

# WEST LORNE MINOR HOCKEY NEWS

## 2008 – 2009 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

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The WLMHA executive would like to welcome you to the upcoming hockey season. We extend a special welcome to the new players and families in our organization and hope you enjoy our program for your young athletes. Our board has been meeting throughout this summer and is excited about what the new season will

### **NEW EQUIPMENT**

Through generous donations, our association has been able to purchase new water bottles, update the trainer's kits, purchase more practice aids for coaches and is looking at the possibility of ordering a second set of jerseys for teams. Practice aids such as bodychecking pads, net covers, white goaltender pucks, and new pylons will be available to all coaches

### **REGISTRATION**

Registration was another success with many new players joining our organization and taking advantage of the \$100 discount for new hockey players. One problem we continue to encounter is the lateness of our registration. Many questions such as the number and type of teams to register and the amount of ice needed to rent need to be answered by early August. The uncertainty with the number of players forces our board to make educated guesses which are not always correct. To rectify this problem, we will be starting next year's registration near the end of this current

### **OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP OUT**

During the season there will be opportunities for hired help for various tasks that will be filled on a first come – first serve basis on a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the arena warm room. The number of activities that you can complete will be limited to the number of children that you have registered in West Lorne Minor Hockey to maximum of 2.

Some of the tasks include being part of the bench staff, helping with our annual Black & Gold Tournament, our Girls Tournament and the responsibility of caring for

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## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

This year we have created a Subsidy Committee and with the help of local businesses and clubs we hope to help families who need financial assistance. By providing the opportunity to apply for financial assistance, we hope to make hockey more accessible to all children. Applications are available at our website [www.westlornecomets.com](http://www.westlornecomets.com). Contact Rob Hooghiem at [president@westlornecomets.com](mailto:president@westlornecomets.com) for more information.

## TEAM JERSEY SPONSORSHIPS

The WLMHA is currently welcoming new sponsors for the upcoming season. A commitment of \$350.00 per year for 3 years is required and the sponsor's name will appear on the back of one set of team sweaters. Contact Susan Hull at [registrar@westlornecomets.com](mailto:registrar@westlornecomets.com) for more information.

## TOURNAMENTS

This year, West Lorne will be hosting 2 tournaments. Our annual Black & Gold Tournament for Novice Local, Novice Travel and Atom Travel teams which will be held on November 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> and a Girls tournament for Peewee and Midget teams which will also be held on January 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> at the West Lorne arena. Year after year these tournaments prove to be a great time for all participants and a major fundraising for our hockey association. More details to follow.

## COMMUNICATION

Communication is always the key for success whether it is on the ice or off. The executive does its best to relay all information to all of its members. Most new information or news is sent by mass email to everyone. For those without email, we utilize the bulletin board in the warm room of the arena to relay this information. Others sources will come directly from the coach of the team or by visiting our website at [www.westlornecomets.com](http://www.westlornecomets.com).

*WLMHA with the help of volunteers and parents are working to ensure a positive, meaningful and enriching experience for all who participate. We will continue to encourage our players to play fair, respect others, stay healthy and most of all keep it fun!*

*Let's all work together for another successful West Lorne Comets Season!*

*Questions or concerns may be directed to Rob Hooghiem at [president@westlornecomets.com](mailto:president@westlornecomets.com)*