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A Word From the President

I would like to take this time to thank all of our coaches, managers, trainers and executive who volunteer an enormous amount of time to make this Association a great place for kids to play. Without these volunteers we could not effectively run this organization.

As I write this, I am extremely proud and excited to announce that we had 4 teams in the OMHA finals. I have played and / or been involved with this association for over 35 years and I cannot remember having this kind of success in the OMHA playoffs with this many teams. This is a huge accomplishment for these 4 teams. We truly appreciate the support that our members gave these teams throughout the finals. It was great to see the huge crowds. Congratulations to the Major Novice A and Minor Atom A who won the OMHA finals! This is a major accomplishment and very hard to repeat. Also congratulations to the Minor Bantam A and Juvenile teams who were finalists in the OMHA finals. 2 other Rep teams and many Local League teams made their league finals as well. Congrats to Atom LL#1 who won their final.

The Association added a Novice AE team to the mix this year. This team represented our Association very well and I believe it was a huge success.

As our Association grows, so does our budget and costs. Your executive has worked very hard this year to keep registration as low as we can. Recruiting, sponsorship, the many fundraisers that were held, and tournaments, all help keep everyone's costs down. We thank you for your efforts and contributions this year and hope you continue to support all of these efforts to enable us to make hockey affordable for everyone.

I encourage all minor hockey parents to You Tube "The Magic Hockey Helmet". This is a 9 year old and his player's perception of minor hockey in Canada. This should put minor hockey in perspective for all parents and I urge everyone to think about this child's speech when your child or someone else's child is on the ice. Let's all enjoy the game for what it is.

Thank-you for all of your support this year. Have a great summer. See you in the rink!

Steve Hanley
WMHA President

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Rep Hockey 2010-2011

As I take a moment to reflect over the current hockey season I am proud of how Woolwich Minor Hockey teams have presented themselves in the competition over the past year. Not always winning but developing skills that will become useful as they proceed on to new challenges. Our association had a brilliant year in the OMHA Playdowns with 9 teams advancing to the quarter finals, 5 of these teams advancing to the semi-finals, and 4 moving on to the Championship round resulting in:

- Major Novice OMHA Champions
- Minor Atom OMHA Champions
- Juvenile OMHA Finalists
- Minor Bantams OMHA Finalists
- PeeWee AE - Tri-County Finalists
- Minor PeeWee - Tri-County Finalists

Congratulations to all our teams, we had many tournament wins as well we had player growth and development. Well done!

With each year there are changes to rules and this next season will be one with the greatest impact with the Made for Ontario Player Movement Policy. In short, anyone wishing to do AAA tryouts, all rules stay the same with first register with your home association and pick up a permission to skate form. The dates for the AAA tryouts will be this spring starting the week of April 11 in Guelph or Waterloo. I will be signing these forms again this year, however to this point they will not be ready until the first week of April.

The next phase of the player movement for Woolwich players if AAA is not an option is AA at an OMHA AA center which is Guelph and this is the only option as our Association has a base rating of single A. I have added below excerpts from the entire policy and will have the entire policy posted on our website for any parents that wish to read it.

Additional Method of Player Movement:

- a) Movement to AA or A is only permitted for participants Minor Pee Wee age and above
Note: To be eligible the player is required to be the Minor Pee Wee age (11 years old) or older as at December 31 of the current playing season; OMHA Regulation 3.6 is **NOT** applicable.
- b) Movement is only permitted to a higher level for players from A and below base category Centres
Note: There shall be **NO** lateral movement (i.e.: A to A, AA to AA)
- c) Alliance seeded Centres will be categorized as AA for the purpose of player movement for OMHA players from BB and below
- d) Maximum number of "Non Resident Players" (NRP) is three (3) per eligible team.
Once a team has rostered an NRP then NO replacement NRP will be permitted.
- e) Other than at a player's Home Centre, the number of tryouts is limited to two (2) other categories. For his first opportunity, a player has the right to choose to tryout at AAA as per OMHA regulations, but this tryout is **not** mandatory. The second opportunity, a player **must** try out for a AA team at a AAA or AA base category Centre or an A team at an A base category Centre. A player's tryout will only be permitted for the base category team in a Centre, any exceptions are listed below.

2. A player from an OMHA A base category Centre may try out for
 - a) AAA Zone as per the current regulations
 - b) One (1) AA team in an OMHA AAA or AA base category Centre nearest his residence AND
 - c) Home Centre

Please feel free to call or email me with your questions or concerns on this issue.
Have a great off season and I look forward to seeing everyone at the rink next season.

Paul Wilson
VP Rep Hockey

What's Up at the Hockey Office

For the 2011-2012 Season, things are changing at the hockey office. I am stepping down from the position of Office Administrator, as it is time to move on. I just want to say I have enjoyed being involved with Woolwich Minor Hockey and the Executive. You are a great group of dedicated people to work with! There are a lot of behind the scenes parents who put in long hours on and off season to make this association work, I just want to say, you are appreciated and THANKS for making Woolwich Minor Hockey what it is!

I would like to welcome our new Office Administrator/Registrar - **Jodi Young**.
Good luck with your new position!

Have a great and wonderful summer and all the best with the 2011-12 Season!

Yours in hockey,

Val Martin
Office Admin

Local League 2010-2011

It's been an exciting year at the rink, and it makes my day to see kids out there working hard, having fun and making new friends along the way. Hockey is a great tool to teach the kids (and sometimes us parents too) about winning and losing, the rewards working hard can bring, coping with the ups and downs life throws at us, and the value of working together to accomplish a goal. I hope that continues to be our focus moving forward.

A big thanks goes out to all the coaches, assistants, trainers and managers without whom we could not make this work. I understand the commitment it takes, and the thankless vacuum you sometimes work in, so again, a huge THANK-YOU from the executive, and I'm sure the kids and parents. I look forward to seeing you all at our Coaches Appreciation Dinner in April.

This year I brought back conveners for each age group, and without them I would not have been able to make Local League work. A big thanks to Tom Arndt, Mike Charter, Brian Knipfel and Gerry Beard for all their help and support in keeping this league on the tracks.

We've had a pretty good year in terms of on-ice success, with 6 out of 14 teams making an appearance in the championship rounds, 2 of those in the A pool, and at least one from each age group. Great to see our program keeping competitive with those around us. Congrats Atom LL#1 for bringing home your championship.

We have faced our struggles this year as well, mostly on the volunteer front, trying to find people willing to help at all levels. There were tournaments that could have been run, fundraisers that could have helped reduce our fees, and coaches that needed your support, none of which happened due to lack of volunteers. I would challenge every parent out there to consider serving in some capacity for a year or two, either with a team, on the executive, hockey moms, or in some other area you feel passionate about (just ask, we'll find a place for you). Without volunteers this association would grind to a halt. Too often those that do step-up are quickly overloaded with responsibilities, and that only results in the quality of their service going down, so please...give it a try, the smiles on the kids' faces makes it all worthwhile.

Thanks all, see you in September!

Gord Maier, VP Local League

Midget LL1 – A Finalists

Bantam LL3- A Finalists

PeeWee LL1 – B Finalists

Atom LL3- B Finalists

Atom LL1 – C Champs

Attention Golfers!!

Our Tournament is ready to go! Saturday May 14, 2011 is the date for your calendar. The tournament will be held once again at Elmira Golf Course. So get your foursome together and sign up.

See the Registration page at the end of the newsletter....

The Fundraising Committee

WOOLWICH HOCKEY MOMS PRESENT...

The Annual Hockey



Banquet



Sunday April 17, 2011

Lions Hall

Junior Banquet:

Mini's-Major Atom

12:30PM - 2:30PM

Senior Banquet:

Minor Peewee - Juvenile

3:30PM - 5:30PM

*Lunch/Supper will be served!

*ESSO Awards will be awarded!



2010 WOOLWICH WILDCAT WEEKEND HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The 35th annual Woolwich Wildcat Weekend Hockey Tournament was held November 12, 13 & 14, 2010. We had representation from OMHA, Alliance and the GTHL with 38 total teams participating in the six Pee wee & Bantam A and AE divisions.

Congratulations to the Minor Bantam A team who won their division.

The 2010 tournament raised **\$19,300** for Woolwich Minor Hockey!

Thank you to the Tournament Committee and all volunteers for your contributions and to the community for the many donations and ongoing support. You helped make the tournament a great success.

Next season's tournament will be held November 11, 12 & 13, 2011

Sharon Schultz,
2010 Tournament Chair

**REMINDER to all coaches and goalies -
EQUIPMENT RETURNS** are scheduled for the same day as
the Annual Banquet. Please drop off at the equipment room at the
arena before your banquet times starting at noon to 3:30 pm..



APRIL 17, 2011

Coaches' Corner

As the playoffs have now wound down, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all coaches, trainers and managers for their dedication and commitment towards the players of Woolwich Minor Hockey Association. Without your tireless efforts, we would not have such an outstanding Association.

Coach applications for the 2011-12 season are available on our website or at the hockey office. <http://www.woolwichminorhockey.ca>, or at the hockey office. All Rep applications were to be returned by March 25, 2011 to the address indicated on the application.

Mandatory credentials required to Coach, Train or Manage for the 2011-12 season:

Coach

- 1) Coaching Certificate Level #1 or greater
- 2) Speak Out Certificate (also called Prevention Services)
- 3) Police Check
- 4) C.H.I.P.S Certified (Novice Level and Lower)

Trainer

- 1) Trainers Certificate Level # 1 or greater
- 2) Speak Out Certificate (also called Prevention Services)
- 3) Police Check

Manager

- 1) Speak Out Certificate (also called Prevention Services)
- 2) Police Check

For information on upcoming clinics please check the Woolwich Minor Hockey website as we will be posting our local clinics shortly. All expired certificates must be updated prior to August 31. I encourage everyone who has considered being involved with a team to apply.

Thank you to those who completed the 2010-2011 Coach Evaluation. We received some great constructive feedback and the improved participation of the evaluations will help us improve our organization. If you didn't have an opportunity to complete an evaluation, they are available on the website.

Thanks again to our coaches and the time and effort they have put into this season.

Rob Waters

V.P. Coaching

2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday April 26th
Start Time: 7 pm Sharp

**St Jacob's Fire Hall - Upstairs
3 Waters St, St Jacob's, ON**

Constitution Amendments, Executive
opportunities for next year.

CALLING ALL TIMEKEEPERS

If you are 12 or over and interested in timekeeping, please provide us with an email address. We will do up a schedule for timekeepers for the month and email out.

If you cannot time keep your game – it will be up to you to find a replacement.

Watch for monthly meeting times to collect your cheque and your schedule, which will be posted on our website.

See you in September!!!

Any questions call Deb Good 519-669-8430
or email debragood@rogers.blackberry.net

UPCOMING COACHES CLINICS

We encourage all WMHA coaches needing certifications, or renewals, to use our clinics in lieu of other centre's clinics to help control costs.

Woolwich Minor Hockey is offering 4 clinics, scheduled for **August and September 2011**.

(Please see attached registration form on page 9 for the clinics).

- **Coaches and Trainers** - please check your certification numbers, if there is an **11** at the beginning of your certification number, then you must re-certify by **August 31, 2011**. (i.e....11D1 or TR1 11)
- Remember to register early as spots fill up quickly and we are only allowed a maximum of 40 persons for Coach D1 and 35 persons for the other Coach/Trainer's clinics.
- The registration form is also posted on our web-site, please fill out and mail into the hockey office along with your payment or send me an email.
- If you know of anyone who is considering to help out in the 2011-2012 Hockey Season, please encourage them to take our **Speak Out** clinic - it is mandatory for all person(s) who are helping out with any of the teams. Speak Out is available via our website.
- Should our clinic dates not suit you, please check the OMHA website for listings of other centers that are offering these clinics.
- We encourage all our members to utilize our clinics whenever possible
- Any questions, please email hockeyoffice@woolwichminorhockey.ca



Whenever a team wants to use either the Cougar rep logo or the Woolwich Minor Hockey logo **written authorization must be obtained**. Contact the hockey office for further details.

Want to ensure you are included in the distribution database to receive WMH newsletters? Please sign up and we will automatically email these out via the website: <http://www.woolwichminorhockey.ca/newsletter.php>



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2011 - CLINIC - REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ CENTRE: _____

LEVEL/AGE COACHING: _____ PAYMENT AMOUNT: \$ _____

CLINIC (✓)	CLINIC	DATE	TIME	COST	WMH Cost
	Trainers Refresher HTCP Level 1 (4hrs)	Wed Aug 17 th	6 pm to 10 pm	\$80.00	\$40.00
	Coaches D1 Refresher (4 hrs)	Thurs Aug 25 th	6 pm to 10 pm	\$75.00	\$37.50
	Coach D1 Clinic (18 hrs/2hrs ice)	Sat Aug 27 th Sun Aug 28 th	8am-Class starts! (Registration 7:30AM)	\$180.00	\$90.00
	Initiation/CHIPS (6hrs/1.5hrs ice)	Sun Sept. 25 th	8 am - Class starts! (Registration 7:30AM)	\$100.00	\$50.00

All clinics are scheduled for St Jacob's Fire Hall - 3 Waters St, St Jacob's, ON

****IMPORTANT: CLINIC SPACES ARE LIMITED AND WILL BE FILLED ON A FIRST COME FIRST PAID BASIS. SPACES WILL BE RESERVED ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF A COMPLETED REGISTRATION/PAYMENT FORM AND/OR A VERBAL CONFIRMATION.**

CHEQUES CAN BE MADE PAYABLE TO: WOOLWICH MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION.

48 HOUR NOTICE REQUESTED IF UNABLE TO ATTEND OR FEE WILL BE KEPT, AS USUALLY THERE IS A WAITING LIST. NO EXCEPTIONS.

**SPEAK OUT & TRAINER'S LEVEL 1 - CAN NOW BE TAKEN ON LINE
VISIT OMHA WEBSITE: WWW.OMHA.NET LOOK UNDER CLINCS FOR INFO.**

OFFICE USE ONLY:

PAYMENT RECEIVED: \$ _____ DATE: _____ CHQ# _____

WOOLWICH MINOR HOCKEY EXECUTIVE for 2010/11

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WILDCATS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

"Early Bird" Registration Fees* for 2011 – 2012

Level	Birth Year	Rate
Initiation (One ice time/week)	2006-2008	\$308.00
Pre-Novice (Two ice times/week)	2005	\$435.00
Novice	2003 – 2004	\$461.00
Atom	2001 – 2002	\$472.00
Pee Wee	1999 – 2000	\$504.00
Bantam	1997 – 1998	\$515.00
Midget	1994 – 1996	\$525.00
Juvenile	1992 – 1993	\$510.00

*The rates listed above are our "Early bird" discounted rates, on June 1st all rates increase by \$75

- Cheques can be post-dated no later than August 1, 2011.
- Make cheque payable to **Woolwich Minor Hockey**.
- A 10% discount applies for families with 3 or more participants.
- There is an additional fee of \$75 for all non-Woolwich residents.
- First time registrants all receive the "Early Bird" rates regardless of when they register.
- Transfers who are new Woolwich residents must provide an "OMHA Residential Transfer Form" along with their registration, please see www.omha.net for the proper forms.

If your child decides in the fall not to play hockey and you have already registered, you will receive a refund. The refund will be pro-rated and a \$20.00 administration fee will be charged.

HOCKEY MOMS ARE BACK!

If you would like to be a part of
Hockey Moms, please email
Deb or Shelley
debragood@rogers.blackberry.net or
shelley.clifford@rogers.com



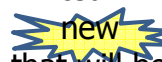
Financial Assistance for Hockey Families is Available!

Friends of Hockey want to give all children the opportunity to play the game of hockey regardless of their family's economic state. Friends of Hockey would be happy to support families in need of assistance in the form of registration costs or providing new equipment for your child. Please visit www.friendsofhockey.ca for information on how to apply. Please note that all emails are strictly confidential.



August 22-26 & August 29-September 2, 2011 (Ages 9-12)

Welcome to the first year of the **Woolwich Hockey Academy!** It is a full day hockey focused camp with 2 on-ice and 2 off-ice sessions a day. The School is located at the beautiful Woolwich Memorial Recreation Centre in Elmira. Register soon as space is limited.

 **new** Look for details on our site for a Bantam/Midget pre-tryout camp in August that will be led by John Lunney and Joe Amlinger, current coaches of the Woolwich Minor Bantam A team.

Woolwich Minor Hockey would like to thank all of our sponsors for their continued support in our hockey program.

W O O L W I C H M I N O R H O C K E Y C O Y

Rep Sponsors

Major Juvenile A	Trylon TSF
Major Midget A	M & G Millwrights
Minor Midget A	Linwood Scotia Bank
Midget AE	
Major Bantam A	Elmira Pet Products
Minor Bantam A	Sportco and RBC
Bantam AE	Foodland
Major PeeWee A	Calla Studio
Minor PeeWee A	Elmira Insurance Brokers Limited
PeeWee AE	Mike Bender Roofing
Major Atom A	Elmira Lions Club
Minor Atom A	Melloul-Blamey
Atom AE	Alles Drywall
Major Novice A	Waters and Hastings
Novice AE	PIB
Tyke Select	Delta Air Systems and Bridgeland Terminals

Local League Sponsors

Midget LL#1	Sport Zone
Midget LL#2	Leroy's
Midget LL#3	Guys & Dolls - Salon & Spa
Bantam LL#1	Fife & Associates, Trial Lawyers
Bantam LL#2	St Jacob's Scotia Bank
Bantam LL#3	
PeeWee LL#1	
PeeWee LL#2	St Jacobs Lions Club
Atom LL#1	Paul & Adele's No Frills
Atom LL#2	GO Energy
Atom LL#3	McDonald's Elmira

NOVICE - Dodge Caravan Kids Division

Novice LL#1	St Jacob's Scotia Bank
Novice LL#2	Resurfice
Novice LL#3	Elmira Home Hardware

Tyke and Mini Sponsors

Tyke - White	Woolwich Total Health Pharmacy
Tyke - Blue	Woolwich Total Health Pharmacy
Mini - Good	Good Auto Parts
Mini - Waters	Waters and Hastings

If you are interested in learning more about our sponsorship program, please contact sponsorship@woolwichminorhockey.ca



6th Annual Woolwich Minor Hockey WILDCAT Golf Tournament

Date: Saturday May 14, 2011
"Rain or Shine"

Time: 11:30 am Registration Time
1:15 pm Shotgun Start

Location: Elmira Golf Course

Registration / Payment due April 30, 2011
\$125 per Golfer

Includes:
18 holes Best Ball Format
Golf Cart
Deli Sandwich Lunch
BBQ Rib and Chicken Dinner

Team Captain: 1) _____ Phone # _____
Team Player: 2) _____
Team Player: 3) _____
Team Player: 4) _____

Cheque made payable to "Woolwich Minor Hockey"
Please drop off or email your registration form to:

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