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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY RICH LUNDIN

Greetings everyone, I hope the start of the off-season has been good to you. Hopefully we'll all be able to catch our breath, because before you know it - hockey will be back in full force along with the much anticipated AHL All Star Classic! Still not sure what will be asked of us from the Sharks and the city, but I'm sure we're ready for whatever is needed. I have had many people volunteer whatever services will be needed, at it is much appreciated. While the summer is quiet for hockey, the booster club will be very active in trips and events. So check it out in this newsletter!

Yours in Hockey,

Rich

ELECTION RESULTS!

I'm sure you're asking "results? But the election isn't until May?". Well, the nominations were held at our last meeting, and there was only one person nominated (and accepted) for each executive board position, and we had just enough to fill all the remaining board positions.

The new board, effective Jun, 2008 will be:

Executive Board: Rich Lundin - President, Ernie Racine - Vice-President, Judi Dionne - Secretary, Chris O'Shea - Treasurer.

Board: Linda Lachance, Buzz Bayer, John Wetherell Jr, Gerry Collette, Josie Brown, Ashley Kiefer, Kevin Leboeuf, Darryl Hunt.

I would like to thank the board members who were involved in the first two years of shaping this booster club. While we had some serious decisions to make to guide the way for future years, we never lost sight of our main focus, support the team, support the community, and to create as much fun as we can!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND EVENTS

BY LINDA LACHANCE

The Worcester Sharks Booster Club has 279 current members at the end of March and would like to welcome the following new members:

Jen Roman, Adrian Taraska and Stefan Leduc, as well as members who have renewed from last year.

NEXT BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 15th at 7:00 PM
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL DOWNTOWN
(NEW MEETING ROOM MASS-MAINE DOWN THE HALL)
FREE PARKING ON STREET ONLY—DO NOT PARK IN GARAGE
RAGE
REFRESHMENTS DOOR PRIZES
ASK QUESTIONS!

TIME TO RENEW!

We are now taking membership renewal applications for the 08-09 season. Please visit our website to download an application.

Visit the Web!!! WWW.SHARKSBOOSTERS.COM



BUSY SUMMER PLANNED - TRIPS ANYONE?

Even though the summer is over, we still have plenty going on! We have discounts on New England Surge Football tickets, Worcester Tornadoes Picnics, Six Flags, a trip to Foxwoods, and a trip to see the Red Sox on Baltimore planned! So make sure you set aside some of the government money coming your way for some fun!

Note: this is open to ALL Boosters, VIPs (i.e. if you aren't a booster club member but receive this newsletter - you're a VIP), and their families and friends.

We have a Worcester Sharks Booster Club Night at the New England Surge planned for Saturday 5/17 @7:30PM. It is too late to sign up for this game, but the Surge should be in the playoffs, and we will try and put something together for that. Tickets are only \$10.50!!

We have several Worcester Tornadoes Picnics schedule this summer.

Saturday 6/14 (game 6:05pm, picnic starts at 4:50pm).

Saturday 7/26 (game 7:05pm, picnic starts at 5:50pm).

Saturday 8/9 (game 7:05pm, picnic starts at 5:50pm).

Saturday 8/23 (game 7:05pm, picnic starts at 5:50pm).

Food is served up until the first pitch. Then we can take our seats and enjoy the rest of the night's entertainment.

All you can eat picnic includes:
Grilled Hamburgers and Cheeseburgers
Grilled Hot Dogs
Potato Chips
Ranch Style Baked Beans
Red Bliss Potato Salad
Assorted Beverages

Cost is only \$25 which gets you the picnic and ticket!

We need to have 25 people minimum, so please sign up ASAP as these picnics sell out each year! Payment is due a week before the game, but it is important to sign up now!

We also have two outings schedule for Six Flags, Saturday 7/12 and Sunday 8/24. These are all day outings.

Price of \$40.94 gets you:

All day admissions to both the park and water park!

All you can eat menu of chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, reg salad, chips, ice cream, soda.

Free Parking

Photo Souvenir

Sign up and Payment dates are 6/30, and 8/10.

We have a bus trip to Foxwoods scheduled on Saturday 6/21 Time TBD. The cost is ONLY \$15.00 per person for 40 minimum or \$20 per person for 30. You get \$15.00 in keno bets and a coupon for either the full buffet or \$10.00 at any other restaurant, and a entry for a cruise for 2 to Bermuda. Please sign up for this ASAP, and we'd like Payment due by May 25th.

Also, our friends at Two Friends Tours have 2 Red Sox trips planned.

1st is Monday-Thursday 8/18 to 8/21 @ Baltimore. You get deluxe motor coach ride, tickets to THREE games, hotel, 3 breakfasts, and a chaperon. Cost is \$499 single, \$469 Double. THIS IS CLOSE TO SELLING OUT SO PLEASE SIGN UP ASAP. On this particular trip, please contact Two Friends directly @508-826-5556 and ask for Steve.

Next is trip to Toronto Friday 9/19 to 9/21. You get deluxe motor coach, ticket to Saturday game, hotel, 2 breakfasts. Cost is \$399 per person. Again please contact Steve directly @508-826-5556.

To sign up for these events (other than the Red Sox), please contact Rich @ WorcesterShark@aol.com, or calling 508-829-8285, or contacting Linda Lachance at ldlachance@aol.com, and we'll hook you up!

CONCESSION STANDS

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

BY RICH LUNDIN

Last year we had a great response to our need to work concessions. We had over 20 people volunteer for several shows. We raised over **\$4000** in very short year. I can't stress enough how important this is to our club. Without volunteers stepping up to work concessions, you could expect booster club events such as our holiday party and awards banquet to go up at least \$15 per person! Nobody wants that. It also helped in other areas such as the broomball tournament we hosted. We have been able to work the Grandstand which with sellout events has made **\$1000 for the club in one night!**

For anyone that wishes to volunteer their time, we are offering **free parking** at the garage across from Uno's, and **\$5 Booster Bucks** which can be used on any **trip** and also to our **banquets**. We might roll this out to merchandise as well., but haven't got that far yet.

Concessions have gone very smoothly - even for a rookie like me. The DCU Center folks were there for us when needed. Believe it or not (but you can ask the others that did it), we actually had fun doing it!

So it's time to get back on the bandwagon! Don't feel shy if you never have done it before - we have always made sure we had enough people to help each other out. You can run cash registers, fill food trays, flip burgers, you get the idea - it ain't that hard! We had several new people who worked the Keith Urban concert with no issues.

Please email the club at sharksboosters@hotmail.com or call me @**508-829-8285** to signup!

Thanks again!
Rich

Dates coming up:

Nothing till August - details TBA

FROM THE EDITOR

BY RICH LUNDIN

Would you like to play an active role in the booster club? Let's make this year something special, for the Boosters, Team and the community! We are looking for ideas to make this season the most exciting yet.

If you have suggestions for this newsletter, or have any club business, please send correspondence to:

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Always looking for help/ideas

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The following committees are open. Contact any board member or email the club if interested:

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Wish to get involved or head up a committee?

Contact any Board member. We're always looking for help!

Enjoyment and making great friends are the fringe benefits!



PLAYER OF THE MONTH MARCH - DENNIS PACKARD!

Congratulations also goes out to **Dennis Packard** who was our player of the month for March. Dennis had a great month - scoring four goals and four assists and a +5 in sixteen games. Great job Dennis!



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WFD6K RACE

Something near and dear to the booster club is the Worcester Firefighters 6k Road Racer. Each year, we donate to this even and volunteer our time to register runners, and to help out in any way we can.

This year, we are looking for volunteers to help with registration Friday June 6th from 5pm to 9pm, and Sunday Jun 8th from 10am till noon.

Please email Rich @ Worcestershark@aol.com to volunteer your time.

For more info, please go to www.wfd6k.org



2008 AAHLBC CONVENTION REMINDER

Just a reminder that all balances are due to Chris O'Shea by May 15 please send them to Worcester Sharks Booster Club PO Box 210 Grafton, MA 01519

BOOSTERS OF THE MONTH - LAURIE MARKIEWICZ AND PAM BERTHIAUME!



I am proud to announce March's boosters of the month - **Laurie Markiewicz and Pam Berthiaume**

Laurie and her family are new boosters this year, and was really involved with concessions and helping out when needed. It's always great to have someone new step right up and become a contributor in the club right away.

You can always see Pam at the doors at the start of almost every game. She has been a huge help to Chris, and makes sure all is well with the game night handouts.

The club congratulates them for their support - it is greatly appreciated!

GAME NIGHT NOTES

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

It is the end of the Worcester Sharks 2007/2008 hockey season and it is time to send out a BIG THANK YOU to all of you who helped out this year at the games. So with that I would like to thank **Rich, Josie, Ritch, Allen, John, Pam, Lorna, Katie, Gerry, Linda, Gerry, Kevin, Ashley, Ronnie, Kelsey, Heather, Ron, Paul, Mark, Karen, Joey, Matt, Nick, Judi, Terry, Ernie, Ellen, Darryl, Trish, Buzz, Kim, Pierce, Alissa, Kevin, Donald, Karl, Lois, Scott, Zachary, Don, Lois, Christina, Ken, Claudette, Laken, Johanna, Kyle, Dennis, Marc, Paul, Laurie, Marcia, Marion, Bill, Brandon, Patrick, Shawn, Melissa, Bev, Lynne, Abigail, Crystal, Sean, Joe.**



Whether you help once or many times please know that all you did was appreciated by me, the booster club and the Sharks Front Office. I look forward to seeing you all back next season and hope to get many more to step up and volunteer some time, so we do not overextend those who always do it. This season has been a tough one on me and I know there will always be someone there.

Sharks Birthdays

Birthday wishes for May and June go out to the following

Nate Raduns	5/17	Ty Wishart	5/19
Graham Mink	5/21	TJ Fox	6/11

THANK YOU

A Word of Thanks and Good Luck

I wish to take this time to say thanks to the Sharks players for their dedication to Worcester and Central MA these past two years, you guys have been everywhere, whether at meetings, hospitals, schools, skates, social gatherings with the Boosters etc. besides being on the ice for 80 games home and away each season. Last season was great and exciting and this season was good, but everyone would have like the season to turn out differently but it just wasn't meant to be. Sometimes you have a year like that, but you guys never gave up, you played as a team. A bounce here or there or a different play could have made a difference in games, we could have done without the injuries (can't everyone) and there were so many good teams this year and not everyone makes it. I hope that you have enjoyed your time in Worcester and hope that many will return in September. As we all know this is a business and change happens and decisions will be made and some of you may not be back. I will wish you only the best wherever you may end up. Know that you will be missed here in Worcester and hope to see you around on my travels through the AHL and remember you'll always be part of the Worcester Hockey Family

So thanks to **Captain Graham Mink, Assistants Brennan Evans, Patrick Traverse, Craig Valette, and Tom Walsh, Brad Staubitz, Dan Spang, Tom Cavanagh, Nate Raduns, TJ Fox, Ashton Rome, Jamie McGinn, Mike Morris, Riley Armstrong, Lukas Kaspar, Derek Joslin, Dennis Packard, JD Forrest, Marc Busenburg, Thomas Griess, Jonathan Tremblay, Dmitri Patzold, Mike Iggulden, Taylor Dakers** and to those new guys that came at the end **PJ Fenton, Matt Jones, Frazer McLaren, Steven Zalewski, Ty Wishart, David MacDonald, Mike Moore** hope to see you back at some point next season. Thanks also to Coaches **Sommer and Cunniff** as well as **Matt White and Vinnie Ferraiuolo** for all they do

I also would like to thank the Sharks wives and girlfriends for all that they have done the last two years and their friendship. Thanks **Cristina, Joey, Erica, Danielle, Mackenzie, Ashley, Julie, Kim, Sarah, Amanda, Neva and Melissa.**

Thanks also goes out to those in the front office who spent countless hours working on game night productions and all things off the ice all year long and getting the 2009 AHL All-Star Classic to Worcester.

Thanks **Mike L., David D, Mike M., Mike My, Suzanne, Eric, Zack, Abby, Ryan, Marina, Lindsay, Katie, Tim and Matt.**

Excited about the season? Talk about it on the message board! Visit <http://www.worcestersharks.org> -
A great fansite where you can talk about *your* Sharks!

BROOMBALL NEWS

BY CHRIS O'SHEA

Tournament will be held on Saturday July 12 in Hooksett NH - hosted by the Manchester Monarchs Booster Club

Stay tuned to emails to see when practice will be.

Ice has been tough to get this year so when we do have practice please make an effort to attend. Manchester has invited us to go up there to scrimmage with them and next date is April 6 at 11AM please go to their website to get directions and times www.monarchsboosters.com



SHARKS CALENDAR

Thursday May 15 - Monthly Booster Club Meeting - Crowne Plaza 7:00 PM

Saturday May 17 - Sharks Equipment Sidewalk Sale 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Saturday May 17 - Sharks Booster Club @ New England Surge

Friday June 6 - Volunteer for Worcester Firefighters 6k Registration

Sunday June 8 - Worcester Firefighters Memorial 6K Road Race



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