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End of an Era



LLM 1998 - 2006

Meeting Notice:

Monday • 8/7/06 • 7 PM
Tsongas Arena •
Devil's Den Clubroom
Lowell, MA
(Use East Entrance)

**Daniel O'Grady
President**

Welcome back to all Booster Club members!!! It's that time again, time to renew your membership and enjoy being part of one of the best booster clubs in the AHL. This year is one of new beginnings. With a new ownership by NJ Devils, the Lowell Team is now the Lowell Devils. With this inaugural season approaching, we must keep all of our great memories of the Lock Monsters and start some new ones with our new Devils team.

With a couple of months off, it's now time to start refocusing on getting back into "hockey" mode!!! Over the past couple of months, the booster club has been busy starting to plan for the upcoming season. This entails scheduling a meeting with the Devils Front Office, the Executive Board meeting together and cleaning things up to prepare for the new season. As many of you are aware, our club will be hosting the 2007 AHLBCC Convention in Lowell. We have already started the planning a few months ago and will have some information at the August General Meeting. After about 10 or so club members attend this year's convention in Philly, we will

New Beginnings!!!

**Phyllis O'Grady
Editor**

Hey Lowell fans: are you ready for some hockey? Starting next month we will have the great honor of having our very own AHL team at the Tsongas arena. This year for the first time ever, an NHL game will be held to open our hockey season right on our home ice in Lowell. How exciting is that? I hope all you full season and half season ticket holders have renewed your commitment to support our Lowell hockey team. I know I was one of the half season ticket holders who bumped up to a full season to keep hockey in the city. I also know I'm looking forward to an action packed season by getting to watch another East Coast affiliate team hit the ice in our own back yard! What a great time to be involved with hockey. The Devils will need us to cheer them on in the upcoming months. I hope you will be at the Tsongas arena with me this season. See you on September 17th!

BTW: I also look forward to a fun filled year as the editor of this newsletter!!! I encourage members to submit articles to me at media@lockmonstersbc.com.

Almost on the Bench!!!

have some good insight to share at the September meeting as well as some great stories!!!

There will be discussion at the August meeting about our club name and possible suggestions as to a new name for our organization. I believe that since we are now supporting a new AHL Team our name should somehow reflect this. We will have members of the Lowell Devils organization available at the August meeting to talk with us about some of the upcoming changes this season as well as what we can expect during this inaugural Lowell Devils year.

I have a positive feeling about this new season that we are about to embark upon. I value each members suggestions as well as abilities to help make this an even better organization. I would encourage members to approach me with any problems or issues that they may encounter in the club as well as being able to send me a quick email that I will respond back to. Again, welcome back everyone and I look forward to seeing you all back!!!

~Daniel

Read about the Executive Board position that is Currently vacant on page 3. Any members in good Standing are encouraged to run for this position!!!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Booster Club members!

Have you renewed your membership for the upcoming season?

All LLMBC memberships must be renewed for the 2006-2007 season.

Membership renewal forms are enclosed in this newsletter or are also available on the web site: www.lockmonstersbc.com.

Please fill it out and mail it or bring it to the next General Meeting.



2006-2007 Lowell Devils AHL Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Sat	October 7	ALBANY	7:05p	Fri	January 19	@ Worcester	7:00p
Sat	October 14	HARTFORD	7:05p	Sat	January 20	HARTFORD	7:05p
Sun	October 15	WORCESTER	4:05p	Sun	January 21	WORCESTER	4:05p
Fri	October 20	@ Portland	7:05p	Fri	January 26	@ Springfield	7:35p
Sat	October 21	@ Worcester	7:00p	Sat	January 27	PORTLAND	7:05p
Fri	October 27	@ Springfield	7:35p	Fri	February 2	MANCHESTER	7:05p
Sat	October 28	SPRINGFIELD	2:05p	Sat	February 3	HERSHEY	7:05p
Fri	November 3	@ Manchester	7:35p	Wed	February 7	SPRINGFIELD	7:05p
Sat	November 4	@ Binghamton	7:05p	Fri	February 9	@ Manchester	7:35p
Sun	November 5	SPRINGFIELD	4:05p	Sat	February 10	@ Bridgeport	7:00p
Fri	November 10	MANCHESTER	7:05p	Sun	February 11	@ Providence	4:05p
Sat	November 11	NORFOLK	7:05p	Wed	February 14	@ Hartford	7:00p
Sun	November 12	@ Hartford	4:00p	Fri	February 16	@ Bridgeport	7:30p
Fri	November 17	@ Manchester	7:35p	Sat	February 17	BRIDGEPORT	7:05p
Sat	November 18	@ Portland	7:05p	Sun	February 18	@ Springfield	4:05p
Sun	November 19	WORCESTER	4:05p	Wed	February 21	WORCESTER	7:05p
Wed	November 22	@ Hershey	7:00p	Fri	February 23	HARTFORD	7:05p
Fri	November 24	PORTLAND	7:05p	Sat	February 24	BRIDGEPORT	2:05p
Sat	November 25	@ Albany	7:00p	Sun	February 25	@ Portland	4:05p
Sun	November 26	PROVIDENCE	4:05p	Fri	March 2	NORFOLK	7:05p
Wed	November 29	BINGHAMTON	7:05p	Sat	March 3	PROVIDENCE	7:05p
Fri	December 1	@ Providence	7:05p	Wed	March 7	ALBANY	7:05p
Sat	December 2	BRIDGEPORT	7:05p	Fri	March 9	@ Albany	7:00p
Sun	December 3	SPRINGFIELD	4:05p	Sat	March 10	@ Hartford	7:00p
Wed	December 6	@ Springfield	7:05p	Sun	March 11	@ Providence	4:05p
Fri	December 8	@ Manchester	7:35p	Wed	March 14	SPRINGFIELD	7:05p
Sat	December 9	@ Hartford	7:00p	Fri	March 16	PORTLAND	7:05p
Fri	December 15	@ Providence	7:05p	Sun	March 18	HARTFORD	4:05p
Sat	December 16	@ Bridgeport	7:00p	Fri	March 23	@ Portland	7:05p
Sun	December 17	PROVIDENCE	4:05p	Sat	March 24	MANCHESTER	7:05p
Wed	December 20	MANCHESTER	7:05p	Wed	March 28	@ Springfield	7:05p
Sat	December 23	@ Worcester	7:00p	Fri	March 30	PORTLAND	7:05p
Wed	December 27	MANCHESTER	7:05p	Sat	March 31	PROVIDENCE	7:05p
Fri	December 29	@ Norfolk	7:15p	Sun	April 1	@ Providence	4:05p
Sat	December 30	@ Philadelphia	7:05p	Fri	April 6	@ Manchester	7:35p
Fri	January 5	@ Philadelphia	7:05p	Sat	April 7	PROVIDENCE	7:05p
Sat	January 6	@ Norfolk	7:15p	Wed	April 11	@ Worcester	7:00p
Fri	January 12	PHILADELPHIA	7:05p	Fri	April 13	PORTLAND	7:05p
Sun	January 14	PHILADELPHIA	2:05p	Sat	April 14	@ Portland	7:05p
Mon	January 15	WORCESTER	2:05p	Sun	April 15	@ Worcester	4:00p

*Home games in CAPS and BOLD

Devils & Monsters

Ilene Tatroe

What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.

Romeo and Juliet, Act ii, Sc. 2; William Shakespeare
Or, perhaps, had he been a Lowell Lock Monsters fan, Old Wil would have written:

What's in a name? That which we call a Lowell AHL team by any other name would smell as sweetly.

For the past 8 years (or, for some of us, less), we have called ourselves Lock Monsters fans. We've greeted our own friendly purple dinosaur – I mean, monster – at every home game. We've proudly worn the Color Purple in our t-shirts and on our jerseys.

But this October, when Lowell takes to the ice, we will become – dare I say it? Yes, Devils Worshipers. For the Lowell Lock Monsters are no more, going out in a puff of smoke (while their big daddy Carolina Hurricanes blew in to win the Stanley Cup with gale winds). The Lowell

Devils have risen from the ashes to skate on Tsongas ice.

As a 'Monsters fan (and someone who doesn't particularly love the New Jersey Devils in general), the name change and the logo change hurt. They serve as a reminder that we no longer live in the Land of Louie. They tell us that we're no longer an "independent" team that attracts one NHL team (or more) a season to skate their prospects on our ice. We're owned by the Devils, and our name and logo will remind us of that every day of hockey season (or, for those of us who eat, breathe, and sleep hockey – every day).

But in the end, what have we lost? The front office roster remains pretty much in tact so far. And come October, there *will* be AHL skaters on the Tsongas ice. We still have a team to cheer for, even if they aren't the play-on-words Lowellian name of the "Lock Monsters." (For those who were unaware: Lowell has canals with locks. The Loch Ness Monster lives in a lake in Scotland. And thus we get Lock Monster.)

In the end, it's still AHL hockey at the Tsongas. And we'll still be there in October to cheer the team on. The name of the team just doesn't matter.

The LLMBC Charity Golf Tournament has been cancelled this year due to unforeseen circumstances. We hope to be back on the links next year with another Great tournament. The LLMBC would like to thank all of the sponsors, participants and volunteers that have helped make this event a success every year!!!

July/August



Birthdays– July

Ray Baillargeon
Michelle Breneman
Brandon Clougherty
Kris Cormier
Emma Crawson
Edith Creasy
Sue Doyle
Petr Hadamovsky
Scott Isbell
Heather Joiner
Donald Jones
Robert Joyce
Andy Klempa
Steve Sylvia
Pam Walsh
LLM Chris Hajt
LLM Blue Bennefield
Anniversaries– July
Robbie & Susan Crawson

Birthdays– August

Nancy Baillargeon
Dot Blicher
Bill Bruner
Stephen Costa
Peg Dicey
Rob Hyatt
Tammy Martel
Diane Melanson
Phyllis O'Grady
Sara Robinson
Joyce Shultz
Wilis Spiller
Jim Travers
Anniversaries– August
Bob & Dot Blicher
Patrick & Allison Joyce
Mike & Ilene Tatroe

My apologies if I have forgotten anyone this month. If I have, just email the Editor.

LLMBC Internet Links:

Lowell Devils Hockey

www.lowelldevilshockey.com

Lowell Lock Monsters Booster Club

www.lockmonstersbc.com

American Hockey League

www.theahl.com

New Jersey Devils (NHL)

www.newjerseydevils.com

Lowell Devils Yahoo Group

sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/LowellDevils

AHL Boards

www.ahlboards.com

AHL2 Boards

s10.invisionfree.com/AHLBoards2

Events and Happenings

- ◆ **Booster Club General Meeting: Mon., Aug 7, 7 PM**
Tsongas Arena - Devil's Den Club Room - (Use the East Entrance)
- ◆ **Lowell Spinners Baseball Outing: Wed., Aug. 9, 7:05 PM**
LeLachur Park, Lowell MA (Lowell vs. Brooklyn Cyclones)
- ◆ **AHLBCC: Fri. - Sat., Sep. 8 - 10**
Sheraton Society Hill, Philadelphia PA

Booster Club Thoughts and Expressions

Congratulations to Petr & Laurie Hadamovsky on the birth of their daughter, Veronika Tereza Hadamovsky on May 31, 2006 at 11:53am in Emerson hospital Concord Ma. She was 7bs 6.5 oz and 21 inches.

Thank you to the many loyal fans that have supported Louie and the Lock Monsters Team over the past 8 seasons. Let's put that great effort in cheering on our new Devils Team!!!

Please get those renewals in for this new 2006-2007 year!!! Also, consider joining one of our committees this coming year, more info. at the general meeting and our website!!!

Executive Board position available:

The position of LLMBC Secretary is open right now. Grace Milot has stepped down and we have a vacancy that must be filled. Nominations will be accepted at both the August and September General Meetings with a Special Election for the position at the September Meeting. Any interested Booster Club Members in good standing are encouraged to run for this position.

The following describes the duties of Club Secretary:

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Booster Club. Said minutes shall be considered and approved at the next regular or board meeting. He or she shall conduct the general correspondence for the club and shall keep an accurate list of memberships and contact information for members. He or she shall keep an attendance record of all members at every meeting. He or she shall be a permanent member of the Membership Committee.

Booster Club Name Change???

With a new affiliation in town, it's time to consider changing the name of our club to reflect the team that we support!!!

There will be discussion under new business at the August General Meeting about our current organizational name and a probable change due to the new AHL Team here in Lowell.

This name change proposal requires an amendment to the clubs by-laws. The by-laws may be accepted and/or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership in attendance at two consecutive regular monthly meetings, provided a quorum is present

Next Meeting:
Monday • August 7, 2006 • 7 PM
Tsongas Arena Club Room • Lowell



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August 2006 Events

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		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 General Meeting Tsongas Arena 7 PM	8	9 Spinners Game LeLacheur Park 7:05 PM	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		