

## **RHA Board Meeting, January 3, 2022**

**Thunderdome, 6:30 pm**

**Board members present:** Chris Dietrich, Christine Ritter, Brad Eggers, Greg Chisolm, Dan Laughlin, Trista Rybak, Dixie Matthews, Gordon Merchen, Rachael Hepper, Ben Nelson, Konrad Reeder, Mike Bartling, Ronda Simmons, Doug Retzer

Call meeting to order- Brad Eggers 6:33 pm

Approve meeting minutes/agenda- motion made by Gordon, second by Konrad, motion approved in vote.

Presidents Report (Chris Dietrich):

**CDC-** New guidelines coming out. If you are asymptomatic/diminishing covid symptoms after 5 days, can return and wear a mask for 5 more days. If the school changes from the 7 days to 5 days, would we do the same and keep consistent with the RCAS covid policy? Motion to adopt the same policy should the school update it tonight at the school board meeting- made by Dan, second by Greg, motion approved in vote.

**IT-** Sam B was in attendance and is the father of a squirt B player. Works on base and may be able to help improve our wifi. Spoke with Ben and Ronda about this. Greg did advise that we do not have fiber optic yet, which is part of the issue. If the battery company is built behind us, we can tap in and it would be much more cost effective. Sam can work on switches/routers and can control which computers have priority/access when needed.

**House-** Coming from SDAHA & National level gave guidelines as a response. Don't record players (no personal devices), do not use any nicknames, do not be alone with players. They have a zoom meeting tomorrow and possible letter drafted.

Becky Mann came to the board meeting and is requesting to be on the board. Chris introduced her to the board and had her speak with us. She was then asked to step out while we discussed, and Chris will let her know the outcome. Motion to add Becky as a board member made by Ben, second by Gordon, motion approved in vote.

**PWA Coaches-** Discussion on this. Will have the group meet with HDC and get back to the board. There are 2 coaches taking the head coach title and it's causing strain.

**Tournament Director-** Rachael Hepper wants consideration for this position. Ryan Cathcart had also expressed interest. Rachael spoke to the board about her past involvement with

tournament planning and then stepped out for discussion. Originally Ryan was asked to take this on. Discussion and Chris will talk with both. Was decided to make them co-directors. This will be a benefit when one is out of town also.

**Cancer Night-** Have about \$3,500 to deposit. Need more information from the square before we have the #'s. Roughly: \$392 from poutine sales, \$1629 in raffle sales, \$825 from boys jerseys, \$650 from girls jerseys, and then shirt sales. Should have between 3-5 grand in donation to present.

**Dibs/Volunteer-** Still having open shifts and no shows, but the Dibs team working this are easy to work with a quick to respond.

**Insurance Claim-** Dan is working on this. About \$39,000 may have more. Will work with Brad Lee. Need to get average for days for insurance

#### Building Committee (Ben Nelson)-

Money from BH Energy coming back to us. About \$250 after we paid to recycle old lightbulbs. Did an upgrade to lighting.

Discussion on summer rentals or ice. 3 v 3 groups on weekends? Someone may be looking at summer league teams.

Discussion on clean up right away after ice removal for rink use. Netting & batting cages could be put up. Dan discussed insurance.

Can we donate the extra doors to Restore? Greg will work on getting rid of them.

Front door on the far side next to the key card reader is having issues keeping it open/locked. Doors going upstairs also have an issue with the allen wrench to keep them open.

#### Girls Program (Brad Eggers)-

Going well. Rush coach has a daughter that is skating with them, and they have a girl coming from ND. If they make it, new player can play league games but will need state approval for the state tournament.

#### Fundraising (Ronda Simmons)-

**Kyles Korner-** we have a glass cling ordered and the Booster Club will have a write up in the program.

**Ladies & Laces** Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. \$150 Sponsorship/player and want baskets for raffle. End of Jan is the cutoff and player cap 20-25? Ronda will get a beer license and we will look into possible food trucks. Would ask every level for a basket. Thunder and Rush season ticket holders get in for \$5 otherwise it will be \$10. Parking may be tight- food trucks would park close to building behind the logs. Rush handling some details on this, and the Booster Club would like to help also.

House update (Dixie Matthews, Trista Rybak)-

Dixie wants to see if house can letter? She is working on drafting something. Can't letter @ JV level. Some discussion and Chris would like to speak with some parents on this first. Nothing decided at this time.

House needs help with Safesport- just registering and the background checks. Discussion and may need to have a travel coach or seasoned coach reach out and walk them thru the process.

Misc.-

State PWA tournament: Feb 18-20, 2022

Girls U14/U16 Northern Plains: Feb 25-27, 2022

Squirt Rush for the Cup: March 4-6, 2022

Mite Jamboree: March 11-13, 2022

\*Schedules need to get to Bill Holec.

Ronda requests new tablets for the concession. Will have Sam work this into his proposal.

Doug reported that Clint can't get the bus for the JV/V Huron 3 day weekend. Dakota Bus might do the first weekend. Asking coaches to set the roster if they get the bus since Huron has no JV team so JV wouldn't play till Sat,

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm