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Almost on the Bench!!!

Daniel O'Grady
President

You can almost hear the sound of a puck hitting the glass as hockey season gets even closer. With a little more than a month away from opening night on October 11th, the LDBC is hard at work trying to plan out the coming season's worth of activities. Now that the AHL schedule has been released and read by all, the work of putting things together will take place.

The LDBC has group tickets available for the All Star Classic in Worcester during the month of January and we will have sign up's soon for a Bruins vs. Devils NHL game in Boston with the Devils Fan Club in March. The LDBC has looked at the schedule and would like to plan a bus trip or two as well as group tickets. There are a few options that have come up and will be discussed at the September General Meeting. It will be nice to get our members out to some Lowell Devils games on the road...

Speaking of Monday's meeting, I hope that we will have a decent showing of members there. As is often the case in August and September, our schedule competes with the Lowell Spinners home game schedule. At this time, the Spinners are in the playoffs. Congratulations!!! The first playoff game

happens to fall on Sept. 8th so I hope to see at least a few of our members at the meeting that night. I know that the rest will be in the stands cheering on the Lowell Spinners as they look to advance in the playoffs this year!!!

The LDBC has 14 members that will be attending the AAHLBC Convention in Scranton PA this month. I know that the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Booster Club will do an great job of hosting convention this year. After the awesome job that the members of the LDBC did last year, I hope that they get a chance to have a good time and relax down in PA. We should have a good report at the meeting.

Memberships renewals are due this month. I hope that everyone sends in their forms to renew... The rates have stayed the same this year and the only real visible change is that we are going to email the newsletters out starting next month. This should save the LDBC a little money on postage and supplies. I encourage you to get your friends and neighbors to join the LDBC and help support Lowell Devils Hockey!!! ~Daniel

Information in this edition:

- Membership Renewals
- ALL Star Classic
- August Meeting Minutes

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SUPPORTING



LOWELL DEVILS HOCKEY!!!

Meeting Notice:

Monday • 9/8/08 • 7 PM
Tsongas Arena Clubroom
Lowell, MA
(Use East Entrance)

Life is Good!!!

Phyllis O'Grady
Editor

It won't be long now before we hear the puck hit the ice and hockey sticks clacking together. Have you given Chris Ciceri a contact name he can call yet? This is one way we can help the organization fill the seats with season ticket holders. If we all pass on a name or two of hockey minded sports fans, the arena will be filled in no time! It's a way to thank the organization for all they've done for us as a booster club and a way to increase revenue for the arena. More revenue means potentially more events for us fans. Surely you know a garage owner or a small or large business owner who could benefit from buying one or more season tickets for his company. I challenge all our members and those who read this newsletter to give Chris a call with one name. We can start there and maybe give more contact names in the near future. If we want AHL hockey to thrive and continue in Lowell, we must all help to get those seats sold. GO DEVILS !!

Dave's Trivia

How much did the worlds oldest hockey stick sell for on eBay in Dec 2006?

- A. \$10,000 CDN
- B. \$100,000 CDN
- C. \$1 million CDN
- D. more than \$2 million CDN

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Membership renewals

All LDBC Memberships expire
on Aug 31, 2008

Please renew your membership!!!
New Membership forms are included in this September newsletter. Membership rates are the same as last year. Please return the enclosed form with payment: by mail, at the meeting or at the LDBC Table at the Tsongas Arena. Thanks.

**Lowell Devils Booster Club
General Meeting Minutes
Monday August 4th, 2008
Attendance 23**

President:

Dan O' Grady welcomed everyone to the meeting. To celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Booster club, Dan and Colleen MacConnell brought in a cake and Dan O'Grady brought in Ice cream and bottles of water. Dan said he is going to try to plan some events around the booster club's anniversary date. Please submit any ideas.

Vice President:

Roger Morrisette talked about possible trips. We will probably get group tickets to the AHL All-Star game. Tickets are \$32 and \$40. One ticket will get you in both games. Also, Roger talked about some possible group tickets to see the Boston Bruins. Possible bus trips to see the Lowell Devils on the road and a NJ Devils game were also discussed.

Secretary:

Colleen MacConnell read the minutes, motion to accept by Dan MacConnell, 2nd by Mike Breneman, Motion Passes.

Treasurer:

Jim Freer read the report. Beginning balance \$2519.65, ending balance \$1958.36. Motion to accept by Dan MacConnell, 2nd by Arlene Huard. Motion passes. Discussion was held on Calendar Raffle, we would like to get it out earlier this year. We have a Scott Stevens NJ Devils jersey that we can raffle at a game. The club needs ideas for fundraising, i.e.: bake sale, car was, etc... Please contact the booster club with any fundraising ideas or come to the next Fundraising Committee Meeting, TBA.

Executive Chair:

Tricia Indelicato had no events yet, because the AHL schedule has not been released yet. First event would be the Pot Luck Dinner in November.

Old Business:

*Pin design was updated. The pin design selected in August could not be used, we discussed a few new ones and one of the three was selected by members. The new design features crossed hockey sticks in the middle.

New Business:

*New membership forms will be available next month. They will be mailed with the newsletter and also available online.

*Membership rates for the 2008-09 year- should they stay the same or increase. It was discussed that raising the price by \$5.00 would help give more to the club. We need to get membership up this year. Motion to keep the membership rates the same this year by Mike Breneman, 2nd by Kevin Rogers. Motion passes.

Membership Rates for 2008-2009

Family members \$25.00 • Double members \$20.00
Single member \$15.00 • Junior member \$5.00

*Discussion on newsletter, postal rates are increasing and other clubs have it available through email and online. We will choose to send newsletter to members through email. Additional copies will be available at the LDBC Table at home games.

*Tricia Indelicato is participating in the Boston Marathon-Jimmy Fund Walk on September 21st and would like to ask the club for a donation to help this charity. Discussion on donating money to this charity was held. Motion to donate \$150 to the Jimmy Fund Walk by Bill Bruner, 2nd by Arlene Huard. Motion passes.

*Phyllis O'Grady discussed that the Veteran's have a need for coffee and other items. She wanted to see if the booster club could help out with this. The members have asked for more information, Phyllis will check with the Veteran's Group and have more information at the next meeting.

Player of the Month:

*None

50/50 Raffle:

*Winner- Roger Morrisette for \$25.00 and \$24.00 goes to the club.

Motion to Adjourn:

*Motion by Dan MacConnell, 2nd by Arlene Huard.
Motion passes.

Next Meeting- Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7 PM - Tsongas Arena Clubrooms

**AHL All Star Classic
Worcester MA
January 25 & 26, 2009**

The LDBC has reserved 50 seats at the All Star Classic in Worcester MA. Tickets are \$40 each and are for both the Skills Competition and the All Star Game. The events are: Skills Competition, 4 PM on Sunday, 1/25 and also the All Star Game, 7 PM on Monday, 1/26. These both take place at the DCU Center in Worcester. A form will be posted on the LDBC website to sign up for tickets starting on Monday, Oct. 8th. The deadline to sign up and pay for your tickets is Monday, Oct. 13th. A \$20 deposit is due at sign up and the balance is due by the deadline. You can mail in the form with payment, submit it at the next 2 general meetings or at the LDBC Table at the 1st home game.

**Anyone wanting to attend the Post-Skills Party - 6-10 PM on 1/25 or the Hockey Hall of Fame/AHL All-Star Classic Luncheon - 12:00 - 1:30 PM on 1/26 must make those arrangements separately. The Party is \$25 and the Luncheon is \$45. Hotel arrangements must be made separately as well. Please contact the LDBC with any questions.

September Celebrations



Birthdays:

Mike Breneman 9/1
Ryan Johnston 9/2
Jacob Freer 9/5
Kevin Noonan 9/9
Dan MacConnell 9/10
Laurie Hadamovsky 9/11
Linda Major 9/13
Donald Barren 9/15
Kevin Rogers 9/19
Tricia Indelicato 9/23
Greg Gibson 9/26
Tanya Marais 9/27

Anniversary:

Fred & Janet Pohl 9/12
Tom & Phyllis O'Grady 9/14
Rick & Grace Milot 9/24

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

Operation Troop Support Letter Writing Campaign

The MMBC and 106.3 FM are sponsoring a letter writing campaign for the military in Iraq and Afghanistan through the month of September and are asking for help.

You can support the letter writing campaign by having your family, friends or organization take a few minutes to write a letter in support of our troops. Letters will be accepted via US Mail (MMBC, PO Box 5488, Manchester, NH 03108) or the convenient online letter form located at <http://www.monarchsboosters.com/Military.html>

Let's show our support for our military and join in this letter writing campaign!!!

LDBC Internet Links:

Lowell Devils Hockey
www.lowelldevilshockey.com
Lowell Devils Booster Club
www.lowelldevilsbc.com
American Hockey League
www.theahl.com
New Jersey Devils (NHL)
www.newjerseydevils.com
Lowell Devils Yahoo Group
groups.yahoo.com/group/LowellDevils
AHL Boards
www.ahlboards.com
AHL Fans
www.ahlfans.net

Events and Happenings

- ◆ **AAHLBC: Fri-Sun., Sep 5-7**
Hilton Scranton & Conference Center - Scranton PA
- ◆ **Booster Club General Meeting: Mon., Sep 8, 7 PM**
Tsongas Arena - Club Room - (Use the East Entrance)
- ◆ **AHL All Star Classic: Sun & Mon., Jan 25-26**
DCU Center - Worcester MA

Booster Club Thoughts and Expressions

Condolences to Mike & Michelle Breneman on the passing of Mike's brother Ned in August. Ned Breneman was 50 years old and resided in Arlington MA.

Condolences to Roger & Francine Morrissette on the passing of Francine's brother Andre in August. Andre Lemire was 52 years old and resided in Dracut, MA.

Condolences to David & Annette Descoteaux on the passing of David's father Al in August. Albert "Al" Descoteaux was 80 years old and resided in Nashua, NH. Al was the owner of Flowers by Albert in Lowell.

Lowell Devils Pre-Season Schedule

Monday, Sept. 22nd [1:30 PM] vs. Philadelphia Phantoms
-The Virtua Center Flyers Skate Zone in Voorhees, NJ.

Tuesday, September 23rd [4:00 PM] vs. Philadelphia Phantoms
-AmeriHealth Pavilion at the Prudential Center in Newark, NJ.

Friday, Oct. 3rd [7:05 PM] vs. Providence Bruins
-Dunkin Donuts Center in Providence RI.

Saturday, Oct. 4th [7:00 PM] vs. Bridgeport Sound Tigers
-The Rinks at Shelton in Shelton CT.

Answer to Dave's Trivia: D. More than \$2 million CDN

Supporting your Devils Hockey Team

Get friends, family & co-workers to sign up for tickets this season and help make our Booster Club grow.

The Lowell Devils have several ticket packages available ranging from 5 and 10 tickets to full and half season packages. Information is available on their website or by calling the LD Front Office.

You can help the Devils by getting more fans into the seats at the arena. Let's get the arena hopping this season to cheer on your Lowell Devils at each and every home game! Go Devils!!!

September General Meeting:

Coming up at the September General Meeting are:

- All Star Classic
- Membership Renewals
- Bus Trips/Group Tickets
- General discussion & input from members

****All LDBC members, don't miss this next meeting on Monday, September 8th at 7PM in the Tsongas Arena Clubrooms!!!****

Next Meeting:
 Monday • September 8, 2008 • 7 PM
 Tsongas Arena Club Room • Lowell

****This newsletter will be sent by email****
****starting with the OCTOBER issue.****



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September 2008 Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 General Meeting Tsongas Arena 7:00 PM	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Pre-Season vs. PHI @ 1:30 PM Virtua Center Voorhees, NJ	22 Pre-Season vs. PHI @ 4:00 PM Prudential Pavilion Newark, NJ	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
			vs. =Home Game @ =Away Game			