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Thanks Tom!

By Bill Walch, Editor

If it wasn't for Tom Schamerhorn, this edition of Faceoff, and past editions, wouldn't even exist.



Tom wanted to improve communication between booster clubs. He asked the AAHLBC Board if it would be possible to have time during our yearly convention for people to meet and share ideas with each other...like what worked for your club could work for another and vice versa.

Unfortunately, the following year, Tom wasn't feeling well and was unable to make the convention so this meeting never took place. Instead, I spoke with Tom at an Albany home game last season about possibly working on an association newsletter. He liked the idea and said it was something he was thinking about too. I told him I would gladly do the bulk of the work, but at any time, I would gladly accept his help when he was up to it.

Tom never got the chance to help, as he was dealing with more important things, but I can't thank him enough for the ideas he gave me. Tom's idea was for the best of all booster clubs around the league, not just his own and we have him to thank for it. I for one will not forget it and this newsletter will continue on without him, but I will never forget where the idea came from.

Who Are We? Cleveland...

The Cleveland Hockey Booster Club, Inc. was founded in 1948 as the Cleveland Barons Booster Club and was the original fan club for the AHL Cleveland Barons. The club continued through the Baron years, then became the Cleveland Crusaders Booster Club in 1972, when Cleveland entered the WHA. Although the Barons started the season and played some doubleheaders with the Crusaders, they moved to Jacksonville, Florida mid-season and folded in 1973. When the Crusaders merged with the Minnesota Fighting Saints and left town in 1976, the NHL then came to Cleveland. The club again became the Barons Boosters until the NHL left in 1978.

Over the 14 years without a team in Cleveland, the club changed its name to the Cleveland Hockey Booster Club (CHBC). This was done not only because there was no team to support, but also to show that the club intended to stay intact by having social functions and meetings and enjoying and supporting hockey by traveling to see hockey games in other cities. Over the years without a team the CHBC also continued to support local charities and stay active in the AHLBCC and NHLBCC.



When the Lumberjacks of the IHL came to town in 1992, the CHBC became the official booster club of the Lumberjacks and decided to keep its generic name to reflect the fact that they support all local hockey. When the 'Jacks folded in 2001, and the Kentucky Thoroughblades of the AHL were moved to Cleveland and renamed the Barons, the CHBC became the Barons official Booster Club. Following the relocation of the Barons to Worcester, MA in 2005 and another year without hockey, the formation of the Lake Erie Monsters AHL club brought hockey back to Cleveland once again.

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Mission Statement

The purpose of this organization will be:

- a. To promote better understanding between Booster Clubs and the American Hockey League Organization.
- b. To Compare and attempt to alleviate problems confronting each individual Booster Club.
- c. To act as a social organization for Booster Club members.

Submitting an Article

To submit an article to this newsletter, please email it to lighthouseman2@yahoo.com with "AAHLBC Newsletter" in the subject line.

Please note: Your club must be a member of the AAHLBC in order to submit an article to this newsletter.

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In Memory of Tom



All photos in this edition of Faceoff are by David Sturm, of the Rochester Americans Booster Club

Who Are We? Cleveland, Milwaukee & Bridgeport

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The CHBC continues to be the official booster club of the Monsters to date. The Cleveland Hockey Booster Club works closely with the Monsters organization on events and promotions, and they also continue to raise money for charity and remain active in the AHLBCC, the NHLBCC and the HBCA (formerly IHLBCC).

The club now also supports local youth hockey by sending players to hockey camp each year and donating to various youth hockey causes with money raised for the club's Charitable Fund as well as its Jock Callander Scholarship Fund.

The CHBC continues to follow its objectives as set forth in the club's By-Laws:

- To promote interest in hockey and other lawful sports in the community
- To promote and provide social and athletic recreation for its members
- To promote sportsmanship and morale among hockey players and their families
- To promote and provide entertainment, lectures, social affairs, exhibitions, games and amusements of any and all descriptions for the general enjoyment and instruction of its members
- To promote dissemination of information regarding the sport of hockey to its members and to the community at large
- To support and promote charitable causes and organizations.

You can visit the Cleveland Hockey Booster Club website at www.clevelandhockeybc.org

Founded in 1998, the Admirals Crew Inc. operates as a non-profit organization aimed at enhancing the Admirals hockey community and the City of Milwaukee through fundraising, charity donations and volunteer work.

Over the years the Crew has developed several ways to support the Admirals organization, and interact fans with the team. Like road trips to away games, the Admirals "Celebrity Serve" to benefit the Power play Foundation, end of the regular season Awards Banquet, scrapbooks for players, bingo fundraising events, summer picnics, Admirals memorabilia auctions and much more.

The Crew has also attended summer hockey conventions, and played broomball with other booster clubs.

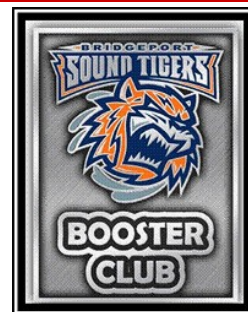
In addition to the Milwaukee Admirals Power Play Foundation, the Admirals Crew has also made charitable contributions to Milwaukee's Children's Hospital, Wisconsin's Timber Wolf Preservation Society, Penfield Children's Center, the Make A Wish Foundation, and the Sojourner Truth House.

As the primary booster club of the Milwaukee Admirals, the Crew will continue to support our team and our communities. Now in our 13th year of service! GO ADMIRALS!

You can visit the Milwaukee Admirals Crew website at www.milwaukeeadmiralscrew.com



The Bridgeport Sound Tigers Booster Club is celebrating its ninth year. The purpose of the BSTBC is to show our support to both the team & local communities and promote the love of hockey with the players, fans and other booster clubs.



To help our players and coaches get acquainted to the area we fill a welcome bag with information, coupons, goodies and assist them in finding services they may need while living in our community.

We sponsor road trips in order to provide support to our team on the road. We also provide the team bus with food when they are going on the road. We host visiting booster clubs when they visit the arena here in Bridgeport.

The booster club hosts a *Snowflake* dinner in January and an *Awards* dinner at the end of the season. We also assist the front office with volunteers to help hand out promotional material at home games and welcome fans to the Arena.

Our fundraisers helped us provide over \$75,000 in support to some very special charitable organizations like the Ronald McDonald House, PT Barnum Pediatric Center, the Umbrella Group, Make a Wish Foundation, American Diabetes Association, American Cancer Society, Special Olympics, CdL Foundation, Community Closet, Special Olympics and the New York Islanders Children's Foundation. We also support the Siberian Tigers at the Beardsley Zoo in Bridgeport.

You can visit the Bridgeport Sound Tiger Booster Club website at www.soundtigerboosters.com



AAHLBC Convention Proposed Side Trips

Friday:

1. Gettysburg
2. Pennsylvania Dutch Country, Lancaster Outlets

(depending on response, one of these trips may be moved to Thursday)

1. Brewery tours/pub crawl
2. Golf Outing

Saturday:

1. Harley Davidson Factory Tour
2. Hollywood Casino
3. AACA Museum
Hershey Museum
Hershey Trolley

Please be advised: Faceoff has not received any update on side trips. The list above is a list of proposed trips from a prior list.



AAHLBC Broomball Tournament

July 9, 2011

Cicero Twin Rinks

Cicero, NY

Games begin around 7 am.

Booster Club Happenings

The **Chicago Wolves Booster Club** will be participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on July 29 & 30...

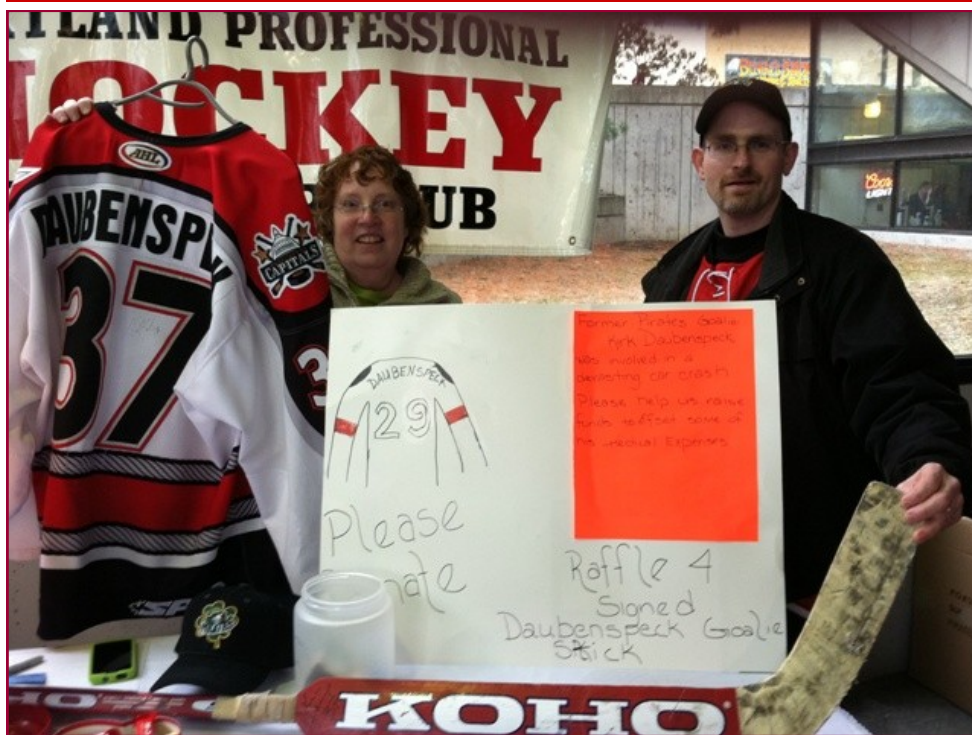
The **Hershey Bears Booster Club** will be participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on June 10 & 11 at the Susquehanna High School in Harrisburg, PA.

The **Houston Aeros Booster Club's** new website is www.houstonaerosboosterclub.org. Check it out...

The **Syracuse Crunch Corps Booster Club** will be hosting the 2011 AHL Booster Club Broomball Tournament at Cicero Twin Rinks in Cicero, NY on July 10th.

The **Worcester Sharks Booster Club** will be participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on June 17 & 18 at the Holy Cross - Freshman Field in Worcester, MA.

PPHBC Supports Daubenspeck



At a recent Portland home game, the Portland Professional Hockey Booster Club was selling jersey raffle tickets. The winner was to receive a Kirk Daubenspeck jersey. All proceeds from this raffle was going to help pay for Kirk's medical expenses. Kirk was involved in a car/semi traffic accident, which left him critically injured (coma and a severe brain injury) on February 17, 2011.

Kirk played for the University of Wisconsin Badgers before being drafted by the Philadelphia Flyers in 1992 and he played for the Portland Pirates back in 2004-2005. Other AHL teams Kirk played for were the Rochester Americans, Worcester IceCats, and the Hershey Bears.

We wish Kirk the best with his recovery.