

RHA Board Meeting, April 10, 2023 Thunderdome, 6:00 pm

Board members present: Chris Dietrich, Brad Eggers, Greg Chisolm, Ben Nelson, Ronda Simmons, David Bender, Sandra Weaver, Becky Mann, Mike Bartling

Guests: John Rankin

Call meeting to order- Chris Dietrich 6:03 pm

Approve meeting minutes/agenda- motion made by Becky, second by Sandra, motion approved in vote.

Presidents Report (Chris Dietrich):

State Meeting- Dave and Brad Eggers will attend the upcoming Spring State meeting.

-With the proposals that are being proposed travel team splits will be a big discussion. The current rule applies to all levels, it was mentioned that Mitchell, Pierre, and Brandon Valley play in the B bracket-no A, this could be brought up at State meeting.

-Zamming for Girls U14- Brad Eggers has info for our support for discussion at State meeting

-Jersey's (dark vs light colors)—will most likely be clarified at State meeting.

-Video Review-State wants to charge \$100 for reviewing video submissions for discipline. There has been no cost for review in the past, 2 associations have sent in over 18 submissions between the 2 association. Cost is going to be problematic for associations sending in offenses. In the proposal Mitchell is asking for a report back on the decision from State disciplinary board regarding video submissions.

-Girls U14- player needs to play 50% of the season with U14 to be eligible for the Girls U14 State tournament-we agree.

--Squirt Runtime- possibly propose the change be decided on “goal differential.”

--Medical Coverage for Bantam, JV and Varsity games—will cause issues for scheduling trainers for 8 am Bantam games, believe it will be a logistics problem for other associations, there is no penalty for not providing medical coverage for games.

Hall of Fame Banquet- Brad Eggers and David Bender will be attending the banquet. RHA sponsored a table as Boys Varsity/JV Head Coach Dick Novak was nominated and being inducted. This was approved at last meeting.

Parents Code of Conduct—has been updated since last meeting and Stacy sent it to Sports Engine to be loaded for registration.

Ice Installation Date- Chris requested that ice being put in 4 days early than last discussed so that fall 3v3 can have 4 weekends available.

House Program- (House Committee members):

No reps present at meeting. Guest John Rankin asked if House Committee has a charter and who they report to? Chris said they report to the RHA Board, they are an internal section of RHA and operate under RHA. Not micromanaged and they fall under the rules of RHA. John Rankin asked if checking was asked to be removed from the house league to the board, and if the board agreed? Chris said there is no checking at intermural level, not even at Men's league. We are hoping it will entice more kids to play. There are House people upset about checking being removed from the House league. Request was made by Dan French that checking should be removed, and the RHA board agreed. It is a step to try and make house league safer and eliminate safety concerns.

Discussing on how to get house league more unified and make the league safer. John stated he didn't know committee was being formed and was told that coaches were not allowed to be on committee. There was more discussion on having coordinators for house, like travel teams do to help alleviate problems with coaches. It was discussed to pick coordinators early to communicate schedules and other concerns quickly. Will speak with house committee about this closer to the fall.

Financials- none provided, Bob was absent.

Commercial Insurance- We have 1 quote, waiting on another. Have asked several agents for quotes, many cannot provide. We 1 of a small few of privately owned rinks left in the nation, it is hard to find insurance.

Building- Still waiting for the floor to dry to be able to clean.

Upcoming summer repairs—Repair Zam gates, see if we have room for new dividers and devise plan for storage, will try have paint matched to yellow so volunteers from Black Hills Energy can paint bleachers and walls.

Facilities use agreement- need on ice and office facilities use agreement, will have Brad Lee or Becky Mann investigate legal agreement.

Request to host graduation party at the Thunderdome in May 2023, party would like to use warming room, bathrooms and kitchen for graduation party. RHA board proposed \$100 flat fee, motion for: One time use for graduation party at a \$100 flat fee—Motion by Brad Eggers, second by Mike Bartling approved in vote.

Girls Program (Brad Eggers):

Will have same coaches for next year, Thad and Kelly, Megan and John not coming back. There is a skating camp organized by the Wellings for Girls U14, JV and Varsity girls for the summer at Roosevelt.

No change to ½ off first year girls skater registration.

Hockey Development Committee-

HDC had a coaches meeting 2 weeks ago with Chris and Brad Eggers attending. Several things discussed ice utilization, coaches development but mostly tryout format. Discussion on having Bantam level tryout for positions (forward or defense), looking to evaluate on more than just scrimmages maybe use some time for drills to see players skills, better scoring method using more specific details instead of 1-10 scale etc. May need to look at how tryout jerseys are handed out in future, so teams are divided more equally during tryouts. Would like to have 5 evaluators each night, in past have only had 3 or 4 evaluators.

Summer Development- Not a lot of options—Sabres camp and Riley's supercamp. Hard to encourage development when not a lot of development is offered nearby. SDAHA does offer development camps in the spring. Discussion regarding morning ice during the season to be used for development outside of regular practice, such as powerskating, offered to different age levels. Would need structure and locker room monitoring which could be an issue.

Team sizes look the same as last year, estimating- 2 teams at each level, 1 A and 1 B team. Squirts could be small. The Girls JV level will be discussed at the State meeting for format for next year. Boys Varsity/JV approximately 30 skaters with 2-4 goalies.

Play-Up Requests- need to be able to play top level to play up. Numbers for teams could also be a factor.

Fundraising (Ronda Simmons):

Chase the Ace- Sandra submitted the "raffle" application to the state regarding CTA.

Account established at Dacotah Bank-Brad Eggers, Ronda and Bob set up and have signing rights.

CTA committee (Ronda) asked \$2500 to start the pot for CTA, motion was RHA to fund \$2500 starting pot for CTA fundraiser-motion Ben second Brad Eggers

Fundraising committee will meet again in June.

Ronda asked about advertising for recruiting again for the summer movie program at the Elks. Motion by Brad Eggers to do advertising for recruiting during summer movie program at the Elks Theatre, second by Dave. Approved by vote.

Future Dates:

Spring Meeting will be held in June with elections. Nominations need to be sent to Christine, will be needing to fill President, Vice President and Secretary positions along with several board positions.

Future Ice Dates- Squirt tournament dates to be possibly moved to December or January

Looking at Peewee Early Bird and the Varsity Rendezvous

Girls have interest in hosting a friendly sometime after Oct 1st if availability is there.

Next board meeting set for Monday, May 15th at 6 pm, Thunderdome Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm