



RHA Board Meeting

Date: August 28, 2023 - 8:30pm

Location: Cedar Rock Sportsplex

Attendees: Aaron Ala, Alex Bjork, Bill Zalba, Holly Ensley, **Jim Raguckas**, Mandy DeVries, Nate Spahn, Richard Klein, Scott Karczewski, Steve Alles & Tawni Brouwer

Discussion Topics

Meeting call to order @ 8:44pm

Agenda review and additional topics (Brouwer)

Open Membership Forum

New Business:

- Jared Belka - Interpreter services letter to MAHA
 - Jared needs contact information for who to send emails to with MAHA (George Atkinson), Jared will draft and email and will send on behalf of the BOARD to ask for help.
 - Coaches warm ups are in one box; Jared will send email to coaches with what size they ordered. They are in one big box for them to grab.
- Griffins Dec 15, 2023
 - Griffins Game - THrow for Dough and period break shootout- Need to get 400 tickets
 - Tawni to lock in tickets
 - Mandy to Social Media
- Interpreting Services for Mites player
 - Jared said he will draft an email about our need of interpretation services for our Mite player. Getting record of what we have reached out for Reach back out to MAHA to keep this on the radar for a long-term solution -



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- Golf Outing Update & a Thank-You for Lacie
 - Scott to give the Board a heads up on a good thank you gift for Lacie

Old Business:

- Background Screening - Provisional Clearance rule - allows participation if have had a background check approved in last two years
 - Delays due to State of Michigan's 'Clean Slate Laws'
- GameSheet Software & iPad purchase
 - Travis confirmed he will donate an iPad to keep at the rink; one has been wiped out already
- Griffins Event
 - Throw for Dough & Mites Shootout
 - Dec. 15
 - 400 tickets required
 - Can purchase the tickets at any time and begin advertising
 - Tawni to follow up with Michael regarding cost of tickets and per ticket kickback
- Mites Evaluation Skate - August 30 @ 6:00-7:00
 - Board to address whether to split up the 6U & 8U players
 - Aaron confirmed that Yosin he communicated the skate with all the players
 - Lindsay Alles, Aaron & Bill will be in attendance
- Project Advantage
 - Home/Away signs for benches are in the PA office area. Steve to investigate
 - Team LCAHL Championship banners - give to Steve to be hung up

Parking Lot:

- Toren Prawdzik (Photoevo) - interested in helping RHA
- Mites nets: Jason Markham offer to refresh the nets. Paint and new netting ~\$200 per net
- Team Travel Policy
 - Tawni to do further research (USA Hockey, SafeSport, other club policies)
 - https://www.pnaha.com/layout_container/show_layout_tab?layout_container_id=12296637&page_node_id=1318737&tab_element_id=31803

Committee Reports:

- Rams Scholarship Committee
 - Golf Outing - see above
- Banner Hanging Committee
 - Home/Away Sign above benches - Received & PA to hang
- Disciplinary Committee
- Growth Coordinator
 - THFF - Jim to confirm what time for each of the dates, Nov. 4 being the priority. Early morning not a good time, nor is dinner and later
 - Nov. 4, 2023 -
 - Jan. 7, 2024 - our flexible date



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- Feb. 24, 2024
- LTS/LTP
 - Dates for '23-24
 - Sept. 17 - Oct. 22 (Sept. 24 Holly OOT for wedding; Oct. 15 - Holly not available; skip Oct. 29th - Holly is tied up at work and it's Halloween weekend)
 - Nov. 5 - Dec. 17, skipping Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving – everyone available must help on Nov. 5 (day after THFF)
 - Jan. 14 - Feb. 18 (skip Feb. 25, day after THFF)
 - March 3 - April 21 (skipping March 31 and April 7... starts one week after THFF)
 - Sunday's @ 2:00 CONFIRMED
 - Izzard personal storage area under bleachers - Aaron working with Chad Hohendorf & PA on a plan; Aaron provided a quote to the Board that PA would split the cost of. Aaron to confirm with PA that we are open and interested to move to the next step
- Equipment
 - Would like to get a few more medium and a few large helmets
 - Working with PA to identify a new area to store gear, perhaps upstairs
 - Who did Travis work with for purchasing gear? Helmets always get purchased through OYG.
 - Holly & Steve to confirm what is needed, then they'll work with Jim to make the purchase
- One Goal Grant - discontinued; sort of replaced with Association of the Year contest

Director Reports in

General Manager/Ice (Raguckas):

- Schedules have been updated and communicated. SportsEngine has been set up for most teams though being more finicky than usual.
- Need determination on if we are going to do skills weekly or every other week. Bill was open to supporting weekly on ice, can do that and split to 10U and 12U+.
 - First 10 sessions will be free and held weekly; starts Sept. 15 and will run through Nov. 17
 - Board to revisit for after Christmas; may charge \$10 per skater
 - Aaron to send note to coaches
- Jerseys have been at screen printer since last week, being told they should be completed this week. Will pick up once finished.

Coaching Commissioner (Ala):

- Mites - 3 Options
 - Leave as-is where 8U and 6U do everything as one group
 - Break up the 12-6U kids and they only do the 3-4 6U Jamborees
 - 12-6U kids marry up with LTP kids and we create a cross-ice program
 - Aaron to discuss with Bill



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- Squirt House Eval will be handled differently next year, and the coaches will be more involved to help eliminate some of the special requests
- Dave Desander Extravaganza - Rams-sponsored goalie camp on Sept. 8

Treasurer (Klein):

- LTS/LTP Registration link
- Scholarship Committee
- Needed items in registration (See Scott)

Registrar (NATE):

- Board Roster - Background check, Safe Sport and USA hockey

Secretary/Marketing (Mandy):

- Team Pictures - Oct 9-10 - will cover all teams
- Sponsorship posts - Scott will get info on schedule

Members at Large:

- Alles:
- Bjork: Cancer Awareness Fundraiser; working with a Susan B. Coleman rep



- Jerseys would start at \$30 for practice jersey w/ sublimated logo, name, number
 - Price goes up from there if we wanted a stock pink AK jersey, like numbers 2-3 above.



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- What teams would be interested in doing add ons (like jerseys)
 - Lead time would be 6 weeks
- Would also look into Rams swag (sweatshirts & beanies)
- Online fundraising - could look to do by team. Prize for top fundraising team.
- Karczewski:

Director of Hockey Operations (Bill Zalba):

- 14UA - playup rule; Bill to follow up with Tom Berry and understand how strict this rule is for future purposes

Meeting adjournment @ 11:15

Tawni Brouwer, President
Jim Raguckas, General Manager
Richard Klein, Treasurer
Mandy DeVries, Secretary
Aaron Ala, Coaching Commissioner
Nate Spahn, Registrar
Alex Bjork, Member at Large
Steve Alles, Member at Large
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