

RHA Board Meeting, 10/15/18 Thunderdome

Board members present: Chris Dietrich, Hollie Hoffman, Mark Benson, Greg Chisolm, Rachael Hepper, Gregg Fullerton, Tim Brady, Ben Nelson (building cmte), Konrad Reeder, Gordon Merchen, Mike Bartling, Steve Nolan, Sean O'Connor, Vern Burress, Christine Ritter

Call meeting to order: Chris Dietrich 6:00 pm

Approve meeting agenda & Approve minutes

Financial Aid (Russ Conti)- Scholarships - Russ brought in applications for discussion, as of last week, there were 3 applications. Budget is \$5,000. Applications were reviewed, approved by board, total of \$2,200 approved at this time.

Presidents Report:

State League Play Schedule- Appealing location of games. Discussion (Steve Nolan). State draft is done to set locations for the league play games. They are looking back thru dates 2013 and up at the home and away numbers. Typically it goes back and forth at locations-- we have asked the state for an equal balance. Boys JV/V will be 9 and 11 this year at this time. Mitchell hasn't come here for a couple of years and don't seem to want to. Possibly changing to have Sioux Falls come here. Historically SF comes here to least of all teams- the state league schedule hasn't been set yet- proceeding with rational discussion. Was brought up the loss of revenue when the teams are away more- less admissions, less concessions, more travel cost for the families. They are looking to balance the travel load evenly.

RHA team breakdown- Will know more after tryouts & teams are set. Close on squirts with 31-33 players and with about 2 play ups. Looking at about 11 per team- will have 3 or 4 goalies. Squirts will have 1 A and 2 B teams.

3 Pee wee teams- 1 A, 1 B, and 1 C

2 Bantam teams- 1 A and 1 B

Varsity cuts/breakdown (Vern): 36 registered skaters narrowed down to 30. Those cut from the travel team were offered the option to play house. There were 3 players that did not qualify per academics, 1 that was unavailable at the time to play. Rostered 30 players.

Girls (Chris) will have enough players for 1 JV and 1 V team. They went from 14 to 19 players. We were trying to maintain JV only, state would only allow Varsity level if we had 1 team. Our assigned state tournament this year is girls JV. Was noted very positive in the locker room, good energy.

Oct 20th- RHA night at Rush season opener-

(Chris) We need 6-8 players before the game to hold the flag—asked Tree about getting house players for this.

Mites at 1st intermission- 2 new mite coordinators- are working to get the mites cross ice games.

2nd intermission- Boys JV/V unable to participate, will be in Omaha. Chris asked Hollie about having the girls do this & also promote girls play hockey- she will talk with them.

Locker rooms Thunderdome/Roosevelt/Civic Center-

Policy

Care of Facility- Boys JV/V, girls and bantams are responsible to clean their own locker rooms. Outside doors can't be propped or taped open. Discussion on security for gear, do not want this left open for people to come in, especially when nobody is at the rink- have noticed cars in the parking lot during daytime. Also this would track dirt in on the floors & make a mess, hard on skates. Discussion on game nights to maybe do this--- was decided no, this is an emergency exit & should be treated as such. In the event of a heated game, etc, coaches may opt to let players out the side.

Bully policy/zero tolerance-

Squirts ice- Was discussed having issues with some kids chiseling holes in the ice. Chris did already meet with the parents on this, but there was another occurrence after this. Question was asked if there should be consequences if this continues, maybe a chore around the rink or extra cleaning--- this is possible. Will continue to watch this situation.