

(Excerpted from a letter by Greg Foote dated 1/12 to all IHWC members)

The last item I'd like to address is our plans for volleyball and badminton. I want to add these offerings to the club within the next 30 days because we have tremendous interest in these two sports and we are long overdue. But first I want to provide some back ground and club history. From Day One, the Winter Club was financially designed to be a not for profit endeavor. Our initiation, bond and dues were meant only to pay for the land and building and the basic infrastructure to support our collective interests i.e. ice, gym, exercise equipment, and paddle courts. Sports participation costs are supposed to be a-la-carte. It's important to let each activity stand on its own as either free participation for open play or, pay participation for league play that requires additional fees to support things like instructors, referees and expendables such as balls, pucks, coffee and doughnuts. That way participation fees for one group's sport don't subsidize another. We plan to continue adding more opportunities, particularly for middle and high school age members, but the capital requirements for larger items leave us challenged as a non-profit. We can always handle small items like goals, sticks, and board games but larger items are a little harder to manage on our operating budget.

With that thought in mind, I would like each of you to consider a small donation to offset the cost of purchasing floor sockets, volley ball standards, volley ball nets, pads, and badminton net.

Our gym floor is already lined for these sports. We just need a little help. If each family donated just \$15 on your next statement we could buy the standards and nets with enough left over for balls and a ball stand.

I'm hoping you are all with me on this. I understand not everyone will play volleyball or badminton but would you consider helping others? Your support will have a very positive impact on our fine club with league play and learning opportunities. If you want to, please send an email to Kathy Haberer at khaberer@ihwinterclub.com requesting a volleyball donation be

added to your statement. I promise your help will be very meaningful. Please and Thank You...

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I wish the second half of your Winter Club season to be better than the first. See you by the fireplace,

Greg Foote