

NSIHL Newsletter 2010

President's Message

Dear NSIHL Members,

To our existing members "Welcome back!" and to all our new members "Welcome aboard!" We are about to begin our 11th season as the North Shore Inline Hockey League Society. My name is Dave Randall, and I am the new President of the NSIHL (www.nsihl.com). Inline hockey is a fast game of non-contact, four-on-four, no off-sides hockey. It is full of creative playmaking and thrilling long floor passes. When played the way it should be, it is one of the most exiting games that a spectator can watch.

This year we lost Mike Smith, our past president of the league, who stepped down after many, many, many years of volunteering in the league. Mike was and still is a huge reason why this league is so successful. He has put in countless hours over the years shaping and molding this league to improve it so that everyone involved with NSIHL will have a great experience. It was amazing to see the patriotism that was shown by Canadians during the Olympics and Paralympics towards the athletes and the events. It may not be on the same scale or not to the same degree but I like to think that the members of NSIHL have a similar type of feeling about our league and the game of Inline Hockey. I would have to say that Mike has played a big part in developing this feeling and loyalty to our association.

Mike has such a love for the game and the association he can't quite give it up yet even though his kids are older and no longer involved. He is still helping out as a "Past President" giving sage advice when called upon. Mike has also been the Referee in Chief for the past number of years but has passed that duty on to Jimmy Ghuman. Jimmy can be reached at ref-in-chief@nsihl.com if anyone has any questions about refing this year. A huge "Thank You" goes out to Mike for all his years of volunteering.

Adrian Smith is another long standing board member that is no longer involved this year and will be sorely missed. He has held several positions on the board over the years but most recently was the league secretary. Adrian did a yeoman's amount of work and played a very large part in structuring the constitution, rules, and league policies. He really helped in a huge way behind the scenes to make the league run smoothly. Thank you for all of your hard work Adrian, you can come and join us again any time. Soon would be good.

Swap Meet 2010

The swap meet this year was another great success. Thank you to all who volunteered to help make it happen and to all of the families that participated in the swap meet. This year the meet was held at the small gym in the Delbrook Rec Center, which is a new venue for us. We held it

there because of the larger area so we could accommodate more families in the room at one time. It ended up being it was a very good location and we will try to hold it there again next year. I don't have the final tally yet but I believe the money generated for the league will be about \$800.00. This is money that we can put back into the league for equipment and regular operating expenses. Although we had only 40 families contribute equipment to the meet, we did quite well. It's a great benefit to everyone who participates. The swap meet helps the new families getting started in the league, the families that have equipment their kids can't use anymore, families looking for good quality equipment at reasonable prices, and it helps the fund the league. NSIHL only takes 25% of the selling price compared to a consignment store like North Shore Sports Swap that will take considerably more. Hopefully next year we will be able to build on the success of this year and make it an even better event for all.

Our tile floor will be installed March 22nd. With the help of volunteers we will hold evaluations for all "new" players this week. Then the teams drafts will take place and the games and practices will start the week of the 29th. If you did not receive an email about evaluations and your son or daughter is a returning player, please don't worry, you haven't been missed; we changed it up a bit this year and evaluated all returning players last year at the end of the season.

At the start of every season there are always a few last minute changes that need to be worked out on a few of our teams. Please remember to be patient and work with our League Manager so that he can do the best job that he can do for your children. We want all the kids to have fun, to be able to play with their friends and to have a great season and will do our best to accommodate your requests.

The NSIHL has an 11-member, hard-working, elected, volunteer board of directors, roughly 100 coaches, numerous volunteers and one League Manager who all help to make this program a great association. We are members of the B.C. Inline Hockey Association (www.bciha.com) and the National Inline Hockey Association (www.niha.ca) and play by the NIHA rules, with some adapted rules of our own at the Recreational level. If anyone would like to get more involved and help out please contact me at info@nsihl.com.

I hope that you enjoy your 2010 season and I look forward to meeting you all at the rink. Play safe and have fun.

Dave Randall
NSIHL President