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Greetings from the Board,

In an effort to close out the 2007-08 season and prepare for the 2008-09 season, we wanted to provide this update on areas of interest. Along with the publication on the web site, this information with any available updates will also be emailed and mailed to the membership. If you do not receive this information via email, there is an issue with the email address provided to the league. Please email the secretary with your current email address at [sneri@sriyha.com](mailto:sneri@sriyha.com).

-General Membership Meeting: The upcoming annual general membership meeting will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Location will be the Guild in Wakefield. Final details will be published as available on the web site.

-Board Elections: There are five board slots available this year for election. The board members that have completed their terms include; Beth McCann, Jim Harrington, Paul Bertelli and Tom Maselli. Additionally, John Blessing has also tendered his resignation for personal reasons. We would ask that you join us in thanking John for his dedicated service to the league with his participation on the board. The election will be held at the general membership meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Location for the meeting is to be finalized, published on the web site and emailed. If you are interested in being on the ballot for the election, you must fill out the member nomination form that can be found on the web site in the file download section under "2008 Board Slot Membership Nomination Form". All nomination forms must be submitted to the league secretary by 5/15 to be considered for this year's election. You can hand deliver these forms to a board member, email them to [sneri@sriyha.com](mailto:sneri@sriyha.com) or fax them to Stephen at 596-8790. These forms will be compiled and published on the web site for member review prior to the election. Once the election is complete, the board offices will be filled in accordance with the by laws. One vote is allowed per member family in good standing and you must be present to vote.

-Member Feedback: In an effort to provide as much information as possible to the board for review and evaluation, the membership feedback forms are posted on the download section of the web site. The files include, "Parent-Player Review of Coaches Form" for players and parents to give feedback on their past season coaches and will include forms for coaches to evaluate the players on their team this past season. This information is to be used to help determine what programs need enhancement as well as to help establish better methods for the player tryout process.

-2008-09 Fee Schedule: As the ice contract is still being finalized for the upcoming season, the fee schedule will be published as soon as the contract has been signed. Regarding Participation Payments, the following terms have been implemented and will be STRICTLY enforced this season:

-Travel Teams Programs

-50% due at registration & Balance due by Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.

-Non Travel Team Programs

-Payment in full at registration

No player will be allowed on the ice if they have not met these payment dates.

-2008-09 Programs: The board is currently evaluating all programs that we offered last year and the expected program needs for the upcoming season. We currently are looking to offer all of the same programs offered last year and expect to continue to use ice at the Cranston rink.

-2007-08 Girls Tryouts: As most girls programs have held tryouts already, the SRIYHA girls program will be having its tryouts June 7, 2008. The times are as follows for Boss Arena:

Girls U12 (95, 96, 97, 98) 6:30pm

Girls U14 (93, 94) 7:30pm

For additional information, please contact Beth McCann at [bethmccann@sriyha.com](mailto:bethmccann@sriyha.com).

-2008-09 Registration: Currently the registration dates for the upcoming season are planned for the following dates at Boss Arena:

July 26, 5-8PM

July 27, 9-11AM

Aug 2, 5-8PM

Aug 3, 9-11AM

For the upcoming season ALL PLAYERS MUST REGISTER independently on USA Hockey for their membership. The league as mandated by USA Hockey will no longer be registering the players as it has done in the past. When you complete the on line registration you will be given a receipt, which includes a bar code. You must save this receipt as a file and either email it to the registrar or print it and bring to registration. **YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REGISTER** unless you forward this document to the registrar (prior to the registration) or present this document at time of registration. For the membership convenience, there is a link from our web site to USA Hockey. Once on the USA Hockey site, go to "registration" and follow the directions.

-2008-09 Volunteers: In order to improve the league, we need to get more involvement from the members. If you are willing to volunteer for a position, i.e. photos, fundraising, divisional director, assistant ice scheduler etc. please contact a board member. The league needs your support!

-2008-09 Fundraising: Following up on another successful fundraising season, we do need additional volunteers and ideas for fundraising programs. Please forward names and/or ideas to the board.

Updates will be forthcoming we would request that you check the website for last minute date and location changes.

With the membership's help, we look forward to the upcoming 2008-09 season.