

Rushmore Hockey Association General Membership Meeting

Date: February 12, 2024

Time: 6:00

Location: Thunderdome

Motion	First:	Second:	Time:
Call General Meeting to Order:	Brad Eggers	Dan Laughlin	6:01
Previous Meeting Minutes Approval:	Dan Laughlin	Cody Minnerath	
Meeting Agenda Minutes Approval:	Brad Eggers	Megan Archer	
Meeting Adjourned:	Loren Jensen	Brad Eggers	7:50

Board Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Ben Nelson			x
Brad Eggers	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		
Megan Archer	x		
Rachael Hepper	x		
Rachelle Williams	x		
Rebecca Mann			x
Robert Steffy	x		
Ronda Simmons	x		
Sandra Weaver			x

Important Upcoming Event:	Date:
March Board Meeting @ The Thunderdome	March 11, 2024 at 6:00
Try Hockey for Free @ The Thunderdome	February 22, 2024 at 11:00

Report	Discussion	Follow Up
Presidents Report: Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thad Bruhn and Kelly Simon will both be leaving the girls program at the end of this season. This is a significant loss for our girls' program. Currently John Weatherhead is planning to continue coaching. There will be an interview process lead by Dan Laughlin. Brad Eggers will not be involved as he has a vested interest in the girl's program. Corey Norris has also volunteered to help. The board would like to get the interview process going as soon as possible. The ideal candidate would be a female and have a long-term goal of staying with RHA. The board will need to determine the salary structure prior to the interview process. RHA contract with Roosevelt is due for renewal. Ice rental cost is increasing from \$116 per hour to \$125 per hour. This contract and pricing will be good for the next 3 years. Corey Norris suggests adding tournament ice time into the contract. Brad will work on this with Roosevelt. Ice removal is planned for March 19th, 2024. Ice can be used by request. Brad will also work with Roosevelt to get reimbursed for any unused ice time for the remainder of the year. If it is not possible this ice may also be requested. 	<p>Determine girls coach salary structure.</p> <p>Renew contract with Roosevelt.</p>

<p>House Report: Kent Bradley and Jason French</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House program continues to do well this year. They had a very successful senior night. • House is requesting ice time March 8-10. Kent will work with scheduling for this time. • They are also requesting more ice time on March 3rd. • House Seniors are not eligible to letter per state policy. However, in the past House has made their own patch to give out to seniors. Lettering policy is on the RHA website for reference. • Jason French requests Squirt, Peewee and Bantam coaches come recruit players for travel. He also suggests scrimmages between house and travel as well. Due to safety issues this will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. With numbers low in travel, it would be ideal to move kids from house to travel. • House continues to struggle with filling Dibs openings. Jason and Kent are working on putting a plan together to restructure volunteer time. They will bring their plan to the board at the next meeting. In the last few years house has had the highest number of cashed volunteer hour checks. 	
<p>Policy Review and Updates: Brad Eggers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In March we will discuss a more structured plan to get policies reviewed. 	
<p>Recruitment: Rachelle Williams</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per Rachelle an 8x4 foot banner is \$90. The board makes a motion to order 10 banners to be placed around town. Motion approved by Joelle Neutzling, Second by Loren Jensen. Board approves spending for 10 banners. • Ronda Simmons requests to add recruitment line to the budget, Rachelle agrees and makes this request as well. • Former RHA player Jackson Habrock has made a video for recruitment purposes. Ronda Simmons is looking into prices for running this ad at the Elks and the Golden ticket. – Ronda Simmons 	<p>Pricing to run an ad at The Elks and Golden Ticket Theaters.</p>
<p>Financial Report: Sandra Weaver</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra is not present to give a detailed verbal report. • See report 	
<p>Facilities Report: Cody Minnerath</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently a sprinkler head was releasing air and had to be urgently replaced. The bill for this work has not come in yet but it has been quoted to be less than \$1000.00. • There is a local company this is interested in doing a sponsorship, facilities have suggested laying asphalt out the back Zam door. It is estimated that a 30x100 foot area is needed. Cody is working with this company to get this done. • Another sponsor has come forward asking for a small, medium, and large project. Projects will be proposed to them. One idea for a large project is paving the parking lot. • Cameras are almost all installed. Swiftec has been donating electrician time to install them. There is a concern for internet bandwidth with this system, however the cameras do not run off internet. Camera data is run to a storage system. The only time the internet will be used is if a person 	

	<p>must remote in to watch the feed or previous video. Cameras should not cause any additional internet issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once the ice is out a few boards need to be removed and fixed. Ice is getting under the board causing them to bow out. • The scoreboard went out while Brookings was here. A switch went out, this has been fixed however, In the future the scoreboards will need to be replaced. 	
Tournaments: Corey Norris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tournament dates have been set – November 8-10, 2024 - peewee December 6-8, 2024 - squirts March 2025 – first weekend for mites • Fees are set at \$800 for early registration and \$1000 for late registration. • House plans to participate in squirt tournament again. • There are 200 mites/8 teams coming for their upcoming tournament. They will be using the Roosevelt ice as well. 	
Fundraising Report: Ronda Simmons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chase the Ace is going well however participation is low for helping with drawing night. • Ladies and Laces had a great turnout and grossed about \$6000 to \$7000 for the night (official total is not in yet). Ladies and Laces 2025 will be the 5th year of this event. Rush is already working to make this a huge event. The date will be moved back to March for 2025. No injuries were reported. \$600 was raised with baskets. • Trademark renewal is up, this was submitted however it was denied, Ronda will have Becky Mann review policy. 	
Varsity Fundraising: Angie Dietrich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varsity Boys have qualified for the 2024 USA National Championship in West Chester, Pennsylvania on March 20-24, 2024. This is a huge honor for our kids and program. • West Chester is a 22 hour drive at a cost of about \$15,000 plus driver expenses. Angie is also looking into flights. There are many additional costs to flying as well (flying a hockey bag costs about \$100 per bag and rental cars/bus for local transport). • Varsity needs to raise about \$15,000 to \$20,000 just for travel expenses. • Angie comes to the board today to request a waiver of the 20% give back for fundraising. Board discusses options. Dan Laughlin suggests the board pay the \$1,800 registration fee using previously fundraised money by varsity and waiving the 20% give back up until \$22,000. If varsity raises more than \$22,000, they will need to pay RHA 20%. Motion was brought to the board for vote. Dan Laughlin approves, Megan Archer second. Motion is approved by the board. Ronda Simmons will be the contact between the board and fundraising. 	
Review of Brookings Weekend:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security was money well spent. The board had approved spending \$1400.00 however the bill came in less than budgeted amount. The weekend went well with no major issues. The security company that was used had a good experience as well. • Moving forward we can consider this again in the future. 	

Calendar – Varsity National Tournament	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• House weekend is scheduled for March 8-10, 2024.	
Issues with the American Flag – Bob Steffy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bob states that the flag facing the crowd is turned the wrong way. Bob Steffy would like to replace the flag. The board approves however, in order to change the orientation a lift needs to be rented. Flag will be changed if a lift must be rented for cameras or changing banners.	