

## **RHA Board Meeting, 7/15/19**

### **Thunderdome**

**Board members present:** Chris Dietrich, Gregg Fullerton, Robert Steffy, Ben Nelson, Gordon Merchen, Greg Chisolm, Ronda Simmons, Rachael Hepper, Konrad Reeder, Mike Bartling, Christine Ritter

Call meeting to order: Chris Dietrich 6:00 pm

Approve meeting agenda/ minutes: motion to approve by Gregg, second by Ben

2019-2020 Budget Update (Robert Steffy): Went over budget handout. Will want to see what the registration #'s are to go from there. Did provide projected #'s based on projected #'s of enrollment.

Was asked if anyone was aware of the per diem other associations pay?

Keep emailing and reminding families of the upcoming travel team deadline to receive the \$200 discount. On 8/1/19, the fees go up-- this applies only to travel team- not house or mites. Will plan on 2 reminders/week till cutoff, will hit social media as well to get the word out to everyone.

### Presidents Report:

**No squirt league play for RHA-** If we did B teams, they have to have a major and a minor. This is broken down by age- not like abilities. All 1st year would be minors, 2nd year would be majors. We are not sure we will have enough to field a major team. Not able to find a compromise to make this work.

**Tournaments-** This year we are NOT hosting a state tournament, just not our rotation for one. Do we want to try to take one on if it becomes available? Discussion on what's available and looking at our #'s. It was decided at this time that we will not pursue an open tournament- motion by Ronda, second by Konrad, motion carries. We will instead look to move up the squirts or mites to see about better attendance from other associations, ours currently fall very late in season & this does factor in for some teams.

Possibly Bantam A state up? Will see if anything comes open and go from there, at this time we will hold off.

**League play- team numbers-** Once we get registration numbers, will get with Woody & Konrad (HDC) and look at how many team and how we set them up. There is not much interest in the PWC this year in the state- we are looking to do 2 PWB even split teams instead. With the C league, there weren't as many games with less teams involved.

### **New League Rules-**

Safesport- needs to be renewed annually now. There is also a different platform and it's more involved. Also new, if you are 16+, will need to take a player safesport module. This needs to be completed before you are allowed in the locker-room. Question on players 18+, may need to do a different version- the adult module. Will see when it comes out online.

Unsportsmanlike conduct penalty- Also new this year. This applies to any banging/slapping/kicking of the boards for a hit or check. Question on cheering when a goal is scored? Chris is checking with Kade for more information on this and will get this to coaches.

### **New positions-**

Registrar- Emily Wheaton: at this time we have 57 signed up

Scholarship- Holly Hoffman

New board members- Angie Bohling, Dan Laughlin, Ben Nelson, Ronda Simmons

Building Committee report (Nelson/Olson/Fullerton)-

**New Cooling Tower- (Fullerton)** New cooling tower on order, will be here in about 3 weeks. There is a \$40,000 invoice- this will be paid by donation from Tessiers & O'Connor Group (Big thanks Georg & Sean!). We will need to pay for the install. If this went down, we wouldn't be able to have ice- this is a necessary update.

**Projects-** Referee Room- Would like to get this completed- Kade had mentioned that he could help with this project.

Roof leaks- need to get these repaired as well.

**Live Barn update- installation date-** Live Barn is happening. Shawn from LB called today & got the internet info. Will have someone meet & show them around. This should be up in about a month. Camera will be installed in about the same spot as the VF camera area. There are 2 camera modes- practice (pan out) & game mode (follows the puck). Question on the panning if it will be below the beam to see the scoreboard? If not, we may need to look at getting a small one installed over the score room area.

Everything will be moved to the mechanical room. There will be a computer monitor and just 1 camera. We can move the other 2 cameras we have for better facility coverage (non game).

Subscription based- will be able to see any games where there is LB with this. It's the state's goal to get this in all associations. You can choose to black out at times- for example for practices. Blackouts will still be recorded, just not broadcast.

At this time there was nothing moved on Virtual Fan-- we may still use, will try LB and see what happens.

**Request for Roller Derby Team use- rental-** Chris did state there is a rental use policy in place. They would also need to provide own insurance. Would be about \$90-\$100/ hour. Concerns on liability- what if the insurance is too low? What are the ramifications for RHA if something happens, are we tied to this? Will table discussion for now, Chris will check with Brad Lee on this.

Girls Program Report- Emily stated there were 15 girls currently registered: 6 mites, 2 squirts, 1 peewee, and 6 girls team (was mentioned PW player may move to girls team).

Brady Pinney is putting a strong emphasis on all girls attending Laura Stamm camp. There are only 17 total signed up for camp, for all levels.

**Request for tournament money-** Not sure they will host a tourney, no further discussion.

**Coach Brady- pay/status-** Brady wants 1 more season as the girls head coach, will go from there. Would like RHA to start looking for a replacement. Discussion on who we have coaching now and possible candidates. Cassie Nack has coached in the past & so did Tori. (not sure if Brady will

recommend- just discussion at this time) Jeb & Sean are parent coaches for the girls. Brady has mentioned he will not leave the team if we do not have a qualified female coach to replace him.

Some questions came up to board about Brady being engaged to a parent and coaching that team. Is he considered a parent coach, or paid? Brady is not getting married until after the season and is requesting \$3,000 payment same as last year--- payment was a different amount, will need to clarify and move forward with contracts. Gregg Fullerton made a motion in general to pay Brady as a coach this season, Greg Chisolm second- further discussion on pay- vote carries to pay this year--- will need to set amount at later meeting.

Hockey Development position- Was noted first that Dick Novak is not sure he will travel with JV/V teams full time this year. He would like to see us find a fulltime replacement. He doesn't want to take on the full time hockey development position, but will be around helping with practices etc. He is not worried about pay. He has been working on this position and wants to recommend Brendan Hodges.

Discussion on Hodges taking the varsity coach position (\$3,000 pay) and we could combine the HD position with the \$5,000 allotted to start this new position. It wouldn't be a lot to start, we could look at growing funding thru camps to increase to \$10,000 maybe? Chris and Gregg will be meeting with him next week. Would like him to start coaching the varsity and can see what is coming up and what we need to develop with the younger players.

Danny may also have some interest- possibly a director or goalies? We are needing to work with goalies and strong development.

Had also been working with Riley on this, but have not been able to get this to work at this time. Konrad was also asked, but not able to at this time.

Question came up about city funding? Post 22 got 5.5 million for about 60 kids, we have 300+? City will not pay for coaching, it needs to be something for a facility. Can look at organizing ideas & submitting a request. Possibly a grant for vision funding? This would open us up to the city & we would lose control of this project though. We are currently private. We can get a committee together to look at this. Right now we are 1 of the only independent ice associations. There are pros and cons involved with this.

Moving forward on the position- Gregg and Chris will meet with people and come back to the board. Dick strongly recommends Hodges as the varsity coach and looking at other duties as well.

Question on whether we pay the assistant coaches or just a per diem? We have paid assistant coaches along with a per diem in the past.

#### General discussion-

Last year the JV/V boys had arrangements with Dan Jenson with Physio- same program that is working with Central & Stevens athletes this year. We may look at doing this again- this was parent funded.

Will need to look at scheduling the workout rooms & setting up protocol. Last season some teams were in there quite a bit and others were not able to get in- maybe adding a calendar and slots for this.

Athletic trainers agreed again to cover games & come out twice a week to help players with injuries.

#### Fundraising (Ronda Simmons)-

**Jam for the Zam - date/time (Ronda)-** Date confirmed 9/14 with Brandon Jones. If Riley is still here, would like to have him come out to perform as well. Poster is done today. Will have sponsor tables again. Will get beer license (\$250). After expenses, we had about \$4,500 profit. Last 2 years it's been a fundraiser to get the zam, now its Jam with the Zam.

Looking at concessions? Maybe work with Tracey Fine on this and see about simple things. Will also need to get Dibs helper to work with Eric and get these slots up.

Expo is next day, 9/15. Will look at having vendors- Scheels, Serv Pro, Paly it Again? Will also want to check with Molly Rasby about getting wreath order forms, Jennifer Bartling for Safeway cards, and season passes out there.

Discussion on wreath sales- players will receive \$9 per wreath sold. Will need to look into what we make after we pay for all the wreaths. Will get some clarification on this & get a report of sales to see if we are breaking even.

18 letters went out to businesses so far- received a reply from 1 that cannot sponsor, but can do a fundraising day. Invoices for renewals will go out end of July/ early August to all existing sponsors.

We still have the 15 second still before movies at the Elks--- to try to promote hockey.

Brandon Rogers contacted us & wants to schedule our hotels for a cut. We already have the Stay & play program We have received about \$1500 so far, we have direct relationship with them. We are planning to keep the program as is, not interested in anything new at this time.

Proshop (Ronda Simmons)- Nothing to report at this time, would like to get a budget for next season to start ordering. Chris will work with Bob Steffy on the Budget before we set anything.

Registrar update (Emily Wheaton)-

**Registration Deadline-** before 8/1/19, rates go up the \$200 penalty on 8/1/19 for all travel teams.

**Anticipated numbers/teams-** still coming in, currently 57 as of today, mites have the highest, varsity the lowest registered.

Squirt meeting- August- Would like to get parents together to go over the squirt travel program to help inform.

House program- not present, nothing to report

Future dates-

Laura Stamm power skating camp- Oct 7-12

Jam for the Zam- Sept 14

Expo- Sept 15

Fall pre tryout camp- Oct 14-18

Tryouts- Oct 14-18

Peewee tournament- Nov 8-10

Varsity tournament- Nov 15-17

General Discussion -

Rachael asked about funding for squirt tournaments- needing to get these scheduled.

Bob Steffy has still not seen the insurance forms & needs to access this.

There are 3 checks being held- update? 1 squirt cleared his hours working on the tower project per Ben. We need to pick a date & look at cashing the others. In the past we have the date set on the checks, but we have extended out to give many opportunities. If your check is cashed and you have hours- you will receive credit towards that for next year.

Suggestion on bumping up the hourly cost from \$10 to \$15? Will add for full discussion on future agenda. Cash date was May 1st.

If a check is returned, or there is not a check, and hours were not fulfilled- there would be a freeze on their account in the fall until this is cleared up.

Team SD will have games early fall.

Motion to adjourn made by Ben, second by Gregg, meeting is adjourned at 7:52 pm