



RHA Board Meeting

Date: November 27, 2023 - 8:30pm

Location: Cedar Rock Sportsplex

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

Discussion Topics

Meeting call to order @ 8:35

Agenda review and additional topics (Brouwer)

Open Membership Forum

New Business:

- Skills Sessions
 - Booked through the first Friday of January
 - Mitch has covered three sessions and rec'd payment from Bill
 - Bill will miss a few more Skills sessions; Rams will schedule around this; Bill to provide Skills dates to the Board that he is unavailable
- PA Meeting tomorrow, 11/28 @ 7:00
- Santa Parade
 - Bill to attend the Safety Meeting
 - Bill will have a vehicle in the parade
- 10UA team for '24-25 season - Bill will likely get approached by a couple of parents
- Varsity Hockey - Youth Ambassadors - working great!
- 18U Jerseys - 3 players added that need jersey
 - 4-6 weeks lead time
 - Likely 2nd week of January before they're available
 - Nate to have Paul send an email to former players who may have graduated
 - Nate to gauge the parents openness
- Board of Directors - add new position for Digital Media Specialist?



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- Board aligned to define one of the Member at Large positions as the digital media specialist

Old Business:

- 8U Plus Program -
 - Registered, 11/13
 - Currently, 10 committed and 1 maybe - roster needs to be completed (deadline: Dec. 12)
 - Bill sent the names to Nate
 - Bill to send the 8U Plus roster list to Richard for invoicing
 - Markham coaching
 - Richard created a budget
 - 3 practices for an hour
 - 4 home games
 - Full sheet of ice
 - March Tournament - add'l fee
 - Meeting with coaches and families
 - May need a Rams registration in order to pay or else Richard will invoice each family separately
- Interpreter services letter to MAHA (Jared Belka)
 - Jared needs contact information for who to send emails to with MAHA (George Atkinson), Jared will draft an email and will send on behalf of the BOARD to ask for help.
- Griffins Event (12/15)
 - Need volunteers to sit at Throw for Dough tables - can be parents and kids; does not need to be Board members
 - Mandy to create SignUp Genius for volunteers
- Project Advantage
 - No updates

Parking Lot:

- Adray Period Lengths starting '24-25 season
 - Going from 12, 12, and 14 minutes (Squirt, Peewee, Bantam)
 - To 12, 15, and 15 minutes (Squirt, Peewee, Bantam)
 - Board to keep this in mind when planning and scheduling next year; will likely need to increase ice time for PeeWees
- Toren Prawdzik (Photoevo) - interested in helping RHA
- Mites nets: Jason Markham offer to refresh the nets. Paint and new netting ~\$200 per net

Committee Reports:

- Rams Scholarship Committee
 - \$17,000 raised from Golf Outing
 - Saved b/t \$5000-7000 for mid-season needs that may come up
 - Two deadlines for next year: Aug. 1 & Oct. 15
 - Will need to change this on the website & form



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- Holly to help revise the form
 - Awarded \$10,250 (ranged from \$1200-\$1850 per family)
 - Scholarship recipients have been notified
- Banner Hanging Committee
- Disciplinary Committee
 - Leads: Bill Zalba, Alex Bjork & Aaron Ala
- Growth Coordinator
 - THFF - times confirmed
 - Nov. 4, 2023 - 6-7pm
 - Jan. 7, 2024 (our flexible date) - 6-7pm
 - Feb. 24, 2024 - 6-7pm
 - 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)
 - Mitch missing 9/24, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22 and 12/3
 - Nov. 5 - Dec. 17, skipping Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving – everyone available must help on Nov. 5 (day after THFF)
 - Aaron & Jim will be available to help with fittings, especially since this is a 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
 - Talk of splitting the ice
 - There is no extra ice on Sundays to split LTS & LTP
 - Only open ice is early Saturdays or late Saturdays
 - Aaron & Bill talked with Mitch & Izzard and agreed we are ok for the moment
 - Equipment
 - Would like to get a few more medium and a few large helmets, small elbow pads and small gloves
 - 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
 - Association of the Year contest

Director Reports in

General Manager/Ice (Raguckas):

- 6U Jamborees



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- Jim partnering with Bill and Yosin
 - Next year, our registration will assume a separate 6U team which will be a true Cross-Ice program
- 8U Plus
 - Jim working with Bill on scheduling

Coaching Commissioner (Ala):

- Coaching Contracts done
- Coaches Survey - Aaron & Richard to connect on Friday, 12/1
- LTS - Bill covering the 10th and Aaron the 17th for Izzard
- Meet with Bill for mid-year check-in - Dec. 11 @ 6:00
- LTP mid-year pullups to Mites - Bill & Clark to chat about how many players could be pulled up
 - Currently no 2015s in LTP to consider

Treasurer (Klein):

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Registrar (NATE):

- CEPs - Nate to send an updated list to Aaron

Secretary/Marketing (Mandy):

- Team Pictures - handful not yet picked up (all of 16U and some 12UAA / 10UBs)
- Sponsorship posts - Scott shared the list with Mandy; Mandy to begin posting
 - First post will be all the sponsors
 - After that, can do one a day
- Santa Parade application - Application done - Bill to drive truck and Mand will get Candy

Members at Large:

- Alles:
 - Door to equipment room is broke; door has been broken and fixed once before; Steve to work with PA
- Bjork: Cancer Awareness Fundraiser; working with VAI - Jan 20-21
 - Fundraising link complete :
 - <https://support.vai.org/campaign/2024-rams-hockey-fights-cancer/c522278>
 - Jerseys : email will go out to TMs this week to see if teams want to be in on jerseys. Cost would be about \$60/jersey (max of 12 characters on back)



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- Alex will start looking at other fundraising opps as well (silent auction, raffle, goal donations, etc)
- Karczewski:

Director of Hockey Operations (Bill Zalba):

- 14UA - play up rule; Bill to follow up with Tom Berry and understand how strict this rule is for future purposes
- Goalie Quick Change gear - Bill to see what's in the equipment room to evaluate whether to purchase more
- Mites Practices - can we start these at 4:45? Ice is open. Jim to check with the rink

Meeting adjournment @ 10:11

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
Scott Karczewski, Member at Large