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NOTICE! THA Meeting

The date for the next General Membership Meeting of the Trenton Hockey Association has been scheduled for;

**Tuesday
Sept. 14th 2010
@ 7:30pm**

and it will be held at the **Westfield Activity Center** located at 2700 Westfield (the same parking lot as the Library).

TimBits and Beginners - Ready to Start

On Saturday September 11th the Trenton Beginners will take the ice @ 8:20am and be followed by the TimBits @ 9:20am. This will be the 27th season for our Beginners, who will also skate on Thursdays @ 5:20pm. Both programs will again be coached by Kevin Begeman and Keith Klock.

These Instructional Programs will continue to be free, aside from THA Registration and incidental costs for parties, socks and such. TimBit registration is currently only open to residents. Our Beginners still have room, regardless of residency. Anyone interested should contact coach Kevin at 479-4095 or coach Keith at 692-5158 or visit the webpage at; <http://www.young-guns-hockey.com/TrentonHockeyI-Program.html>

Mini-Mites - Continuing as 3v3 Halflings

Downriver associations and coaches met on August 18th at the Westfield Center for a Half-Ice Summit and have agreed to continue the Michigan Half-Ice League (MHL), pretty much with the same format as was used during the Spring. Last season's MHL was a great success, causing it to double in size during the Spring. This season MAHA has mandated that all Mini-Mites now play only Cross-Ice and/or Half-Ice hockey.

Tentatively, it appears that there will be about 20 Half-Ice units from 7 associations including; Trenton, Allen Park, Belle Tire, Dearborn, Grosse Ile, Monroe and Wyandotte. Totalling around 150 players. Trenton is expecting to have 2 Half-Ice squads with 17 players.

The MHL is also creating a Review Board to monitor Half-Ice coaching and to assure that all parties stick to our concepts of skill development and fun.

Discussions are continuing about creating several Jamborees (mini-tournaments) during the season. Allen Park has pledged to host one such Jamboree during their Christmas Tournament and Wyandotte will host another during their February Riverfront Tournament. Maybe THA as well?



THA Used Skate and Equipment Sale was a huge success

On Sunday August 8th, the THA hosted another of its Skate Sales. Some prior versions had gone by without much notice. THA has held these Sales for so long that sometimes we just assume that everyone knows about them and we don't always advertise the event as well as we should.

However, this year Lori Durbin (THA's Director of Special Events) took charge and decided to put some greater effort into getting the word out. Lori had the City of Trenton place an advertisement onto the Marquis @ Kennedy and the result was fairly obvious on Sunday morning. Over 300 items were up for sale and about half were sold for a grand total of \$845. This was about 6-7 times large than last season's event.

The Westfield Center was donated by the City of Trenton. Lori and Gary Durbin volunteered their time. So, ultimately the event never really costs THA anything, except for the time of our volunteers. Of great help during the Sale were the effort of Pam Mace and Vicki Sawyer. Both should get an 'Old-Time Hockey' award for showing up to drop off equipment, recognizing how large the event had become and then just dropped everything to pitch right in and help. A great THA tradition made even better. Some of our members were able to recoup some funds from their old equipment, while other members got some great deals. Thanks to Lori, Pam, Vicki and Gary. And thanks to our members for coming!

Tryouts and Drafts Completed

THA will have eight Travel teams ranging from; Mite A through Bantam AA. We will again be fielding a JV team. And for our B-Teams we will host; 2 Half-Ice Mini-Mite squads (17 players), 4 Mites (about 50 players), 2 Squirts (31 players), 3 PeeWees (38 players) and 3 Bantam teams (42 players). Plus with TimBits (which were already full at over 30 three week before their first skate) and Beginners taking the ice soon, it looks like THA will have around 27 teams and just about 400 players.

Please, anyone not already registered with THA or USA Hockey should do so right now. Our teams can't be properly rostered until every player is registered with both.

Decal Sale, Teams Pictures and the Steak Roast - October 9th

The October 9th trifecta of; the **Decal Sale**, our **Team Pictures** and the rebirth of our **Steak Roast**. Busy day! However, it should make for a fun day and it will allow everybody to plan for taking care of all these events at once. Instead of having to set aside time on multiple weekends.



Finishing up with the Steak Roast will allow THA Parents, Coaches, Managers and Board Members to recharge their batteries. Historically, the Steak Roast has been held early during the season to give everybody an opportunity to meet and get to know each other away from the rink.

The Steak Roast is for adults only and B.Y.O.B. The cost is \$15 per person if paid before September 15th and \$20 per person if paid after. Contact Lori Durbin at (734) 789-8788 or at razz01@comcast.net.

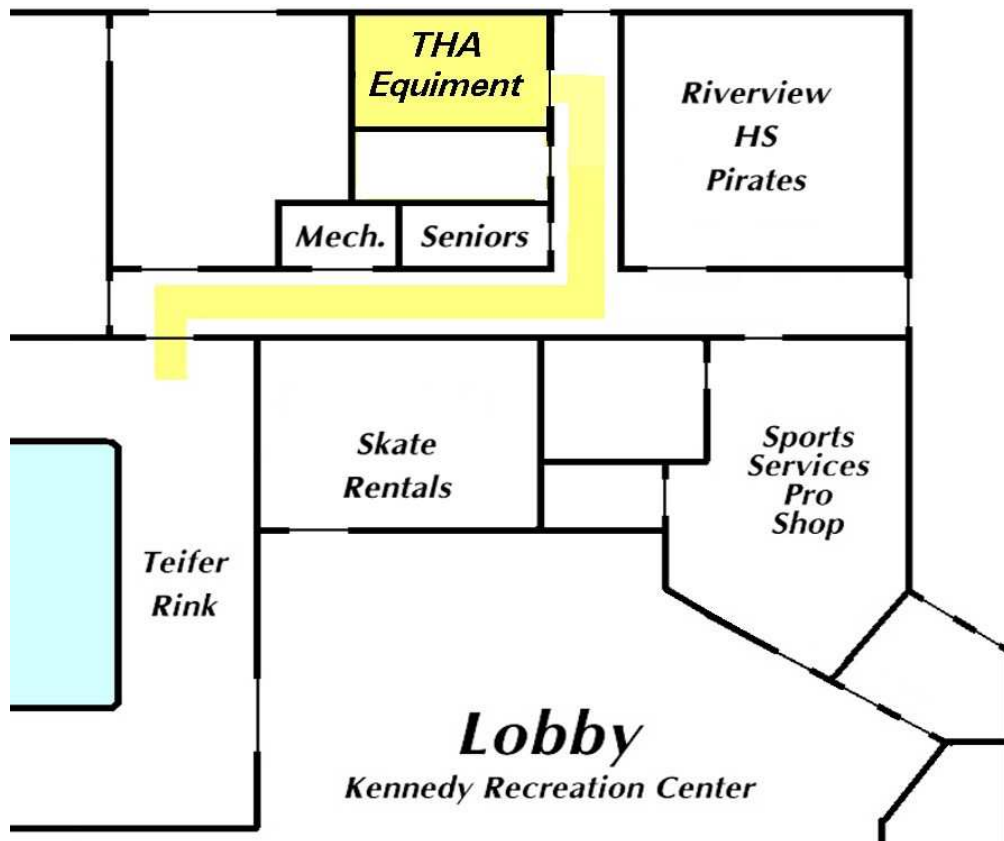
Please make checks payable to Trenton Hockey and write Steak Roast down in the comments line and send to; Lori Durbin at 21597 Hildebrandt Dr., Brownstown, Michigan 48134.

Jerseys, Goalie Equipment and other Stuff.

Our THA Equipment Manager is still Michelle Frey. Anyone seeking to use THA Goalie equipment should contact Michelle at; gm.frey@att.net Coaches please note that Team Jersey pick-ups won't begin until mid-September.

In addition, TimBit and Beginner **Loaner Equipment** may be picked up at our THA Equipment Room on Wednesday September 1st at 6:30pm. Parents should bring their child and a Check or Money Order in the amount of \$40 payable to the Trenton Hockey Association.

Our Equipment room has been moved to the main floor of Kennedy, behind the Skate Rental and Pro Shop. Please see the map below.



Silver Stick Committee - Making Progress

The Trenton - Silver Stick Committee was created to prepare for hosting this season's tournament. Four meetings have already occurred (two in July and Two in August) and progress has been coming along. To date the Committee has developed Tournament Rules, Designed Winner's Medals, taken bids for Tournament Programs, arranged for several vendors and is currently developing acceptance criteria.

The THA committee members are; Lori Durbin, Scott Allen, Bob Howey & Keith Kneiding from the THA Board as well as THA Members Debbie Papalia & Keith Kloock. Also on the committee are Joann Perna (from Trenton Parks and Recreation) as well as Kathy Kane & Rick Williams (from the Trenton Business Association). The diverse make-up of the committee reflects an attempt to create more of a community-based event.

MAHA District 2 — Update



**MICHIGAN AMATEUR
HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

On Tuesday August 17th, MAHA District 2 held its first major meeting of the season at the DISC in Dearborn. Bob Howey attended for the THA and Keith Kloock attended for the MHL. Highlights of the meeting are as follows;

1. Doug Diroff reported that this season the District Quarter Finals will be held at the DISC in Dearborn (Adray for us old guys) on February 5th and 6th.
2. In addition, D2 is seeking bids to host the District Finals for the weekend of February 12th and 13th. Bids should be received by Doug Diroff no later than September 15th and must include hourly ice-time and time-keeper costs.
3. Similarly, MAHA District 2 will be hosting PeeWee State Playoffs this season for B, A and AA. Several associations have already submitted initial requests to host. However, the official deadline is September 1st. Interested associations must submit hourly costs including ice and time-keeper fees.
4. Chairman Diroff announced that two individuals from our District had been appointed to a MAHA' committee on ADM concerning the planned transition of 8&Under (Mites) into Cross-Ice and/or Half-Ice. The two appointees are Rick Pinkowski (President of Allen Park Hockey) and Keith Kloock because of his efforts with the Michigan Half-Ice League (MHL).
5. District Intent forms are due by November 1st this season. However, we all know that we are required to file these forms for every team. The ideal time to prepared these forms is at the same time coaches and managers are preparing to register their team. Why wait?
6. House exception requests are due on November 15th. This would be required if we have fewer than 3 teams in a division or if we have too many 2nd year players. Just like the District Intent forms, why not prepare these right now.
7. There will be no such thing as a Travel exception this season. Travel teams that are not completely District Eligible will be classified as AAA.
8. An interesting note regarding Girls hockey. Both Tier 1 and Tier 2 Nationals will be held here in Michigan this season.
9. Bob Howey informed the District 2 President about the Trenton Regional Silver Stick and handed out tournament flyers. Diroff commented that it's a great thing to finally bring a Silver Stick tournament into District 2.

The meeting finished with some discussion concerning; Half-Ice Mini-Mites, how they should be registered and an exchange about the potential problems caused by MAHA's elimination of Mini-Mite Drafts. Kloock and some others involved within the Half-Ice league are concerned that MAHA was sending the wrong message to our new coaches by not officiating at our drafts. Kloock feels that much of the success of Half-Ice comes from the new collegial attitude and style of our coaches and that some of MAHA's changes can have a negative affect on our coaches.

MAHA D2 officials presented a vision of encouraging Associations to not even use set team lineups and to somehow rotate players through teams throughout the season. However, this concept ignores something that 5 and 6 year old players who are just entering our sport really need. This is a child's first exposure to being part of a team. They need to be accepted by their coach and by their teammates. They need to become comfortable with their new friends and begin experiencing the comradery that comes from playing in any team sport. MAHA's apparent vision would take this away from our players.