

A letter from OYHA Executive Board President Jack Furey:

Ozaukee Youth Hockey Association
Mequon, WI

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Dear Ozaukee Ice Center Patrons,

We have had many changes in the past few months at Ozaukee Youth Hockey Association, and we would like inform you about some further news and developments.

As you know, we have been working on trying to get a second sheet at the Ozaukee Ice Center. On Monday another major hurdle was overcome. We have received conditional approval from the Mequon Planning Commission on building plans for a renovated Ozaukee Ice Center. The renovation would add over 40,000 sq. ft. of floor space, including a new rink, new locker rooms for youth teams, high school teams and Concordia, a fitness center and other new features. We are currently in the process of finding financing, and we will keep you posted as to any developments. More information about the proposed new Ice Center and an artist rendering will be posted shortly on the OYHA website. Great news indeed!!!

The next announcement comes with mixed emotions. After 13 years working with the Ozaukee Ice Center and Ozaukee Youth Hockey Association, Guy Gosselin has decided to leave our organization to pursue an opportunity directly with USA Hockey. Guy has been with us since the beginning in 1996 and has been instrumental in the great success of our organization. Guy has accepted the newly created position with USA Hockey as the Midwest Regional Manager for the American Development Model (ADM). Guy will not be far from us as he will have OYHA as one of his many potential candidates competing for USA Hockey's ADM selection within Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota. Guy and his family plan to remain in the area for the time being until a suitable location for he and his family has been decided.

I have worked with Guy for many years, and his dedication, passion to game, teaching our kids skills and how to play the game of hockey is second to none. He will be sorely missed and we all wish Guy much success in his new endeavor. Guy will remain with OYHA through September to help with a smooth operational transition; he will work closely with Jim Wierzba, who has been appointed as interim General Manager. Jim will be the lead on all Ice Center operations until a suitable successor is found. Youth hockey programs will continue to be handled by the OYHA Hockey Board. Please join me and thank Guy for his many years of hard work and commitment to OIC/OYHA and wish him all the best in the future.

Jack Furey
OYHA Executive Board President