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Mark Your Calendars!

- September 11th – 7:00 PM, General Membership Meeting, VFW Red Barn
- September 12th – Get out and VOTE!
- October 1st – Varsity/JV Girls Spaghetti Dinner, (flyer attached)
- October 27th – CGHA Face-Off Dance, VFW Red Barn

Letter from the President

Dear CGHA Member,

Welcome to another hockey season in the Grove! Whether you are new to the association or a long standing member, there is a lot of activity at this time of year. More than ever, we are able to keep the lines of communication open, bringing you up to date and answering your questions. We have a great website, managed by Jeff Miner, which has everything you may want to know about the upcoming season, including current clinic and tryout times. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the website and the wealth of information available there: <http://www.cghockey.com/index.html>.

In addition to the website, Renae Villari publishes our monthly newsletter, the "Greenline", offering you information about the goings on in the association and some of the "inside scoops". Please feel free to submit your story ideas or team information to Renae at r_villari@msn.com.

Your volunteer time is critical to the success of our association and all types and levels of talent are needed. You don't have to be a coach, board member or internet guru to contribute. Check out the many committee openings and volunteer opportunities listed on our website; or when teams are picked, find some time to be a manager or coordinate fund raising activities. Your personal involvement will not only make the winter speed by, it will make your youth hockey experience more valuable for you and your family! Thank you in advance for time – you're commitment is greatly appreciated!

On Tuesday, September 12th, please get out and vote! This is an important referendum that addresses a number of real needs within the district. CGAA and CGHA support this referendum as it includes athletic facilities and additional opportunities for our students at the new high school! Detailed information, such as where to vote and what a "Yes" vote will mean to our students, can be found at the South Washington County Schools website. For more information, please go to: <http://www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/>.

CGAA is our governing body and supports the activities of CGHA through the proceeds of charitable gambling. The Bingo Hall is located next to Rainbow Foods in Cottage Grove. Please take a minute to stop by and visit one of the best Bingo sites in Minnesota! Better yet, grab a friend or neighbor and go down and play a few rounds of Bingo - remember it's for the kids!

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(Letter from the President continued)

Long standing CGAA President, Al Boche, has recently retired and a new President, Brad Bacon, has been elected to lead the charge. For many of us who have been involved in CGAA, Al will be missed. His dedication and commitment to youth athletics in Cottage Grove is legendary. Fortunately, Al is staying in Cottage Grove and we will continue to "tap into" him for his expertise. Thanks to Al for all of your hard work and best wishes to Brad as he moves into the role of President!

You will hear more on this in the near future, but we are closer than ever to moving forward with the planning and construction of a second sheet of ice to our existing facility. This will help us meet our future ice demands, increase our tournament activity and reduce those trips outside of Cottage Grove for practice time. Along with this, we have formed a player and coach development committee with the sole mission of improving the skills, facilities and equipment for our coaches and players. This group will act as a resource for coaches so we can enhance practice time and further develop the skills of our players. A big "thanks" to Doug Keys and Jay Moser for their efforts to get this up and running for the upcoming season.

Lastly, and more so than ever, we as parents need to remember that we are doing this for our kids! Please maintain good sportsmanship throughout the season, especially as tryouts and the season begins. I have asked Board Members and will continue to ask our Membership to take on the role of "Good Will Ambassadors". For those of us who get "too excited", and focus our frustrations on a coach, referee or player, please take responsibility to politely remind ourselves and each other to put things in perspective and keep hockey fun for our kids. I encourage you to enjoy the games and the great level of skill that the players display. We have a variety of ways to review concerns or issues. Let's follow those procedures and not do anything in public that diminishes the hard work and dedication of the CGHA Membership. And as always, please feel free to contact any Board Member with any questions or concerns you may have at any time. Contact phone numbers and e-mails are available on the website or in the Greenline.

Good luck and best wishes for a great hockey season!

Regards,
Gary Sova
CGHA President

HOCKEY HUMOR:

In the middle of a game, a coach called one of his 7 year old hockey players aside and asked, "Do you understand what cooperation is and what a team is? Do you understand that what matters is not who wins or loses but how you play together as a team?" The player nodded yes, yes and yes.

"So", the coach continued, "I'm sure you know that when a penalty is called you should not argue, curse or attack the referee?" Again, the player nodded yes.

He continued, "And, when I call you off the ice so another person has a chance to play, it's not good sportsmanship to curse and call your coach a dumb jerk, is it?" The Player again nods in affirmation.

"Good - now, please go over there and explain all that to your mom..."

What's New for 2006 - 2007

NEW HELMET RULE: Minnesota Hockey passed a mandatory helmet rule effective September 1, 2006, for all on ice coaches, helpers and skills instructors. Helmets must be worn for all ice activities including but not limited to indoor ice and outdoor ice. Coaches are not required to wear a helmet during the handshake following a game.

Concession Stand Workers

Would you like to work in the concession stand this year? Have you worked in past years but would like a refresher on procedures, and how machines work? For more information and training on working the concession stand, please call Sue Durden, 651-459-5807 or Karen Keys, 768-0638 to schedule a time to discuss this opportunity.

Remember, working in the concession stand reduces your individual ice bill for U10/Squirt and above.

Fundraising

CGHA's Annual Face-Off Dance will be held Oct 27 at the VFW Red Barn. Anyone interested in helping with the dance or other fundraising opportunities can call Diana Moreno at 459-4369

COTTAGE GROVE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

2006-07 Board Members

President.....	Gary Sova	459-1133
Vice President.....	Steve Morse	480-8539
Budget Director.....	Julie Sova	459-1133
A-B Director.....	Dave Pierre	459-0610
C Director.....	Mike Gutterman	459-0862
Girls Program Director...	Brent Pinault	768-9510
Mite-Termite Director.....	Scott Strand	768-8807
Registrar/Secretary.....	Kevin Oppold	768-8644

*To submit a story for the Greenline, please send it to: r_villari@msn.com
Submissions are subject to approval and editing.*

Committee Chairpersons

ACE Coordinator.....	Steve Morse	480-8539
Concession Stand Mgr..	Jay Jannetto	952-365-8378
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Equipment Manager.....	Dave Johnson	458-8410
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Greenline Editor.....	Renae Villari	458-9420
Hockey Fest.....	Mikki Dorma	458-3899
Ice Arena Manager.....	Zac Dockter	458-3400
Ice Manager.....	Bruce Hill	459-7044
Referee Coordinator.....	Ken Atkinson	459-3083
S.K.A.T.E Coordinator....	Mary Gutterman	459-0862
Tournament Dir.....	Deb Goodmanson	769-2450
Web Master.....	Jeff Miner	734-0864

The Cottage Grove Athletic Association is involved in charitable gambling. Board meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at which gambling issues are discussed. All active members of more than 6 months have the right to vote on any gambling issues. These meetings are held at 7282 E. Pt. Douglas Road, Suite 100 Cottage Grove, Minnesota 55016 at 7:00 p.m.





PARK GIRLS HOCKEY TEAM INVITES
YOU TO JOIN THEM
ON SUNDAY, OCT 1ST AT THE VFW RED BARN
FOR A DAY OF FUN!



SPAGHETTI DINNER

12:00 – 5:00

\$10.00 Adults

\$5.00 Children 12 and younger

call for tickets 458-3614 or contact one of the players

Balloon prizes for the kids

Shoot the puck

Face painting

Silent Auction on several theme baskets

And more!



TX HOLD EM TOURNAMENT

Your chance to play em like you got em!

1:00 - ? (check in time is no later than 12:30)

Come early so you can get some spaghetti!

Free entry – prizes for 1st , 2nd and 3rd place!

If you need a refreshment from the bar you never have to leave your seat!

Watch the football game while you play!

Must be registered in advance (contact Mike at 651-458-5446

or email: mikesandg@comcast.net)

players must be 18 years or older

