

RHA October 2023 General Membership Meeting

Date: 10-16-23

Time: 6:00

Location: Thunder Dome

- **Call General Meeting to Order:** Brad Eggers
 - **Second:** Ben Nelson
 - **Time:** 6:00
- **Previous Meeting Minutes Approved:** Bob Steffy
 - **Second:** Dave Bender
- **Meeting Agenda Approved:** Ben Nelson
 - **Second:** Ronda Simmons
- **Meeting Adjourned:** Sandra Weaver
 - **Second:** Joelle Neutzling
 - **Time:** 8:33pm

Important Upcoming Dates -

Date	Event
11-6-23	November Board Meeting

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		
Loren Jensen	X		
Rachael Hepper	X		
Rachelle Williams	X		
Rebecca Mann	X		
Robert Steffy	X		
Ronda Simmons	X		

Report	Discussion	Follow Up
President - Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sioux Fall has pulled Squirt, Peewee and Bantam levels from SDHA this travel this season. This is causing significant delays with scheduling. These levels will primarily be playing in IA, MN and tournaments this season. They will be eligible to play tournaments within SD but cannot play any league games. – Brad Eggers Sioux Falls Varsity and JV will be participating in this year's SDHA league play. They will be splitting geographically, SDHA will decide if this is allowable, more to come. Unfortunately, schedules will not be released until this is decided. JV/Varsity could not get into MN Gold program until January, so they decided to play within SD league play. All girl leagues will remain in SDHA. This decision by SF will impact everyone's travel, home games and rink revenue. – Dave Bender 	
Financial Report - Sandra Weaver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Report Will be talking with board of trustee's about placing money into a CD. Will need trustee board to give approval. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need access to loan • Electric bill has increased significantly after installing ice. 	
Facilities Report - Ben Nelson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RHA will need to purchase a new charger for the Zam soon. To begin with this will be used as back up. Repairs can cost upwards of \$2000 however a new charger will cost about \$4300. Ben Nelson and Cody Minnerath are working to get a charger locally vs buying out of the area, a local company can help if this would go out. Motion approved by Loren Jensen, 2nd by Cody Minnerath. • The Thunderdome is also having roofing issues. This is not a new problem but does need to get addressed within 2024. There is a significant leak in Zam room. Ben Nelson is in the process of getting quotes, this could cost between \$20,000 to \$40,000. The biggest problem is the joint between the 2 buildings is failing. As of now the leaks are worse with 2+ inches of rain as the roof line cannot handle the amount of water coming down the slope. The goal would be to get this done in the Spring of 2024. • The shooting cage is nearly complete and will be ready for use next week. – Domnick Janitell • Key fob locks are being installed this week. Keys will be given to designated coaches, Chris Dietrich and 1 will hang in concessions. • Coaches must be present when players use the shooting cage. Rules need to be enforced by everyone. Coaches are responsible for any players in the shooting cage. • Security cameras need to be considered. Cody Minnerath will talk with Johnson Controls to get a quote for set up and maintenance. • Sticks are not to be outside the rink at any time. This also needs to be enforced by everyone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase Zam charger. • Gather quotes for roofing. • Look into security camera options.
House Report – Kent Bradley and Rick Boorman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their first practice is scheduled for Oct. 28th. They will have a parent meeting on 10-28 as well. At this time, they are looking for 2 head coaches. In the last 2 weeks they have had an increase in registration. • 2 TeamReach accounts have been set up and they encourage everyone to join these. • Ice time is set for Friday's and Sunday pending travel schedules. • House has 55 registered players as of tonight. - Ronda Simmons • House would like to build a team for the squirt tournament. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register a team for the squirt tournament.
Fundraiser Report - Ronda Simmons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is week 4 for Chase the Ace with an average of about \$300 a week. They will be sending a weekly text reminder. • People are really excited about supporting the organization this way, rather than having to buy something. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ronda asks board members to share posts on Facebook to get the word out. Ideally, we would be getting money from outside of RHA families. • At least 3 people are needed each week to do the Facebook live events every Tuesday night. This takes about an hour to set up, If you would like to help please show up by 6:15 at Wings and Rings. • The week of tryouts the drawing will be at The Thunder Dome. • Sabers event – (10/20 and 10/21) There will be a jersey auction and 50/50 for RHA. Allied Construction has paid for the jerseys that will be auctioned off. Thanks to Allied Constructions the auction will be 100% profit. RHA will be in charge of 50/50 both game nights. Huge opportunity for RHA fundraising. • Wreath Sales closing next week. • Sabers will announce Try Hockey for Free at games. – Joelle Neutzling 	
Recruitment: Rachelle Williams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be taking flyers to Roosevelt for Try Hockey for Free and information on our program. Also posting signs at Roosevelt. - Rachelle Williams/Joelle Neutzling • Will be posting signs in Box Elder. • RHA will be represented at 2 trunk or treat events, Calvery Lutheran Church and Box Elder. • RHA will be participating in this year's Parade of Lights. Looking for donations of lights to start with, there will be a collection bin in the warming room soon. Watch Facebook for volunteer opportunities. – Megan Archer and Joelle Neutzling • RHA received a recruitment grant totaling \$2000. Money will be spent on yard size and large signs to hang near schools and post around town. Signs will be designed so they can be used for years. Signs will be hung starting June 2024. • Fall Pumpkin Festival at Main Street Square was a huge success this year. Was able to sign up a number of mites. • Kent Bradley has offered to print a sign for Try Hockey for Free. He will be taking care of printing and hanging. • Rush will be running ads for Try Hockey for free and \$100 first year mite program. • Mite registration does not close. They can start whenever they are able throughout the season. 	
Roosevelt Representative and Gear Rental - Gary Stanley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult program director – Gary Stanley came to discuss building the relationship between RHA and Roosevelt. • Erin Holmes has stepped down from learn to skate program and asked Gary to take this over. They now have level 2,3,4 and power skating. At power skate level they 	

	<p>start stick handling and wear full gear. Several participants are looking to rent full gear. After the learn to skate they are looking for ideas on how to transition them into Rushmore Thunder program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roosevelt has about 15 to 20 kids in this program at any given time. • At this time, we need to check on the amount of gear needed after check outs are done. – Dan Laughlin • In the future they are looking to offer skate coaching prior to starting in hockey. • House does get a lot of kids who have never skated before, this would be a great opportunity for these kids. – Domnick Janitell • They would still need to pay the \$50 rental fee and \$200 refundable deposit. Rental fees go straight back into the rental program. – Ronda Simmons • Having rental pick up during a practice of a similar age practice would be ideal. A Coupon and RHA information can be handed out with gear. – Ronda Simmons • Rental program approved by Ben Nelson, 2nd by Dan Laughlin • Kent Bradley asked Gary Stanley if he can ask around at men's league for house coaches, Gary will start asking. • Gary will also ask around about referee recruitment at adult League. 	
<p>Play Up Requests/Tryouts – Brad Eggers and Corey Norris</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjustments to tryout process have been made by coaching staff. Tryouts will last 3 days, day 4 reserved if needed or a practice. • Tryouts will consist of Skating drills, full ice and small ice games. • Bantam can try out as defense or forward. • Scoring has changed, scores will be awarded on a 0-5 scale. Players will receive scores based on skating, skills and hockey IQ. This will give evaluators something specific to look for. • Coaches will be scoring on attitude, coachability, leadership, compete level and behavior on and off ice. • This is a whole player approach; coach input will be used. • RHA Board would like this process to be more transparent by giving players and families as much information ahead of time as possible. Information will go out in this month's newsletter being published tomorrow. • Starting this year any board member with a kid in squirt, peewee or Bantam will not be allowed to be involved in the scoring/tryout process. • Board members that will be involved in the tryout process are as follows – Ronda Simmons, Sandra Weaver, Bob 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redo play up request policy

	<p>Steffy, Dan Laughlin, Brad Lee and Brad Eggers. All other board members are excused from this process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaches will explain expectations to kids at each practice. – Corey Norris • Coaches will have their own score sheet, but it will be averaged. Coaches that have a kid involved will not be scoring their child but will be able to score other kids in that group. • In the event that a kid is injured and can not try out they will try out when they are released to play. They will then be placed on the appropriate team. • Coaches will send out team assignments Wednesday night if possible. Otherwise, Thursday will be used for more tryouts. • Jerseys will be handed out the following weekend. • Another play up request was received for a Mite to play up to a squirt – previously discussed by coaching, approved by coaching – approved by board – Ben Nelson and 2nd by Dan Laughlin • Coaching also received a Squirt to Peewee play up – this also was previously approved coaching – approved by board. Approved by the board - Ben Nelson and 2nd by Dan Laughlin • Current policy states that play ups do not need to make A team, they are eligible to play on B team. Committee will need to be created to look over this policy going forward. Policy needs to be rewritten and broken into 3 separate categories – parent driven, coach driven and organization driven. • Squirt to Peewee - Board discussion was conducted for Squirt to Peewee play up protocol only - Board approved players making A or top 3 of the B team. If they do not make top 3 they will be placed back down to squirt. Approved by Ben Nelson, 2nd by Loren Jensen. • Mite to squirt – with coach previous approval play up they can be placed on A or B team. Approved Loren Jensen, 2nd Ronda Simmons. 	
Roosevelt Ice Rental – Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice rental contract is coming due. We need to start planning for this. Last contract was signed 3 years ago. We would be seeing a price increase. 	
Tournaments – Corey Norris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Squirt tournament – numbers are low. Watford City has a tournament at the same weekend as RHA. • Wyoming plays half ice but they have been invited. A few WY teams are interested. • Peewee tournament is good with 7-8 teams. • Team SD weekends have been successful. Good turnout for games. 	

