents pose many questions about tryouts and their meaning. Please remember, tryouts are not about which players are better than others, or who the biggest hot-shots are. These tryouts are essential to the long-term growth of each individual skater – they allow that player to be placed on the team that they need to be developmentally, and play with other skaters at that

same development level. It is very important that every parent stresses this with their skater.

The emphasis needs to be placed on whether they make their best effort, not on whether they make a certain team or not. As always, if you have questions or concerns, talk to your WSHA board members.

Hockey 2007-2008 Registration!

Registration for the 2007-2008 West Salem Hockey Association is on Saturday, September 15th from 8:00am - 12:00pm at the West Salem Elementary School Multipurpose Room; and Wednesday, September 19th from 5:00pm - 8:00pm at the West Salem Lions Shelter.

Watch your Park and Rec flyer for more information. Anyone wishing to get their registration packet before registration please call or email registrar Kris Cvikota at 786-3489 or kris@webteam.net. Any registration questions please feel free to call West Salem Hockey President – Eric Hesselberg Pass the word and help our association grow!

Outlook of the Month

My September Outlook is about a wonderful, warm, caring lady!

She does so much volunteer work, throughout the year. How could she not inspire you?

She doesn't have any children of her own on the association. One grandkid she does have.

What makes a lady who could just come and watch games like most grandparents put in so much time and effort to our W.S.H.A.?

This lady if you haven't guessed already is Mrs.

Marlene Hulett. If you don't know her, get to know her. Say hello to her when you see her around or in the arena. Let's let her know how much we appreciate her!

Let's let her know that her hard work for us is not un-noticed! I for one say

THANKYOU! Thank you for everything you do!

Thanks for being one of the dynamite grandmothers who stick out in our community!

With that said I would like you all to get to know

Mrs. Marlene Hulett behind the scenes!

Marlene Hulett is from Denver Colorado. She moved to West Salem in 1997.

She is married to Allen Hulett, has 5 children, 6 grandchildren, (including Allen's grandchildren there is a total of 18) also 1 great grandchild and one expected. (That causes for a little commotion at the Thanksgiving table!)

Marlene has been in the beauty industry for 35 years. Presently she manages The Marshall's Beauty Supply store in Onalaska.

I asked Marlene how such a busy lady ever became involved in West Salem Hockey. "Only by accident" she replied. Marlene's husband and she were helping her daughter (Bonnie Trapp) with her son while she completed her military career. She met a hockey mom (MaryAnne Ekern) whom invited her to attend the hockey open house/ registration at the elementary school. She went and explained that she didn't have a clue about what hockey was all about. At that point MaryAnne became her hockey mentor that year, and the rest is history.

I asked Marlene what The W.S.H.A. means to her. She explained that "the association is an organization that gives boys and girls the opportunity to develop their skills, build character, and learn responsibility."

I wanted to find out if Marlene belonged to any other organizations now or in the past. "I am the past president of Nat. Cosmetology association for the La Crosse District. Also am involved with the Am. Cancer Society." (How great is that!)

I wanted to find out what she thought was one of the best parts about being so involved. "Watching the players develop from the beginning to the end of the season; also meeting and making friends within the organization."

In case you didn't know one of our wonderful events we started doing last year is called "Experience the Ice Day", Marlene gave us that great idea. I asked her how she came up with such a neat way to bring younger children or inexperienced kids into our association. She attended a baseball get acquainted afternoon last year in Middleton W.I. She walked around the field to the different stations and thought we could "tweak" some of these ideas to fit hockey. (2 of my children signed up for hockey after that afternoon)

Marlene has volunteered to be a "Sunshine grandmother" this year. I asked her what that meant to her. She explained that it was brought to her attention last year that a new player at the beginning of the year never came back after a few practices, because his mother was diagnosed with cancer. If we would of know that someone could have made contact with the family and perhaps the player could have continued playing and we could of given the family support! Being a sunshine lady/grandparent means that anyone who needs a boost; there will be a representative from the association who will make contact.

I wondered if such a busy lady had time for a hobby or two. Her list included baking, reading, gardening, spending time with family, traveling, hockey, football, and basketball.

"Being involved keeps me focused. I don't have time to dwell on my present situation."

Lastly I asked Marlene what advice she could say to other parents who don't think they have time to help out. "I would say to parents, grandparents, or anyone else who wants to make a difference in a younger person's life is come check out our association. The rewards far out way the time you give!

Marlene did want to end by saying, "I am humbled by this interview, there are many people in this association who go above and beyond what is expected of them. I have many great memories of our association however one that stands out was this past March when the association sponsored me for the Cancer Relay for Life Walk. Walking into the gym that night and seeing the turn out of hockey moms was a sight I shall never forget, many thanks to everyone for your support!"

I hope that shed a little light about Marlene Hulett! I want to end by saying THANK YOU Marlene for everything you do!!!!!!!!!!

Raffle drawing winners for August:

\$100.00 Olene Olson

\$50.00 Barb Walter, Kathy Roberts, Lonnie Turner, Dani Metza, Dominic Wachter, Ethan Gerke, Stacy Hutchinson, Dick Numeduhl, & Emma Molling

\$20.00 Mike Haun, Kathryn Hicke, Trevor Jones, Bridget Peterson, Paul Kendall, Kim Stendalch, Kim Gunderson, Denise Young, David Eckelberg, Tim Garavalia, Dave & Marcie Hundt, Josh Zander & Jesse Zander