

May 20, 2009

Hello Members of Hyde Park Youth Hockey,

I hope you enjoyed the 08/09 hockey season and are looking forward to a great 2009/2010 season! As you may be aware, elections held at the April General Meeting for open Board positions created some changes. Your HPYH 09/10 Board is as follows:

President:	Bill Dunn
Vice President:	Rick Brinker
Treasurer:	Marianne Martin
Secretary:	Lynn McNamee
Registrar:	Daniel Tyszka
Trustee:	Joe O'Brien
Mid/Ban/Peewee Director:	John Crowley
Mite/Squirt Director:	Steve Roe
Fundraising Director:	Larry Kenney
Snack Bar Director:	Tanya Peckham
House League Director:	Jim O'Neil
Intro to Hockey Director:	Jay Moccia
Learn to Skate Director:	Bobby Peckham
Past President:	Dennis O'Brien

I would like to welcome the new members, thank the returning members for their continued efforts, and acknowledge the former board members for all they have done for Hyde Park Youth Hockey.

The Board for the 2009/2010 hockey season faces many challenges. We know these are tough financial times for all, and Hyde Park Youth Hockey is also feeling the impact. Our operating costs have increased so the board needed to approve an increase of the assessment for the travel teams. The increase will be \$50 per player. The full season assessment will be raised to \$775 from \$725. Half season assessments (Midgets) will be raised to \$425 from \$375. **As an incentive, however, if you are paid in full by July 15th, 2009, you will pay last season's rates, resulting in a \$50 savings (\$725 Full Season/\$325 Midget).**

Additionally, to reduce costs, the board has agreed to run 09/10 Skills in-house. We will continue skill sessions, but without the costs of a third party. Hyde Park Youth Hockey coaches and volunteers will run the sessions. These fiscally responsible changes are in addition to the previously approved cuts (Limit pre-Bajko ice; No early season goalie skills; More affordable equipment vendors; Reduction of Board Member discounts; Discontinue Coaches discounts).

As members of Hyde Park Youth Hockey, we all have an interest in keeping the program viable and affordable. In researching other area programs, we found making these financial adjustments still leaves us the most affordable program in the area and we didn't need to cut back on ice time. We also know, to offset the ever-increasing costs of running a youth hockey program, we need to be vigilant in our fundraising efforts. Please consider sponsoring, finding sponsors, participating in club fundraising activities and volunteering in the snack bar. All efforts made in these areas result in controlling costs for our families.

I would like to wish all a safe and happy summer and remember to check www.hydeparkyouthhockey.com for updates, summer skating opportunities, and team rosters and schedules as the summer progresses.

Thank You
Bill Dunn
President, Hyde Park Youth Hockey