

Rushmore Hockey Association General Membership Meeting

Date: 4/8/2024

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Rushmore Thunder Dome

Motion	First:	Second:	Time:
Call General Meeting to Order:	Brad Eggers	Dan Laughlin	5:58pm
Previous Meeting Minutes Approval:	Dave Bender	Rachelle Williams	
Meeting Agenda Minutes Approval:	Megan Archer	Joelle Neutzling	
Meeting Adjourned:	Sandra Weaver	Ronda Simmons	7:55pm

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:
Policy Review Meeting	4/22/24
May Board Meeting	5/14/24

Report	Discussion	Follow Up
Presidents Report: Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RC Marshals indoor football league is renting the Thunderdome from now until July. They have placed their turf in the ice arena. The Marshals are using our space in trade for advertisement at their games and on social media. RHA advertisement will be played 2 times each game. They are paying a \$25 per week fee for the use of the Thunderdome. They will allow other teams to use the turf if they are not using it. Brad has reached out to several baseball, soccer, and lacrosse teams to offer the indoor space. RHA will charge \$50 per session for space rental to any other team. This is a trial year if this works out Brad hopes to continue this partnership. The Marshals are aware of some repairs that will be done while they are using the space. 	
Dept of Transportation, Signs on Hwy 70: Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin Valko traffic engineer for Rapid City comes to discuss the RHA signs posted on highway 79. There are 2 RHA signs on Highway 79 that are not DOT approved. These signs will need to be taken down. Kevin states that if a replacement sign is needed it will need to be approved by the landowners on that corner. RHA would likely have to rent the land from the owner and pay a yearly fee to DOT. The board agrees and signs will be taken down, no replacement signs will go up at this time. 	

House Report: Kent Bradley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kent is out, no other representation from house. No report given. 	
Registration: Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration dates are need to be set. Typically, the state starts asking for numbers about mid July so they can start the scheduling process. • After discussion by the board, it was determined that travel registration will open June 1st and will end July 15th. Any registration after July 16th will be subject to an additional fee. Travel players will have until mid August to register. These dates will apply to squirts through varsity. • House and mite registration will begin on August 1st. • For season 2023/2024 fees were increased but 5%. Board elects to keep fees the same as 2023/2024 season. There will be no increase for travel leagues. Fees for house were not discussed at tonight’s meeting. • Joelle Neutzling suggests considering a teared increase in Mite registration fees as Mites age. This was discussed by the board, the board approved Mite registration fees to start at \$100 for the first year. \$200 for U6/U7 and \$395 for U8. Board also elects to keep the 50% off discount given to Mites who register at any Try Hockey for Free event. • Board discusses a discount for families who have multiple players. It was discussed that the first and oldest player would pay full price, each child after would be given a 25% discount. Family members would be defined by immediate family under the same legal guardian. Sandra Weaver will run a financial report on this to determine what effect this discount would have on our registration budget. • Board discusses a possible referral discount of \$100. \$100 would be awarded to the referring family the following year. Referee cannot be from the same family. Referee must be a new skater or has not played for the last 2 seasons. If referral player leaves RHA would absorb fee. Referral would not be paid out in cash. Board approves referral program. Ronda will get information regarding this to the webmaster and registrar. • To be discussed next month – what is the fundraising fee being used for? 	<p>Add to May Agenda –</p> <p>What is the fundraising fee? Is it needed?</p> <p>Discuss 25% discount for multiple players.</p>
Duties: Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brad would like a list of each RHA duty and who is filling each one. Duties to include registrar, jerseys, Dibs coordinator, scheduler, webmaster, and pro shop. 	Ronda will put together the list and send this to the board.
Policy Review and Updates: Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The policy review meeting is set for April 22nd. This is not a mandatory event. • Megan Archer will be sending out all policies to be reviewed prior to the meeting. 	
Recruitment: Rachelle Williams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RHA banners are here, they will be placed around town in the next few weeks. • A new pamphlet has been created for new hockey parents, these will be used at various events and placed at Roosevelt. • “New to Hockey” tab is being created for the website. • Promotional video will be run at the Elks theater starting in July and will run to October. • Ronda Simmons suggests adding “How did you hear about RHA” on the registration page, she will talk to the webmaster about getting this set up. 	<p>Pricing for Summer nights booth.</p> <p>Signs to be placed around town.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ronda Simmons suggests renting a booth at Summer Nights – Ronda will be looking into pricing. 	
Financial Report: Sandra Weaver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer buyout checks are to be done at the end of April. Individual team fundraisers are being tracked as a line item. Each team has money left over from this year. The balance will carry forward to the next year. There is money left over to purchase new rental gear. Sandra Weaver will be meeting with a few banks after tax season to see about increasing interest rates on savings accounts. 	
Facilities Report: Ben Nelson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boards are being repaired and resealed, there is a possibility of having to replace a few doors. A few of the doors have been repaired several times, they may not be fixable. The cost to replace doors may be about \$15,000 to \$20,000. Dominic Janitell reports that there are several different types of key fobs. Ideally, we would have 1 type of fob, he would like to put in a bulk order of key fobs if possible. Ben Nelson reports he will be stepping back from facilities, Cody Minnerath will be taking over for Ben. 	
Tournaments: Corey Norris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cory is out today. No report was given by him. Early Bird and Squirt Tournaments have been posted on RHA website. 	
Fundraising Report: Ronda Simmons/Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chase the Ace has hit over \$8,000. Ronda encourages anyone to come hang out Tuesday nights from 6:30-7:30 at Wings and Rings. Drawings are done live there every Tuesday night at 7:00. Sponsorships – Some signs are going to be replaced, fixed and covered. 	
Girls Varsity Recruitment – Dan Laughlin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are 4 eligible applicants, all applicants are from within RHA. Dan will start the interview process next week. 	
SDAHA Proposal – Lock 10 Violation Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board elects to vote Yes on this proposal. Only the coach will be punished. Players should not assume the penalty. 	
SDAHA Proposal – Team Composition Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board elects to vote Yes on this proposal. 	
SDAHA Proposal – Non-League Assessment Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board elects to vote No on this proposal. The board is not in favor of SDHA assessing a \$400 fee to non-travel leagues. 	
SDAHA Proposal – Girls 14U Resurfacing Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board elects to vote Yes on this proposal. The board is in favor of resurfacing the ice between 1st and 2nd periods for U14 girls’ games. 	
SDAHA Proposal – Playing Rules – Removal of Jr. Gold League	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House players that would move to travel cannot move back to house per this rule. Board elects to vote No on this proposal. 	

SDAHA Proposal – Playing Rule Proposal - Scorekeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All score keeping must be done via electronic score sheets. A computer or iPad will be needed. There is an \$8 per game fee. • Board elects to vote yes on this proposal. 	
SDAHA Proposal – Boji Mammoth High School Petition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Okaboji would like to join SDAHA, they would be bringing a varsity team into the league, no other age groups will join. • Board elects to vote no on this proposal. 	
SDAHA Proposal – South Metro Hockey Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Metro Hockey Club wants permission for a AA non-league travel team. This would be for Peewee and Bantam only, these teams would only play tournaments. • Board elects to vote no on this proposal. 	
SDAHA Proposal – Northern Hills Chinook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Hills Chinook would like to join SDAHA with a non-league squirt travel tournament team. • Board elects to vote yes on this proposal. 	