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LOWELL DEVILS HOCKEY!!!

Meeting Notice:

Monday • 9/11/06 • 7 PM
Tsongas Arena •
Devil's Den Clubroom
Lowell, MA
(Use East Entrance)

Almost on the Bench!!!

Daniel O'Grady
President

It's just another month until hockey season begins at the Tsongas Arena again. This will be the 9th season of professional hockey in Lowell!!! I know that I just can't wait...

We have already started our 8th season as a club and we have some changes in store. The September General Meeting will feature a second vote on changing our organizational name to reflect the team that we now support. We have had 7 great years as the Lock Monsters Booster Club but it is time to start a new relationship with the Lowell Devils hockey team and show them that they have our support, 100 percent!!!

The members will also be voting on a new club secretary in September. This is an important position on the Executive Board. We will also be talking more about committees within the club as you will read more about on page 2. Our club needs help to keep running and we would like to see more new members getting involved!!!

As I write this column, I am preparing to head down to Philly to attend the AHLBCC with 10 other

members of the LLMBC. This is a great get together held once a year and it is a good time for fellow booster clubs to exchange ideas as well as meet people from other AHL teams. As most of you have read, we are hosting the convention in Lowell next September and will need a lot of help from club members to accomplish this. An event like this takes months of planning and the work of volunteers to help make it a success!!! Please keep tuned for more information as the planning progresses.

One thing I would like to express to my fellow members is that of cooperation!!! We all must work as a team to help make this a successful year as well as to function as a club. Sometimes we must put our differences aside to help work towards the betterment of the organization as well as being able to accomplish goals. Members need to work together to help foster teamwork and develop pride in being a member of this club!!! I would also like to encourage members to help welcome new members into our organization and get them involved with some of our great committees and events!!! Together we can keep moving in the right direction!!! ~Daniel

Almost there!!!

Phyllis O'Grady
Editor

Fall is just around the corner as we anxiously await our new season of professional AHL hockey in Lowell. The Lowell Devils will be at the Tsongas before we realize it. Lets all rally around our new team to kick some ice and skate their way to the top of the standings and stay there! The coaching staff has been assigned and I'm sure they are as excited as we are to get this team up and skating.

Some Lowell Boosters will be attending the convention this week in Philly. That'll be a great time to network with other clubs and make some memorable friendships with other hockey lovers. There'll be many events to participate in and an opportunity to adventure out to the local areas and enjoy their culture. Have a great time to those attending and bring back some stories to share with members who could not make it. We'll have the honor of hosting the '07 convention making this event accessible to more Lowell Boosters. GO DEVILS!

Vote on the LLMBC name change and a new Club Secretary at the September 11th Meeting!!!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Booster Club members!

Have you renewed your membership for the upcoming season?

All LLMBC memberships were due for renewal on August 1st.

Membership renewal forms are available on the web site:
www.lockmonstersbc.com.

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



Committees are important!!!

Most of what gets accomplished by the Booster Club is done through committees that are an important part of how our club operates. Without these committees and members that volunteer their time and efforts, not too much would be accomplished and members would be sitting through 4-6 hour general meetings every month.

There are several committees that are active throughout the year and just because hockey is over in April/May does not mean that we are not meeting throughout the summer planning things for the upcoming season. Some of the committees that meet throughout the year are the Golf Committee, Convention Committee, Scholarship Committee, Hospitality Committee, and others as needed. Some members do not know exactly what each committee does so we will explain them here for members to understand.

The Hospitality and Player Relations Committee: Plans special functions, including the potluck supper and end of the year banquet. This committee is important as it plans some of our clubs big functions as well as hosting visiting Booster Clubs when they are in Lowell for a game.

The Fund Raising Committee: Researches and submits fund raising ideas to the Board & members. Organizes fund-raising efforts. This will be an important committee this year as we need to raise money for hosting the AAHLBC Convention next September, any operating costs that we have as well as any charity organizations that we support

The Public Relations/Editorial Committee: Makes the public aware of the Booster Club & its purpose; responsible for the publication of the monthly newsletter and the Booster Club's website. Members are encouraged to submit materials to the Editor for inclusion in the newsletter. This committee will work with both the Newsletter Editor as well as Website Administrator. This is where we help get information to our members as well as other clubs.

The Road Trip Committee: Plans trips to away games. This committee will be responsible for planning any of the Booster Club trips, this includes away games, the Annual All-Star game or any other trip that may require transportation as well as accommodations.

The Golf Tournament Committee: Plans annual charity golf tournament. This committee will help plan the annual charity golf tournament as well as selecting the charity the tournament will benefit. The members of this committee also select a scholarship committee each year to help choose recipients of the booster club scholarship awards.

The Membership Committee: Coordinate staffing of Booster Club table at home games; solicits and enrolls new members; maintains database of members and compiles membership roster. This is the committee that helps with keeping the Booster Club operating and generates new members through contacts as well as information set up at the Booster Club table set up in the Tsongas Arena.

The By-Laws Committee: Reviews By-laws annually. Makes suggestions for Amendments to be voted on at fall general meetings; investigates, reports and suggests actions to the Board in regards to alleged violations of the Booster Club's Code of Conduct & By-laws. This is a special committee that meets to help govern the Booster Club.

As you can see, these committees accomplish the bulk of work as an organization and require the time and efforts of our members to help keep running. Many of these committees will be starting up again for this year and we will need you to be a big part of that. Each of these committees meets at different times, they usually try to accommodate members schedules and will report back to the Executive Board as to their progress. We are going to need people to sign up to help run and work on these committees. We will be publishing the names of each chairman on the website as soon as they are chosen as well as an email address for that committee.

Please consider helping out the Booster club this year. If there is a committee that interests you, please sign up at the next meeting or contact the Booster Club either by phone: 603-898-6406 or email: mail@lockmonstersbc.com today!!! We need your help !!!

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AHL introduces visor rule

Ilene Tatroe

Portland Pirate defenseman Jordan Smith ended his professional hockey career last season at age 20.

Lowell Lock Monster Jeff Libby retired from professional hockey in 1998 at age 24.

Both players were forced to retire after experiencing serious eye injuries; something the AHL undoubtedly hopes to make a thing of the past as they introduce a requirement for all AHL players, regardless of age or experience, to wear league-approved visors when they hit the ice this fall.

Visors are a much-debated piece of equipment in professional hockey. Although they can save players from vision loss (temporary or, as we've seen, career-ending), visors are often something many professional players decline to wear. Some have claimed visors inhibit their vision (but not as much as an eye injury could), their ability to score (tell that to Alexander Ovechkin and his 106 points in his rookie season – with a visor), and reportedly their toughness.

Will mandatory visors in the AHL mean they come to an NHL rink near you anytime soon? While it's possible that an increase in NHL visor-wear among former AHL players could result in this requirement, it's unlikely. College and Junior teams in the US and Canada require visors or face masks, yet a number of players who came up through those systems have abandoned the eye shields when they've hit the professional ranks.

Visors in the NHL also require NHLPA approval (something that has been left off the past CBA negotiations). As the August 2006 edition of *The Hockey News* reported, NHL players have said they prefer the personal choice and many are willing to take the risk.

But a rule is a rule, and AHL players no longer have the choice. For those who may fear they look less tough with their visors, they need only remember that everyone else around them – from the leading scorer to the guy with the fists of steel – is wearing them too. And off the ice, the crowd doesn't think they look wimpier either – as long as they skate hard, score goals, and win games.

September Celebrations



Birthdays

James Barbato
 Michael Breneman
 Woody Corcoran
 Bob Dicey
 Darren Dumas
 Tricia Dwornick
 Jacob Freer
 Gregory Gibson
 Judson Greene
 Colin Greene
 Laurie Hadamovsky
 Dan MacConnell
 Linda Major
 Tanya Marais
 Geno Mathews
 Chuck McPherson
 Lindsey Recka
 Kevin Rogers
 Russell Lydon— belated

Anniversaries

Richard & Grace Milot
 Tom & Phyllis O'Grady
 Frederick & Janet Pohl

Booster Club pin designs

Members are encouraged to bring a pin design to the September General Meeting!!! We need designs for our 2006-2007 Member Pins. Please try to limit the colors on each design and remember the upcoming vote on the Booster Club name change. All pin designs will be considered. Use your talents to create an awesome members pin for this year!!!

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

- ◆ **AHLBCC: Fri. - Sat., Sept. 8 - 10**
 Sheraton Society Hill, Philadelphia PA
- ◆ **Booster Club General Meeting: Mon., Sept. 11, 7 PM**
 Tsongas Arena - Devil's Den Club Room - (Use the East Entrance)
- ◆ **Convention Committee Meeting: Wed., Sept. 27, 7 PM**
 105 Litchfield Ave, Dracut MA (email bossacserb@aol.com for directions)

Booster Club Thoughts and Expressions

Please continue to get in those renewals in for this new 2006-2007 year!!! The Booster Club needs members like you to continue our great support this coming season!!!

With the coaching staff now set, the Devils are getting closer to starting their season. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet for this upcoming season, don't wait!!!

Thank you to Chip Hanuscik, AHLBCC Chairman, for taking time out to visit with the Convention Committee last week in Lowell. Also, a thank you to the members of the committee who have been busy planning a great time in Lowell next year!!!

Executive Board position still available:

The position of LLMBC Secretary is open right now. Nominations will be re-opened at the 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.

Tanya Marais has accepted her nomination
Marcia Dwornick has declined her nomination

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 2nd Vote

The LLMBC Members in attendance at the August General meeting held a 1st vote on the changing of our Booster Club name to the Lowell Devils Booster Club. Any reference to the Lowell Lock Monsters in our by-laws will be changed to state the Lowell Devils. We need to hold a 2nd vote at the September meeting to ratify this proposal. All interested members are encouraged to attend the September General meeting. *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 • September 11, 2006 • 7 PM
Tsongas Arena Club Room • Lowell



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September 2006 Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8 AHLBCC Philadelphia PA	9 AHLBCC Philadelphia PA
10 AHLBCC Philadelphia PA	11 General Meeting Tsongas Arena 7 PM	12	13	14	15	16
17 PreSeason NJ vs. BOS 1 PM	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			vs. =Home Game @ =Away Game			