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To the players of the Dunedin Ice Hockey Association

Welcome back to another exciting season of Ice Hockey. It is a pleasure to be back in the country and I am looking forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new players as well. It is going to be a jam-packed year with on-ice and off-ice opportunity for all levels of ability and age. Last year was a learning experience for everyone. I would love to hear your suggestions and input for the season that is upon us, so we can continue to grow as an Association.

There is going to be some changes occurring within the association, and we ask for your patience and understanding throughout the year to allow the process of change to take place. These changes are for the benefit of ice hockey within Dunedin and the players of DIHA. There is going to be a big push this year to increase the number of players that participate at all levels. This growth of numbers is not only the future of the association, but will intensify the competition and opportunity for everyone involved.

This influx of player numbers will create exciting opportunity in the area of coaching from kiwi hockey (ages 3-10) through the minor hockey division right through to adult hockey. Many club members are all ready involved at some capacity, but if there are more members or family/friends of club members that are interested in volunteering their time there is always opportunity for this in all aspects of the game. Please contact me either by phone or email.

The first change you will be experiencing is the new schedule format, as the numbers increase more coached ice-sessions will need to be added. However, in the meantime utilize the open ice slots for social hockey. (the allotted time slots under open ice are only suggestions) This will have to be organized outside the scheduled sessions. To do this, one representative will have to book and pay for the ice session upfront to Neil at the office. It will then be the representative's responsibility to collect the money from the players that come to play for the ice session. As long as you are a club member, it is \$150.00/hour of ice. If you need help with this process, please do not hesitate to contact me to assist you.

There are many club members who offer endless support and volunteer endless amounts of time and energy to make Ice hockey an enjoyable experience for everyone. If you would like to help out in any aspect please become involved because I truly feel this is not just an organization but a family of people who happen to have the same passion: Ice Hockey.

Sincerely yours in Hockey,

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