

# HIGHLAND STORM MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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## Spring 2009 Newsletter

### Attention Coaches

If you currently hold a valid coach's card, Highland Storm is offering you a deal you can't afford to pass up. Under the "new" renewal system, a person can attend three 2-hour clinics to qualify for renewal or extension of his/her coach's qualifications. On Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, the Association is sponsoring 3 consecutive clinics (skating, puck handling and small area games) at the Haliburton arena. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the class should finish around 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person. Highland Storm participants will be reimbursed upon successful completion of the clinics. Cheques, made payable to Highland Storm MHA, can be mailed to the Association or given to any Executive member.

### Annual General Meeting

The date for this year's AGM has been set – Monday, April 20 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Pinestone Resort. Items to be discussed include the 2008/2009 financial statement, 2009/2010 budget, registration fees for 09/10 and proposed changes to the Manual of Operations. Elections for 8 positions (2 year term) will be a major portion of the agenda. The Association is always looking for volunteers to serve in official and unofficial capacities. You must attend the AGM to run for an elected position. Please feel free to contact any Executive member if you are interested in volunteering. Without parent volunteers, kids don't play hockey.

### Spring Registration

In keeping with recent practice, Highland Storm will be offering opportunities to register in person during May 2009. On May 11 and 12, parents/guardians can come to Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden between 7 and 9 p.m. to register and pay by cash or cheque. On May 13 and 14, Executive members will be at the Athletic Complex at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton between 7 and 9 p.m. Registrations not done at this time must be mailed to the Association address. Executive members will not accept payments in person after May 14.

Because of the exorbitant fees, the Executive has decided to discontinue payments by credit card. The charges paid by the Association for this "convenience" are too high for the number of people who choose this option. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause but we hope by notifying people early, other arrangements can be made.

All registrations, with total fees, are due by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. This deadline leaves barely enough time for all the planning that has to take place before tryouts for travel teams begin. It is also important for the County League committee to have this information as the designing of teams and scheduling of ice times begins in August.

Registrations received (only by mail) after August 1 will be subject to a \$50 late fee and the proviso that the player will not be guaranteed a spot. Every effort will be made to accommodate players but cut-off dates will be established and posted on the website.

Please DON'T DELAY!! Register before August 1<sup>st</sup>!!

### Sponsors

As our season draws to a close, Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local business, organizations and private citizens who contributed sponsorships this year. Without the generosity of these people, registration fees would be unaffordable for many in our community. A complete list of sponsors is available on our website. Please support local businesses and organizations all through the year.

In particular, we'd like to thank the past and present owners of Haliburton Jug City for their support through the sale of break-open tickets for many years. The present owners have decided it's time for a change of support and have asked us to relocate. For those of you who have supported us by buying these tickets, we ask that you check out our new location at Henwood's Variety on the main street of Haliburton. The Executive would like to thank Jim Henwood for taking on this responsibility in support of minor hockey. Good luck!

Don't forget to visit our website at **[highlandstorm.org](http://highlandstorm.org)** for more information and updates.

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