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Special points of Interest:

- CGAA Bingo
- Hockey Fest
- Special Election
- Fundraising Information
- Ice Swap



Mark Your Calendars!

December 6
7 p.m. at VFW
VP Vote at General
Membership Meeting

December 11
10:00 AM – Noon
Simek's order pick-up
at High School

January 30, 2005
Hockey Fest!
(Raffle Tickets to go on
sale mid-December.)

CGAA Bingo Hall

On Sat. Nov 20, 2004 Members of the Cottage Grove Athletic Association assembled at the CGAA Bingo Hall to discuss Bingo and the down turn in business. The meeting basically had two parts. The first was a town hall type meeting in which the Bingo Employees could feel comfortable bringing issues to the table in an open forum. This part of the meeting was very interesting. There were a lot of concerns the employees had, too numerous to list for this letter. The main theme that resonated was that management is not listening to employee concerns or willing to act on employee suggestions. It is for this reason that CGAA has formed a Bingo Committee. This Committees charter is to act on viable improvements and address employee concerns.

The second part of the meeting had to do with how to get more people playing bingo. There were many great ideas that flowed from the general membership. Ideas like:

1. Cut some working hours, beginning January 1, 2005.
2. Development of a system for the divisions to get the word out to the general public.
3. Develop low cost advertising outlets.
4. Let CGAA employees play.
5. Yaritz fundraiser that could involve all divisions and increase personal contact with the public.
6. Change the plan for determining of when and what pull tab games should be pulled.
7. Have a special pull tab workers meeting with the gambling committee.
8. Have a new and better-located pull tab sign at the Rodeo.
9. Institute a Gambling committee suggestion box.
10. Develop a system to contact those weekend players who normally do not attend sessions during the week.
11. Restart late night bingo.
12. Perfect the coupon system.
13. Develop better incentives for groups.
14. Develop a punch card system.
15. Late night coverall?
16. Bigger game choice?
17. Develop a program to contact senior centers, retirement groups and churches.
18. Van for group transportation?
19. Red, white and blue games?
20. Modify early bird program.
21. Develop new/special treatment for new customers.
22. Develop beginner-training sessions for new players.
23. New Years Eve funding.

The situation at the Hall is a serious one and if we are to keep the cost of Hockey where it is, we need to turn things around fast. I appreciate those of you that took the time and brought your suggestions but there is still more you can do. If you think of any ideas that may improve the situation at the hall please contact the Gambling Committee Chairman Gary Sova at gmsova@comcast.net.

Respectfully,
Mike Gutterman

Hockey Fest

Hockey Fest 2005 will be on Sunday, January 30 from noon to 5:00pm. Hockey Fest has something for everyone! At the arena you will see the younger teams putting on exciting exhibition games all day. In between games you will want to try your hand at Chuck-A-Puck. After the game, be sure to head over to the high school cafeteria to play carnival games and to try your luck at the cakewalk. While you're there, you'll want to pick out a delicious treat from our bake sale to take home. You'll also want to check out all the fabulous items we have at our silent auction. Don't forget to support your team in the hot dog eating contest. The winning team takes home bragging rights and the hot dog eating contest trophy for the next year. As you can see, there is something for everyone! Come out and spend the day and support CGHA.

Raffle tickets will be distributed to the teams in mid-December and will be on sale until mid-January. Watch for information on all the new and exciting prizes being offered as part of Hockey Fest 2005.

We are always looking for donations and volunteers for Hockey Fest. For more information, please contact Leah Moreland, 459-5642, or Amy Listner, 458-3899.

COTTAGE GROVE HOCKEY
ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Special Election!

The vote will be cast at the December 6th meeting for Vice President. All current CGHA members are encouraged to attend. All General Membership meetings are held at the VFW Red Barn, at 7 p.m.

*Stocking Stuffer!
Cottage Grove Hockey
window clings on sale at the
concession stand for \$2.00!*

Fundraising Information

The Cottage Grove Hockey Association would like to thank the Cottage Grove Business Community and surrounding businesses for their donations to the CGHA Annual Hockey Dance! We specifically recognize the generosity of the following:

Advanced Sportswear, Anchor Bank, Bella Pizza, Bonfire in Woodbury, Catch-A-Tan, Champps in Woodbury, Country Inn & Suites, Courtyard By Marriott in Mendota Heights, Cub Foods, Curves, Dennis Brothers Liquors, DeMori's, Ed's Trophies, Family Dollar, Hansen's Auto Care, Healthy Inspirations, Minnesota Wild, Minnesota Vikings, Park Café, Perkins, Rainbow Foods, Rocco's Pizza, The Rodeo, Sunsets in Woodbury, TCF Bank, TGIF in Woodbury, The Body Source, The New Moon, Treasure Island Resort & Casino, and Wells Fargo Bank.

Kudos to all of you for your continued support!

Reminder for Simek's order pick-up:

Date & Time: Saturday, December 11 from 10:00am to Noon

Location: In front of Park High School

If anyone cannot make this time, please notify Kathy Bergloff at 651-458-9322, to make other arrangements.

*To submit a story for the
Greenline, please send it to:
keys@usfamily.net*

*Submissions are subject to
approval and editing.*

*Deadline for the January issue
is 12/27.*

Ice Swap

There is a new feature added to the CGHA website – Ice Time Swap! The link is located on the lower left-hand side of the home page, below the team Calendars selection. Once there, you are able to place a time you'd either like to sell or trade with another team, or view available times to buy or trade from another team.

Your request will be listed for 14 days. Until the Ice Time Swap is officially registered with the ice coordinator (Team Manager), by both parties, the requestor will continue to be liable for the cost.