

RHA Board Meeting, January 9, 2023

Thunderdome, 6:00 pm

Board members present: Chris Dietrich, Brad Eggers, Robert Steffy, Christine Ritter, Dixie Matthews, Ben Nelson, Mike Bartling, Ronda Simmons, David Bender, Sandra Weaver, Rachelle Williams, Brad Lee, Greg Chisolm

Guests: 4 House committee members, Sean O'Connor

Call meeting to order- Chris Dietrich 6:00 pm

Approve meeting minutes/agenda-per David Bender- correct the notes in house portion linesmen to head ref. Noted & will be updated & sent to post- motion made by David, second by Greg, motion approved in vote.

Donation (Sean O'Connor):

Sean O'Connor came in to present a donation check to RHA. \$3,500 from Sean and there will be another \$750 coming from Sanchez. Would like these donations to apply to new dashers (dividers) that are more firm, to split the ice. They use these in Gillette & other rinks. He also mentioned that in the event USA Hockey were to move squirts to ½ ice this would also be a great option to divide the ice up. Would like these for next season. Sean is planning to fundraise for the full amount to get these covered.

House Program (House committee, 4 members present):

They are working to get contacts and set expectations. They have gotten some direction from Tree & Trista. The committee wants open communication. They asked for a contact list for all coaches- will need to compile it internally.

There was discussion on inclement weather. Who decides when to cancel, communication. They need to know the rights & roles. They were advised to consider safety & it's ultimately coming down to coaches & coordinators. Families will also need to make their own personal determination on whether they feel they can safely make it.

Frustration in needing to get information from previous parties in the program. They would like support from the board. It was discussed and since they are taking over the program, they need to be the contact people effective immediately. We will still want to recognize & thank Trista &

Tree for all their time and hard work and to alert house families of the changeover. Will get an email/post out about the new changes so everyone is aware & can contact the correct people moving forward.

Dixie did remind them that the JV house program is separate, but she is able to help them with questions, etc. She is working with a new team to take over the JV house program next season as her son will graduate this year.

Facility team will get their contact information- Christine will get it to Ben.

Committee is working on a Continuity Book for next year. They hope to make things easier going forward and information easily accessible.

Committee member asked who do they contact to move up players? JV house has checking involved. We cannot force people up. This is a coach's discussion & their decision to work with the player and family.

Brad E also reminded them that Jan 27th is a rescheduled league game. The state handles league scheduling and we will alert of any changes so they can let their families know of the changes. Bill Holec is the scheduler for ice time and the contact person. An email would go to all to alert of changes in ice times.

There are 5 keys out for the house program. Committee member asked for the list of who they are & they would like the keys. Discussion as usually coaches have the keys, possibly a coordinator. Committee member is requesting keys, will talk with Ben.

Moving forward, 1 or more house committee members will attend the board meetings, JV house has their coordinator who attends.

Discussion on Sunday duties and concession stand duties. There are closing instructions posted in concession stand to help. It is understood that things are changing and newer people are stepping in to help. They are working to get info and make the transition over.

Presidents Report (Chris Dietrich):

Bantam B State Tournament- Committee report: Tara Lipp and David Bender are working with Jenni Wirkus on this. There is a \$500 budget. Will ask each level to donate a basket.

Tara & Ariana Peters put in a request for a fundraiser. They are really looking for sponsors for the state tourney, not truly fundraising. No votes needed for this.

Financial Report (Robert Steffy)

Credit card policy (Sandra Weaver)- This policy went out only to executive committee, will need to go out to everyone. Possibly online vote- will need to have in place before we look at giving any cards out for RHA aside from the one the Treasurer holds. Steffy is concerned with having too many cards out there and tracking receipts. Will need to make sure policies are in place before we move forward.

Request for Pee wee A referee pay- They are going to Gillette to pick up 2 friendly games & need to pay officials. They have hosted a successful tournament & didn't request funding to attend any. Requested to pay for officials for 1 game \$90. (They are splitting costs with Gillette.) Okayed to pay it.

Chase the Ace- will need a gambling permit from the county. Aim for Sept 1, 2023.

Building Committee (Ben Nelson):

Leak- need to fix the doors.

Discussion on where to store the dasher (divider) boards for mites etc. Cost will be anywhere from \$8,000- \$13,000. Possible shed out past zam doors or maybe out south- where the double doors were closed off. Shed could also hold nets etc. Maybe \$20,000 overall. Ben will research & look at storage options.

Front door- Ben will call Commercial Doors. May need a couple doors replaced.

Extra tv when you walk in. Can see the locker room assignments- down the hallway by the bathrooms so they can come in and avoid going thru the warming room.

Girls Program (Brad Eggers):

Improving and competitive this season. Coaches doing well. They will lose some players next year- seniors and possible moves.

Fundraising Report (Ronda Simmons/ Brad Eggers):

BH Energy Grant-\$500

Gatorade Play it Forward Grant- \$1,000 courtesy of Simeon Birnbaum. Brad Eggers & the committee are looking at launching an online campaign to help raise funds for gear, would go in connection with this grant. Varsity did a ceremonial puck drop to honor Simeon and thank him for his gift. We may also look at setting out the donation box to accept any gear donations.

Ladies & Laces- Ronda will get dates. Rush will not do any of the planning/work this year. Last year they handled a lot of the planning, etc. We will need to order and pay for the jerseys also.

Applebees- received \$373.08 today & goes thru March.

Pizza Ranch- They reached out to concessions. Would also like to sell discount cards. \$20 card with \$10 back to RHA and they will take back any not sold. We would split the funds \$5/\$5 with RHA and the seller. Fundraising committee has someone who would track these. Would want families to buy up front and take them. Motion to approve fundraiser made by Ben Nelson, second by Brad Eggers, approved in vote.

Wreath sales are down, but the funds go towards registration. Safeway cards & Script also help offset registration costs.

Tidal Wave fundraiser- they sent sample cards, this is another option. Brad Eggers has been in contact with them. Discussion on the time frame- may wait till summer so we are not doing too much at one time.

Future Dates:

Try Hockey for free- Feb 18th(?)—Rush & Main St Square might do a mite morning and would like to include the Chinook

Bantam B State Tournament: Feb 24-26, 2023

Miscellaneous:

Squirt A- Dan Krohn has concern on no communication. He and Nolan will be the team contacts- there is no squirt A team coordinator. Squirt B coordinator is new and is working to plan this tourney. Cory Norris is the tourney director.

Next board meeting date set for Monday, Feb 13th, 2023 at 6 pm, Thunderdome

Motion to adjourn made by Brad Eggers, second by David Bender

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm