

RHA General Membership Meeting

Date: 12/11/23

Time: 6:00

Location: Thunderdome Board Room

- **Call General Meeting to Order:** Brad Eggers
 - **Second:** Dan Laughlin
 - **Time:** 5:59
- **Previous Meeting Minutes Approved:** Bob Steffy
 - **Second:** Cody Minnerath
- **Meeting Agenda Approved:** Cody Minnerath
 - **Second:** Dan Laughlin
- **Meeting Adjourned:** Ben Nelson
 - **Second:** Cody Minnerath
 - **Time:** 7:18

Important Upcoming Dates -

Date	Event
1-8-24	January Board Meeting
2-3-24	Senior Night
2-6-24	Ladies and Laces

Board Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Brad Eggers	X		
Sandra Weaver			x
Megan Archer	X		
Ben Nelson	X		
Brad Lee	X		
Cody Minnerath	X		
Corey Norris	X		
Dan Laughlin	X		
Dave Bender	X		
Domnick Janitell			x
Joelle Neutzling	X		
Kent Bradley	x		
Loren Jensen	X		
Rachael Hepper	X		
Rachelle Williams	X		
Rebecca Mann			x
Robert Steffy	X		
Ronda Simmons	X		

Report	Discussion	Follow Up
Presidents Report - Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration is 307 for the year. This is on par with previous years. Per a request from the state, we are in the process of getting all house and Mite skaters registered. 	
Financial Report - Sandra Weaver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See report Sandra is out today 	
Facilities Report - Ben Nelson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new snow removal company is needed this year. In the past a few parents removed the snow. This has been challenging with parents being out of town. Ben Nelson has been collecting bids however only one company has placed a official bid. This bid came in at \$730 for 2+ inches snow and \$930 for 4+ inches of snow. Due to the cost, we will only have them come plow if we get 4+ inches of snow. This was put to a board vote, board motions to approve as this is an absolute must. Approved by Dan Laughlin, motion was seconded by Cody Minnerath. 	Start gathering quotes to replace older water heater.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security Cameras – Sound Pro has quoted \$5746.00 for their camera system. This bid includes 16 fixed wide-angle cameras with onsite storage. Storage capability will be 30 days. Building team with work with Sound Pro for camera placement. There will be cameras facing the stands as there has been concerns about cameras there in the past. The camera system will be mainly for incident documentation rather than security. The building crew plans to do the majority of the installation. This was put to a board vote, board motions to approve. Approved by Dan Laughlin, motion was seconded by Cody Minnerath. • Water heater in Zam room is not working. It is approximately \$1500 to get this fixed. This must get fixed right away. 	
House Report – Kent Bradley, Mallory McCreary and Dee LoneHill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House has 2 new board members – Dee LoneHill and Christina Schmit • Games are getting started and things are going well. • A team participated in the Squirt tournament; this was a huge success. • There was a new process for Jersey checkout, this process went well and was widely appreciated. • House currently has 87 skaters registered. • All their Zam volunteers have been trained. 	
Fundraiser Report - Ronda Simmons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chase the Ace – a new board was started. Unfortunately funding for this week is low. Chase the Ace is looking at a new texting option to remind people to get their tickets each week. • A few teams are fundraising for various events, squirts have hit their fundraising goal of \$6000.00 by selling jerky. • Bantam is running a fundraiser as well. • Varsity is also doing one for an upcoming skills competition. • There are still open sponsorship spaces on the walls. If you know of any local business looking to advertise, please direct them to the website for more information and a schedule of fees. 	
Recruitment Report – Rachelle Williams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RHA participated in the Parade of Lights. • There will be a large push for signs for next year's registration however we need more locations to hang signs. If anyone has any high traffic areas that would allow a sign let Rachelle know. Signs need to be out by June next year. • Brad Lee offers to hang a sign at Beardsley Law Firm, Rachelle will get a sign to them. • Signs need to get made now as we have the funds. – Brad Eggers • The grant money needs to be spent within a year. • Rachael Hepper asks if sign permits are needed for Rapid City? • Summerset has a sign ordinance however Rachael Hepper will investigate getting a sign hung on her building in Summerset. • Signs are needed in Box Elder as well. Cody Minnerath will talk to contacts in Box Elder and ask about putting a sign up there. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of Mite families are new to RHA, they do not have any older siblings in hockey. We need to keep them engaged and wanting to come back year after year. – Joelle Neutzling • Signs – Rachelle Williams and Megan Archer will take it on. Hard sided signs are needed. There is a big push to get these done and ready for the beginning of summer. The board would like to see yard signs as well as big board type signs. Signs will need to go out prior to opening registration. Travel and House registrations will end at different times, need to coordinate this. • Sabers have talked about having mites skate out during period breaks, similar to how the Rush used to do it. • Hero's League gives a grant – Corey Norris will try to spearhead this. 	
Tournament Report – Corey Norris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The squirt tournament was a success and is wrapped up. • Corey would like to get next year's tournament dates set for the Squirt tournament so he can start advertising now. Ideally there would be 12 teams in each division. • Corey Norris proposes an increased registration fee from \$850 to \$950 per team. • 2024 Proposed Tournament dates are – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Squirt Tournament December 13-15, 2024 - Peewee November 8-10, 2024 - Varsity November 15-17, 2024 • We would consider a shared fee for teams that would like to swap registrations. • Dates should be set by March, 2024 • If we use Roosevelt ice the rental fee would be about \$2400 for the weekend. • Refs are another fee to consider for tournaments. • Tournaments need to be consistently named and planned far in advance. • We are not using Stay and Play, we can look into this. • Joelle – Mites would like to go to a tournament in Gillette again this year, it is February 17-18, 2024. There is a \$300 registration fee, board elects to cover this cost. Motion approved 1st – Corey Norris 2nd – Megan Archer. This is not a mandatory event for mites however, it is offered to all mites. Typically, 2 teams would go. 	
Calendar – Loren Jensen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ladies and Laces is scheduled for February 6th. • Teams will be displaced for this event. • Ronda will obtain a liquor license for this event. Motion was approved - Dave Bender and Megan Archer 	
Cancer night/Senior Night – Ronda Simmons and Bradd Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancer Night was a success, however there was light attendance as lot of families were traveling. • Senior Night is set for February 3rd against Brookings, but we are waiting for approval by the state. 	

Beer Sales -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Nelson and Brad Lee would like to start the discussion of having beer sales at The Thunderdome during games. Beer sales have been successful during Ladies and Laces and other select events, why not continue for other games. It is widely known that parents are drinking in the parking lot as it is, there would be potential profit for RHA by selling within The Thunderdome. If we can do this in a very controlled way, we can potentially stop people from going back and forth between the parking lot and the arena. There is a possibility we could encourage new people to come out and watch hockey if they were able to enjoy a beer during the game. The proposed area for beer sales would be the upstairs warm up area, another option would be to sell it out of the pro shop and designate the far corner for consumption. • There are several questions and concerns brought up by board members – the upstairs is where players warm up, where would they go if beer was being sold there? Would we need to have a certified seller? If it was upstairs a railing may need to be installed. Is a security guard needed? What will the cost be for a beer license? • Brad Lee and Ben Nelson will investigate these concerns and report back. 	
Policy Review – Brad Lee and Brad Eggers	<p>All policies on the RHA website need to be completely reviewed, updated, dated with review date and date of next review. The goal is to have this project completed by the beginning of next season. This is specifically important for the tryout policy. Each board member needs to take on this work. Becky Mann has volunteered to take on reviewing some select policies, everyone is responsible for this. Brad Eggers stresses that every policy must have a reviewed date and next review date stated.</p>	