

RHA Board Meeting, November 29, 2021

Thunderdome, 6 pm

Board members present: Chris Dietrich, Robert Steffy, Christine Ritter, Brad Eggers, Greg Chisolm, Dan Laughlin, Trista Rybak, Dixie Matthews, Brad Lee, Gordon Merchen, Rachael Hepper, Ben Nelson, Konrad Reeder (Ronda Simmons @ team pics)

Call meeting to order- Chris Dietrich 6:00 pm

Approve meeting minutes/agenda

Presidents Report (Chris Dietrich):

SDAHA board requests: Safesport and background checks- All board members need this as do most volunteers. Will be checking in with board members to be sure we are all compliant.

Covid Plan (Eggers)- Updated plan is online and mirrors the schools.

Radio Broadcasts (Brad Lee)- Brad streams the Bantam A games & was asked if we could stream on 91.3 Board okayed this.

Open Positions- Board needs a VP. Chris recommended Brad Eggers and board unanimously agreed.

Coach Certifications- We are in good shape but have a couple that need to finish CEP. We do have 1 travel coach that hasn't gotten this done yet- needs it before end of December or we cannot roster them.

Winter skills camp/skating/speed- Chris spoke with Devries & Mitzel about skating over the break. Would have a small fee and maybe let the varsity kids do it too but would be mainly for the younger skaters.

Cancer Jerseys/games- Set for Sunday, December 12th and Pierre will wear their cancer jerseys too (purple vs pink). Jennifer Bartling got them lined up. Michelle Merchen will need to talk to the state about a little extra time needed for the ceremonial puck drop. Maryann Petrotto & Marek Kopec will be recognized.

Varsity will wear their jerseys again in Watertown. We will not be painting the ice & will figure out some other option.

Dibs/Volunteers-

Currently building spots & these are getting filled.

We do want a lot of our volunteers to be **safesport** certified and certain tasks require it. If a volunteer has done the certification- then the registrar should have record of it.

Squirts will be holding a scrimmage & offering training on all the off-ice positions. Everyone is welcome.

Insurance Claim (Laughlin/Lee)-

Equipment costs, service costs & Ice rental (Civic Center & Roosevelt)- (Ben Nelson)

Dan & Brad met with Ben. Almost all except Climate Control has been sent in. Chris will get the invoices from Roosevelt. Right now, it's about \$30,000 or more on loss plus others, and then loss of tourneys we cancelled and refunded, ice rental cost, etc. Was suggested we bill \$15/hour for the hours our volunteers worked on the ice- this is the cost we calculate for volunteer hours. Ben took multiple days off work to work on this as did others on his ice team.

We did ask for an invoice from Scott Montague also for help/equipment use with ice removal. This is for insurance purposes.

Financial Report (Robert Steffy)-

Receiving \$5,000 from BHE for lighting rebate.

Have about \$17,000 in cost for repairs.

CC ice rental \$2,400.

Building Committee report (Ben Nelson)-

Working on repairs and ripped out old doors. We need a cleanup day.

Men's bathroom has a sink not hooked up. Will check with Mann on this to see if he can help. Also, the lighting in front of the bathroom doors needs attention.

Girls Program (Eggers)-

The girls teams will participate in cancer night. They are also more competitive this season with the U14 and varsity teams.

Fundraising report (Ronda)-

Ronda is out at team pictures tonight.

House Program-

Chris left a message for Tree. They are still looking for people to take over all of it. Jeb Hoffman is helping at the JV level.

Discussion on coaches and what's needed. Maybe a seasoned coach can meet with newer house coaches and explain the process. Sean O may be a good person to ask.

Coaches are meeting this Friday to divvy up the new players onto teams. Chris requested to move 2 players off a team or over to another one.

Needing help with coordination. JV is pretty set, just need to break things down & need help in regular house. Would like a new coordinator to take over- or multiple people to handle the duties. Teams are handled and scheduling is mostly done.

Jerseys are good, most families purchase their own. House league also has some to check out if a player prefers. They are missing jerseys from a JV house player last year & we do not have a check. Ben can reach out to the family & will get it taken care of.

Keys & fobs for coaches? Ben can help them and get them in contact with Dominic who took it over.

Miscellaneous-

Ryan Cathcart was recommended to take on the tournament director position. Would like to have 1 person overseeing all tournaments and have contacts instead of needing to "reinvent the wheel" each time- especially as families move up levels. This person wouldn't necessarily run all tourneys but be a good contact person and work with the teams as they host.

Ice for the Rush? Coaches approached Chris and are looking at possibly using ice when they are not able to use it at the Civic Center (events). This would be intermittent and during daytime when not in use. Board okayed this- discussion on how we appreciate all the Rush do for our organization and it is good to be able to help them out.

Brad Lee asked about asphalt for the zam to keep the mud and rocks down. Chris said to get a quote. Greg will reach out to JJ.

BHE wants to do a presentation for the rebate check.

Alumni Game- will need insured and will need to work with Bill on scheduling.

Future Dates-

Need to set future dates- squirt and mites.

Team photos 11/29/21

Winter Skills camp/sessions-?

State Pee wee A Tournament Feb 18-21 2021

Motion to adjourn made by Chris, second by Konrad

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm