



RHA Board Meeting

Date: September 25, 2023 - 8:30pm

Location: Cedar Rock Sportsplex

Attendees: Aaron Ala, Alex Bjork, Bill Zalba, Holly Ensley, Jim Raguckas, Mandy DeVries, Nate Spahn, Richard Klein, Scott Karczewski, Steve Alles & Tawni Brouwer

Discussion Topics

Meeting call to order @ 9:25

Agenda review and additional topics (Brouwer)

Open Membership Forum

New Business:

- 6U/8U Mites
 - Four 8U / Two 6U teams
 - Bill to communicate to parents
 - Rams to request 8U fees for two play-ups
 - Game/Jamboree Scheduling
 - Traverse City - Feb. 16-18
 - Jam at the Van (6U) - Feb. 24
 - Tawni to send note to Yosin to ensure he is communicating with the families
- Team sponsorships
 - Sponsorships can apply to team expenses, including tournaments, swag, gear, etc, but will NOT be used toward any player's registration fees

Old Business:

- Cedar Rock Under Bleacher Storage
 - Work being done Friday, 9/29
- Interpreter services letter to MAHA (Jared Belka)
 - Jared needs contact information for who to send emails to with MAHA (George Atkinson), Jared will draft an email and will send on behalf of the BOARD to ask for help.



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- Golf Outing Update & a Thank-You for Lacie
 - Mandy to look up what we did last year and send a thank you gift
 - Revenue: \$28,315
 - Net: \$16,500
- GameSheet update
 - MAHA has come out and said using the software is not 100% mandatory; however, it is highly encouraged. Likely, that the software becomes mandatory for the '24-25 season
- Griffins Event
 - 400 tickets all in upper bowl - Tawni to purchase these
 - Upper: \$16 - Selling for \$20 to the griffins Game
 - Membership Purchase Price / kickback
 - Tawni to email team managers giving them a heads up to perhaps not schedule early games Saturday morning 12/16 AND start thinking about purchasing as a group
- Project Advantage
 - Home/Away signs for benches COMPLETE
 - Team LCAHL Championship banners - give to Steve to be hung up

Parking Lot:

- Adray Period Lengths starting '24-25 season
 - Going from 12, 12, and 14 minutes (Squirt, Peewee, Bantam)
 - To 12, 15, and 15 minutes (Squirt, Peewee, Bantam)
- Board to keep this in mind when planning and scheduling next year; will likely need to increase ice time for PeeWeesToren Prawdzik (Photoevo) - interested in helping RHA
- Mites nets: Jason Markham offer to refresh the nets. Paint and new netting ~\$200 per net
- Team Travel Policy
 - Tawni to do further research (USA Hockey, SafeSport, other club policies)
 - https://www.pnaha.com/layout_container/show_layout_tab?layout_container_id=12296637&page_node_id=1318737&tab_element_id=31803

Committee Reports:

- Rams Scholarship Committee
 - Golf Outing
- Banner Hanging Committee
- Disciplinary Committee
- Growth Coordinator
 - THFF - times confirmed
 - Nov. 4, 2023 - 6-7pm
 - Jan. 7, 2024 (our flexible date) - 6-7pm
 - Feb. 24, 2024 - 6-7pm
 - LTS/LTP
 - Dates for '23-24
 - Sept. 17 - Oct. 22 (Sept. 24 Holly OOT for wedding; Oct. 15 - Holly not available; skip Oct. 29th - Holly is tied up at work and it's Halloween weekend)



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- Mitch missing 9/24, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22 and 12/3
- Nov. 5 - Dec. 17, skipping Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving – everyone available must help on Nov. 5 (day after THFF)
- Jan. 14 - Feb. 18 (skip Feb. 25, day after THFF)
- March 3 - April 21 (skipping March 31 and April 7... starts one week after THFF)
 - Sunday's @ 2:00 CONFIRMED
- Equipment
 - Would like to get a few more medium and a few large helmets, small elbow pads and small gloves
 - Working with PA to identify a new area to store gear, perhaps upstairs
 - Who did Travis work with for purchasing gear? Helmets always get purchased through OYG.
 - Holly & Steve to confirm what is needed, then they'll work with Jim to make the purchase
- Association of the Year contest

Director Reports in

General Manager/Ice (Raguckas):

- 6U Jamborees - Jim will partner with Yosin

Coaching Commissioner (Ala):

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Treasurer (Klein):

- Scholarship Committee - applications due 10/15

Registrar (NATE):

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Secretary/Marketing (Mandy):

- Team Pictures - Oct 9-10 - will cover all teams
- Sponsorship posts - Scott will get info on schedule
- Santa Parade application -Dec 2
- School wide Emails to Rockford and CedarSprings Sent out Oct 16
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Members at Large:

- Alles:
- Bjork: Cancer Awareness Fundraiser; working with a Susan B. Coleman rep



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- Jerseys would start at \$30 for practice jersey w/ sublimated logo, name, number
 - Price goes up from there if we wanted a stock pink AK jersey, like numbers 2-3 above.
- What teams would be interested in doing add ons (like jerseys)
 - Lead time would be 6 weeks
- Would also look into Rams swag (sweatshirts & beanies)
- Online fundraising - could look to do by team. Prize for top fundraising team.
- Alex working on finalizing a logo for the event - to be shared with Mandy when ready so she can post on socials
- Karczewski:

Director of Hockey Operations (Bill Zalba):

- 14UA - play up rule; Bill to follow up with Tom Berry and understand how strict this rule is for future purposes

Meeting adjournment @ 11:00

Tawni Brouwer, President
Jim Raguckas, General Manager
Richard Klein, Treasurer
Mandy DeVries, Secretary
Aaron Ala, Coaching Commissioner



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