

RHA Spring/Board Meeting     Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022   7 pm  
Rushmore Thunderdome

Board Members Present: Chris Dietrich, Brad Eggers, Christine Ritter, Ben Nelson, Robert Steffy, Doug Retzer, Rachael Hepper, Trista Rybak, Dixie Matthews

7:02 pm Spring meeting called to order by President Chris Dietrich

There are 3 positions open on the board to fill:

Robert Steffy nominated David Bender  
David Bender nominated Josh Quigley  
Brad Eggers nominated Sandra Weaver  
Rachael nominated Rachelle Williams

Discussion on board positions and levels that need representation. Christine Ritter and Ben Nelson collected handwritten ballots and counted the vote.

Chris spoke about the tourney director position- this is currently open.

Announcement of new board members, 4 nominations and 3 open positions:  
David Bender, Rachelle Williams, and Sandra Weaver were voted onto the board.

Robert Steffy gave a brief financial report.

Brad Eggers spoke about the fundraising committee. They are looking for ways to fundraise outside of our families. Also working on more banners. Brad E discussed getting an economic report on how much RHA brings into the community. Chris advised this has been done by the Chamber and was about \$800/weekend for a family of 4.

JV House- an email went out stating that there may not be this level this year? Was brought to the boards' attention at the Spring meeting. Board was not aware of this and there are no plans to eliminate this program.

Discussion on the past season and evaluations were brought up. Was asked by a parent about only having 2 evaluators? There are 2 on ice that do not eval, and there's a group in the stands put together by HDC. They do not have players at levels they eval to be fair to all. It was asked about having the Sabres or Rush players do the eval and increase the amount of judges to 8-10. HDC does handle this and usually 4-5 judges at each level. Parent requested goalie specific judge for evals, we do have a judge or judges that eval just goalies. Can provide feedback to the HDC.

Request from a parent to add a table at the Storybook Island trick or treating event to gain more exposure and get numbers up. Brad E did mention that RHA sponsored a booth at the Pumpkin Festival and will participate in the Box Elder Patriot Day parade in Sept.

Parent asked about boosting social media presence and would like the teams to participate in the Parade of Lights. Could rotate teams to work on it and run it. Discussion on this may be a challenge with teams travelling and out of town, practices etc.

Parent asked if there is a partnership with the base? Could we get more information out there for the families?

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7:39 pm Chris called the board meeting to order.

#### Presidents Report (Chris Dietrich):

**Registration:** RHA opened registration and closed the older teams earlier to get good numbers and see options for teams. It had been requested to try for 1 varsity and 2 JV teams. We needed to know what we had signed up and would have needed to approach this at the state meeting in the fall. We also needed to know where we were with girls to decide on what we can field.

Boys had 43, girls had 22. Kelly thinks there may be more girls coming and will get the list and call those that may not be on it yet.

We didn't have quite the numbers projected for needing 3 boys teams, will keep 1 varsity and 1 JV. Discussion on girls and they hope to field 3 teams, u14, JV and Varsity. Question on if they had 3 teams, can some girls play on all 3 and on the same weekend?

Riley camp starts 8/28 at the Thunderdome. The first round of camps will be held at Roosevelt to give us a little extra time before putting in the ice.

New volunteer positions were discussed at the Spring Meeting.

Cory Norris name came up as a possible tourney coordinator. Was asked about Ryan, he may help but will not take the director position.

#### Financials (Robert Steffy):

\$18,950 cashed for volunteer checks- 13 travel and 25 mite/house families. Cashed 38 out of about 140. We do have 1 mite family that had their check cashed & we need to get this back to them. They are working on it.

Concession stand was up this year: \$63.337

Admissions was way up- this was a heavy home season, next year we will be on the road a little more.

Some ice rentals generated revenue.

Amazon Smile deposit came thru.

Advertisements/Sponsorships way up, received \$15,000 from Coke.

Had 4 returned checks, will work with registrar on this.

Coke refund- returned unsold product end of season was about \$700. We usually see a little more. We also returned later this season than in the past.

We have not been asked to pay back on the insurance checks we received, not at this time. We have set aside the funds just in case our insurance asks for it back- this was from the incident last year pre season with the dig in and power outage.

Loan- Balloon payment will come due in the near future. Steffy is working on this to try to lower it.

Raised almost \$6,900 from the Ladies & Laces event

Had \$2,021 for cancer fundraising.

#### Building Committee:

Will need to meet with the Board of Trustees. Industrial Park coming in our area, will need to look at all options.

Last week of Aug starts Riley's camp. Will need ice by then.

Coke & Artic Ice going in ice, need to Ben by 7/1/22.

Pumps in, paint in, met with contractor to pour concrete for \$18,000- may put a hold on this. Rachelle asked about contractors and may be able to help us get a good deal.

#### Miscellaneous:

Talk of a fundraising 3 v 3 tourney. Could have the varsity players help officiate. Sept 16-18, there is a CCM International Tourney in Denver & there are lots of peewees going from their summer teams. Maybe girls/mites earlier weekend & the rest the Sept 23-25 weekend.

David Bender asked about Robby Glantz in mid November. Ran into scheduling issues with league start and tourneys. Will need to work on finding a different time frame in the future. Maybe Christmas weekend? Look at ice time and costs.

Brief discussion on proposal for workout area in RHA. At this time there is not any interest. Ben made a motion to deny Doug seconds, proposal is denied as vote carries. Brad E will reach out to them.

#### Girls:

Starting Sunday have organized skate. (Girls Play Hockey Too.) Will reach out on social media. Should have enough girls for u14 and varsity. Chris isn't sure the state will field a girls JV league this year.

Megan is owed \$1,000 still for coaching- this was submitted end of season. Steffy said there was discussion on this, will hold on this.

House:

Trista & Tree are stepping away. Tree wants to coach, but they will have others run the house program. Dixie will also get more parents to help with the house JV. Her player is a senior and this will be their last season.

Motion to adjourn made by Ben, second by Brad E

Meeting is adjourned at 8:46 pm