

## **RHA Board Meeting, February 13, 2023**

### **Thunderdome, 6:00 pm**

**Board members present:** Chris Dietrich, Brad Eggers, Robert Steffy, Christine Ritter, Greg Chisolm, Ben Nelson, Ronda Simmons, David Bender, Rachael Hepper, Sandra Weaver, Rachelle Williams, Brad Lee, Becky Mann, Doug Retzer, Dixie Matthews

\*House committee members also present

### Call meeting to order- Chris Dietrich 6:01 pm

Approve meeting minutes/agenda- motion made by Ben, second by Greg, motion approved in vote.

### Presidents Report (Chris Dietrich):

**Cancer Night-** Raised about \$4,000, which is up from last year.

**Pennington County Approval of Chase the Ace-** Brad Lee got this approved. We can start at anytime. Brief discussion on when and how. Will need to get a venmo set up for RHA.

State reached out about this past weekend in Sioux Falls with behavior issues, etc. Some parents causing scenes at the rink and shouting.

**State Meeting-** Likely SF varsity and bantam division coming up, some questions on peewees also and how they determine teams (playing down). Possibly getting some non-emotionally involved reviewers of officials, they are trying to improve the caliber in the state and address issues/concerns. Surveys were going to coaches after games too.

### House Program (House Committee members):

Kent brought ideas about a raffle ticket fundraiser and a refer a friend program. Would like to see if we can give something out or place banners.

Would like to make a push to get our name out more. For schools there is the Peachjar program- no more fliers. You pay to have an e-flier sent out, \$500 for 3 times. LaCrosse program did this last year & they found very low viewership and only got 1 recruit.

Roosevelt would probably allow us to place something on their bulletin board.

Dixie spoke on senior night, awards night & skills tourney will also be happening. They will be having alumni come back to judge skills. Working on date & times.

House has a squirt team in the upcoming squirt tourney.

Dixie stated this is her last year here, her son graduates soon. She is working with a committee on the JV House program & will send someone to the board meetings. Her son is also working on certification & may come back to coach next year.

Big House had discussion on moving to a non-checking league next year. It's been a deterrent for some players.

Financial Report (Robert Steffy):

**Credit Card Policy (Sandra Weaver)-** Sandra presented proposed policy. Would like to have \$10,000 total limit on the cards combined. These would go out to only a select few in the organization based on need & they would need to sign off on the policy. About ½ the money would be tied up in concession, then building committee, team registrations, emergency runs, etc. Executive board would decide who will receive a card. End of season would turn them in. They would be in the person's name. Ben made a motion to adopt policy and move forward with this, second by Ronda, approved in vote.

It was also discussed that BH Community Bank, which is our bank, has corporate level cards. Still would need the person's name on the card & their SSN would be required for a card.

Building Committee (Ben Nelson):

**BH Energy Land Lease Agreement-** BH Energy would like to rent space in the side lot area. This would be from March till Sept/Oct. They would smooth it out & gravel it- so afterwards, we would be able to use as parking too. This was already approved via board email vote and was discussed at meeting.

**Ice Compressor shutoff date-** March 15<sup>th</sup> after Ladies & Laces, or tentatively around then. Will need to see about Nationals.

Girls Program (Brad Eggers):

**U14 girls League Champs**

Girls U14 state is over same weekend as some girls varsity games. Some players play on both teams, this was a state schedule oversight.

May lose Megan next year and John is graduating from Tech- assistant coaches.

Fundraising (Ronda Simmons):

**Pizza Ranch Program-** Starting to go out. Sold 19 Sat. We are also selling pizzas in concession stand. Working to get a warmer. If we buy 4 pizzas, up to 10, we are getting the same free.

\*Electricians are working on wiring in concession stand to not trip breakers.\*

**Gatorade Play it Forward Grant- \$1,000** – Received another one from Simeon Birnbaum. Previous grant was used to buy 16 helmets.

**Ladies & Laces-** By March 8<sup>th</sup>, we should have liquor license approved. 13 committed moms from RHA with maybe 6-7 more coming. \$150 for returning player with a jersey or \$200 if new to LL game (\$50 is cost of jersey)

Someone from Eagle Sales (?) might be able to get donated product. Rush is bringing the refs. We have 2 baskets for the silent auction from the Rush. We need till about the 20<sup>th</sup> to get sign ups.

Kane may have some hockey gear for those who need to borrow for the game.

Ideas to engage the crowd: contest with posters, maybe a small gift for winners?

Cost at door: \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Will need help working the event.

Future Dates:

**Bantam B State Tourney-** David Bender gave an update. Tara Lipp is working with Jenni on this. Baskets are coming in. Feb 24-26 time frame. Try Hockey For Free is 8-9 am before the Bantam B state games. Working with Rush on this.

**Squirt tourney-** 9 teams possibly for the B division, 2 from Rushmore (1 house) and 7 out of town. Actual looks closer to 5 teams. Loren Jensen is working with their B coordinator on this tourney.

Squirt A- there are no teams in their division coming. They decided to go to Omaha to a tourney over the same weekend, but only had 9 skaters wanting to go which was decided was not enough. They do not have anyone reporting from their team to the board on planning, Courtney Bana (?) recently took on coordinating for the team to help the coaches as they were handling coordinating all season. They will not be picking up any extra games and we were told there may be a refund coming back from Omaha.

Discussion on where and how many tourneys squirt A has attended and had paid for. Parent stating they did not go to Brookings, but RHA does show we paid for SF and Brookings, refund from Pierre as they didn't attend that one.

Fargo Squirt Tourney- They did cut down this year on teams allowed in. Squirt A usually plays in B1, they were cut. There was an opening for RHA in the squirt B division & the squirt A team took that opening. Discussion on how it was determined, board was told it was a coach who decided. Rachael said SF had their A team there, listed as a B online but A team.

**Mite Tourney-** Planning still going on, have teams coming.

**Future Ice Dates-** Bill will use his discretion on ice time. Once a team is done, they are done. Will use for house to finish up their season, teams focusing on state, etc. If there is open ice time, a team may ask but it is not guaranteed.

Next board meeting set for Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, Thunderdome

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm