

**ROSEMOUNT AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 13, 2023 - 6:30 – 10:00 PM (Room 221)

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**BOARD ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Staloch</b>	Present	<b>Williams</b>	Present
<b>Marchese</b>	Present	<b>Olson</b>	Excused
<b>Feldhaus</b>	Present	<b>Hanowski</b>	
<b>Anderson</b>	Present	<b>Foster</b>	Present
<b>Cline</b>	Present	<b>Pilger</b>	Present
<b>Kovacs</b>	Excused	<b>Jacobsen</b>	Present
<b>Rodine</b>	Present	<b>Winecke</b>	Present
<b>Hanson</b>	Present	<b>Freske</b>	Present

**OTHER ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Greiner</b>	<b>Caspar</b>	<b>Ebner</b>	<b>Kalata</b>
<b>Saintey</b>	<b>Balvance</b>		

**ATTENDANCE NOTES:**

- Hanson joined the meeting at 7:24 pm
- Hanowski joined the meeting at 7:42 pm
- Greiner, Caspar, Balvance and Kalata left the meeting at 7:57 pm
- Ebner left the meeting at 8:13 pm
- Tobias joined the meet at 8:14 pm

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. Staloch called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.
  
- b. Motion to approve minutes from August 9, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

***Motion: Feldhaus motioned and Jacobsen seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2023 regular Board meeting. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (11-0).***

- c. Motion to approve minutes from August 30, 2023 Special Board Meeting

***Motion: Feldhaus motioned and Cline seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2023 Special Board Meeting. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (11-0).***

**2. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**

### 3. REPORTS FROM NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS

- a. High School Coaches/ Programs
  - 10,000 Shot Club information must be sent to Coach Saintey.
- b. Blue Line Club
  - No Report
- c. Ice Scheduler (Kalata)
  - The ice schedule has been finalized for the goalie clinics, checking clinics, Junior Gold Tryouts and Girls Hockey Day. The team ice schedule for October is being finalized and will be posted to the RAHA website shortly. The tournament schedule will also be uploaded shortly. We picked up 42 extra hours of ice at Hayes and IGH for the month of October due to ice shortages. The Board discussed potential concerns with the IP program registration numbers and team structure due to ice allocation.
  - There are some concerns regarding the anticipated amount of ice bills due to smaller sized teams. One option would be to schedule two teams at the Pond for skill development, which would reduce ice bills and free ice for other teams.
  - Approximately 83 hours of weekend ice was returned to RCC due to tournaments and expected ice usage based on team structure for the 2023-2024 season. Due to RAHA's IGH contract, we are unable to return ice to IGH and have to return the ice to IGH to reduce the amount of ice hours and save money. Prime rate at IGH is currently \$230 per hour so the return of this ice, which save RAHA more than \$19,000.
- d. RCC Operations Coordinator/Arena Manager (Balvance)
  - The Board was informed about updates with RCC, including the new bleachers and bar rail in the arena.
- e. Concessions Manager (Greiner/Caspar)
  - DIBS have been scheduled for Back to Hockey and vendor orders have been submitted for the 2023-2024 hockey season.
- f. Accounting (Ebner)
  - The Board was provided an update regarding RAHA's budget and financials based upon the financial reports and other information provided to the Board in advance of the meeting. The Board discussed invoices and payments for team clinics, such as skating clinics and goalie clinics.
  - The Board was also provided an update regarding tournament registrations and the costs associated with tournament registrations.

#### 4. CURRENT BUSINESS

- a. Back to Hockey Day (Marchese)
  - There are several vendors registered for Back to Hockey Day. The program for the day is being finalized, which will include an on-ice opportunity for RAHA before the hockey game. There are also several fun, other events planned to welcome RAHA back to the 2023-2024 season, including the jersey reveal, Chuck-a-Puck, a silent auction and free popcorn.
- b. D8 Update/Locker Room Monitors (Staloch)
  - The Board was updated regarding the recent District 8 Hockey meeting, including a brief review of the District 8 Hockey meeting minutes. This included an update regarding team registration and involvement in District 8 for the 2023-2024 season.
  - District 8 is implementing new procedures due to Covid-23 and, due to the procedures, will limit access to locker rooms to 30 minutes before a practice, game or scrimmage.
  - District 8 is also requiring in-room locker room monitors for the 2023-2024 due to the number of SafeSport complaints to Minnesota Hockey. The monitor(s) needs to remain in the locker room as long as there are 2 or more kids in the locker room before and after hockey games.

***Motion: Anderson motioned and Williams seconded the motion to approve 7.5 DIBS hours for each parent/guardian (up to a maximum of five parents/guardians) for serving as a locker room monitor during the 2023-2024 season for a RAHA girls team. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (11-0).***

#### 5. MOTIONS

- a. Motion to Approve Reservation of Non-Prime Ice During Non-School Days (Freske)
  - Freske presented an issue to reserve non-prime ice (\$125 per hour of ice) for boys and girls traveling skater skills sessions during non-school days. A sign-up list will be created and this will be available for age groups based on skater level. The sessions will be run by RAHA Coach(es) and/or member(s) of the Hockey Development Committee. The sessions will likely include power edge, sills or skating drills.

***Motion: Freske motioned and Williams seconded the motion to approve reserving twenty-seven (27) hours of non-prime ice at RCC on non-school days for RAHA skills session. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (11-0-1).***

- b. Motion to Amend RAHA Handbook (Hanson)
  - The Board discussed defining the roles of our Player Development Coordinator and define the role of the Player Development Coordinator in the RAHA Member Handbook.

- The Board also discussed providing more transparency and disclosure regarding the Board's Committee, structure and purpose.

***Motion: Hanson motioned and Williams seconded the motion to add additional definition regarding the Player Development Coordinator and RAHA Committee Structure within the RAHA Member Handbook. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (12-0).***

**MEETING CLOSED UPON ORDER OF CHAIR AT 7:56 PM**

- a. Motion to Approve Financial Hardship Award (Feldhaus)
  - The Board discussed the financial hardship application received from a RAHA member, including factors for a financial hardship award.

***Motion: Feldhaus motioned and Hanson seconded the motion to approve the financial hardship application and award proposed by the Scholarship and Hardship Committee. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-0).***

**MEETING OPENED UPON ORDER OF CHAIR AT 8:13 PM**

#### **4. CURRENT BUSINESS (CONT'D)**

- c. Gambling (Tobias)
  - Tobias provided an update regarding gambling operations from August 2023, including August actuals and September expenses, including a donation to the RHS Boys Blue Line Club. A complete report of gambling operations was provided to the Board via a written report, which is incorporated into these Minutes. Additional expenses for September 2023.

***Motion: Motion to approve August actuals and September expenses as presented to the Board. Tobias motioned and Hanson seconded. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-0).***

**MEETING CLOSED UPON ORDER OF CHAIR AT 8:20 PM**

- a. Motion to Rescind Coaches Rankings from August 9, 2023 Meeting (Hanson)

***Motion: Motion to rescind coaches rankings as voted upon by the Board at the August 9, 2023 Board Meeting. Hanson motioned and Hanowski seconded. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-0).***

- b. Motion to Approve Coaches Rankings (Hanson)

***Motion: Hanson motioned and Williams seconded the motion to approve the rankings recommended by the Coaches Committee at the 10U level in the following order:***

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*Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-0; Staloch absent).*

*Motion: Hanson motioned and Foster seconded the motion to approve the rankings recommended by the Coaches Committee at the Bantam level in the following order:*

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*Upon a vote, the motion was approved (12-1; Staloch absent).*

*Motion: Hanson motioned and Pilger seconded the motion to approve the rankings recommended by the Coaches Committee at the 12U level in the following order:*

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*Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-0).*

*Motion: Hanson motioned and Jacobsen seconded the motion to approve the rankings recommended by the Coaches Committee at the 15U level in the following order:*

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*Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-0).*

*Motion: Hanson motioned and Pilger seconded the motion to approve the rankings recommended by the Coaches Committee at the Pee wee level in the following order:*

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*Upon a vote, the motion was approved (12-0; Freske and Hanowski absent).*

*Motion: Hanson motioned and Williams seconded the motion to approve the rankings recommended by the Coaches Committee at the Squirt level in the following order:*

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*Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-0; Freske absent).*

**c. Committee Reports**

- a. President Report (Staloch)
  - i. No verbal report
- b. VP Report (Marchese)
  - i. No verbal report
- c. Secretary/Treasurer (Feldhaus)
  - i. Feldhaus updated the Board regarding upcoming developments to improve Board dialogue and indoctrination, including Board Practices, and possibly updated election timing.
- d. Operations Manager/Registrar (Anderson)
  - i. Anderson updated the Board regarding requested refunds at the Bantam level for two skaters, which has reduced Bantam player registrations. The Board discussed current Bantam level team structure.

e. Committee Reports:

i. IP (Foster)

- IP teams have been registered for the Cottage Grove jamboree. The Board also discussed IP skating clinics and IP Extra offerings for the IP program.
- After January 15<sup>th</sup>, ten (10) full ice events (scrimmages, jamborees, or games) will be permitted at the Mite level provided District 8 has provided prior approval. This also requires use of intermediate (medium) net sizes.

ii. Goalie Committee (Olson)

- No verbal report

iii. Tournament Committee (Cline)

- We currently have five teams registered for our Thanksgiving tournament. There have also been other teams that have expressed interest in the tournament.

iv. Coaches Committee (Hanson)

- The Committee is supporting the coaches and the Player Development Committee for the start of the 2023-2024 hockey season.

v. Player Development (Freske)

- No additional report

vi. Communication Committee (Kovacs)

- No Report

vii. Tryout Committee (Marchese)

- The Board was updated regarding the tryout schedule and tryout referees. A final tryout schedule will be provided shortly.
- The Board discussed the potential for food for tryout evaluators.
- We will need Board members to attend the team selection process.
- The Board discussed head coach attendance at the Day 1 skill sessions and, based on the Board's discussion, determined to permit head coaches to attend but not evaluate at the Day 1 skill sessions.
- The Board was updated regarding current injury holds: 3 Bantam; 1 15U; and no other current injury holds

- viii. Fundraising Committee (Winecke)
  - Golf Tournament: There are 32 teams registered for the RAHA Golf Tournament and there have been a substantial number of prizes donated for the event.
  - The Gertens Holiday Fundraiser will open on September 22, 2023 with delivery on November 22, 2023.
  - Adopt A Street day registration will open on September 30, 2023.
  
- ix. Girls Coordinator (Williams)
  - No verbal report
  
- x. Boys Coordinator (Hanowski)
  - No verbal report
  
- xi. Discipline Committee (Staloch)
  - No verbal report
  
- xii. DIBS Committee (Anderson)
  - No verbal report
  
- xiii. Boosters Committee (Rodine)
  - The Boosters is finalizing team apparel options and a team apparel sneak peek will be provided shortly to permit team ordering as soon as teams are formed.

**MEETING OPENED UPON ORDER OF CHAIR AT 8:34 PM**

**d. Announcements**

- a. Future Meetings: See tryout schedule

**e. Adjournment**

***Motion: Hanson motioned and Williams seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.***