

## January 2026

### Rushmore Hockey Association General Membership Meeting

**Date:** January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Location:** Thunderdome

| Motion                                    | First:        | Second:          | Time:  |
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| <b>Call General Meeting to Order:</b>     | Brad Eggers   | Sean O'Connor    | 6:01pm |
| <b>Previous Meeting Minutes Approval:</b> | Sean O'Connor | Shannon Wirth    |        |
| <b>Meeting Agenda Approval:</b>           | Loren Jensen  | Domnick Janitell |        |
| <b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>                 | Sean O'Connor | Domnick Janitell | 6:51pm |

| Board Member         | Present | Absent | Excused |
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| Brad Eggers          | X       |        |         |
| Brad Lee             | X       |        |         |
| Cody Minnerath       | X       |        |         |
| Dave Bender          | X       |        |         |
| Domnick Janitell     | X       |        |         |
| Joelle Neutzling     | X       |        |         |
| House Representative | x       |        |         |
| Loren Jensen         | X       |        |         |
| Megan Archer         | X       |        |         |
| Rebecca Mann         |         |        | x       |
| Sean O'Connor        | X       |        |         |
| Shannon Wirth        | X       |        |         |

| Important Upcoming Event:     | Date:          |
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| <b>February Board Meeting</b> | <b>2-9-26</b>  |
| <b>Ladies and Laces</b>       | <b>3-10-26</b> |

| Report                         | Discussion   | Follow Up |
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| Presidents Report: Brad Eggers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration is up slightly this year. Currently there are 333 registered skaters. Last year there were 327. Two new mites joined just this week.</li> <li>Brad Eggers reports that Dan Krohn has officially resigned from his RHA elected board position. Email was obtained as formal resignation.</li> </ul>   |           |
| House Report: Skylar Lauber    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior night is scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup>. The senior committee would like to spend \$300 on tumblers. House has money in the budget for this.</li> <li>House is having a problem with foul language, despite coaching talking with the players. Parents are starting to complain as well. Sean O'Connor, Brad Eggers, Brad Lee, Loren Jensen and Skylar will discuss this issue after this meeting.</li> <li>Peewee C state tournament will be done a little earlier this year, house will be able to have ice time starting at 3:00 on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.</li> </ul> |           |
| Mites: Michelle Valko          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are over 100 registered mites this year. The RC Rush have been good partners with the mites this year.</li> <li>The Winter Classic is coming up. Currently there is about 3 inches of ice on the pond at Palmer Gulch. They are hopeful to hold the event at Palmer Gulch. Michelle Valko will look into renting ice at Main Street Square if there is not enough ice on the pond.</li> </ul>   |           |

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|                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The mites will be attending a tournament in Miles City, MT and Gillette, WY. These are optional tournaments.</li> <li>• The Mite Jamboree is scheduled for March 6-8, they will need ice at Roosevelt for this. It looks like a lot of teams are coming. Brad and Michelle will coordinate ice at Roosevelt. Roosevelt ice will be used by the 8U teams.</li> </ul>   |  |
| Financial Report:<br>Shannon Wirth   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Interim Treasurer provided an update on the Treasurer transition, noting that the former Treasurer resigned effective November 24, 2025 and has indicated that as of January 11, 2026 she is no longer available to provide transition assistance or answer Treasurer-related questions. The Interim Treasurer advised that no comprehensive handover documentation was provided and that Treasurer processes are being reconstructed through review of financial systems and records. The Board was informed that the Interim Treasurer will continue documenting procedures, implementing approved financial policies, addressing any remaining gaps, and bringing forward recommendations as needed to ensure continuity, compliance, and appropriate financial oversight.</li> <li>• Shannon is putting together documents to help in the transition. Shannon will be emailing out documents via TeamReach for the board to review. She is looking into creating a new spending policy that aligns with current practice. There are several policies that are out of date. Board will vote on this via TeamReach.</li> <li>• No financial statement given at tonight's meeting.</li> <li>• At the last board meeting Shannon reported that Sage Creek Accounting Services was interested in taking on RHA as a client. They have since retracted their offer. They are no longer interested. RHA is still searching for an accounting firm to take over RHA.</li> </ul> |  |
| Facilities Report:<br>Cody Minnerath | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The recent windstorm took out the tower that supplied the buildings internet. The company has no plans to fix this tower. Internet via this tower supplied 60% of the buildings internet. Because of this Cody has disabled some of the heavier loads on the internet system. Cody has installed an additional Star Link. Cody is hopeful that within the next year fiberoptics will be brought to the building. All business essential internet run items are up and running at this time.</li> <li>• The Zam is about 7 years old and in need of some maintenance. As soon as the season is over a parent volunteer will haul the zam to WI to get maintenance done. Cody has a cost proposal he will be submitting.</li> <li>• The zam garage door recently needed some repairs, a new spring and opener were obtained. Black Hills Overhead Doors has been wonderful to work with and has been a huge resource for RHA during all of these repairs. Cody is working with them to trade services for advertising. He is looking into options for wrapping the doors with their logo or doing advertising on the rink walls.</li> </ul>   |  |
| Recruitment:                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report given tonight.</li> </ul>   |  |
| Fundraising Report:<br>Brad Eggers   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chase the Ace is done, and the winner has been paid out.</li> <li>• Ladies and Laces is set for March 10<sup>th</sup>. Brad will obtain the liquor license. We are still looking to have someone take over this event. Please reach out to Brad if you are interested.</li> <li>• Team Fundraisers still exist if money is needed.</li> </ul>   |  |
| Strategic Planning:<br>Brad Eggers   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next all-day meeting is set for January 29<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting we will be looking at long-term plans for RHA. One big topic of discussion will be how to leverage Fed-Ex developing the land to the west of the dome.</li> </ul>  |  |

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| <p>BH Surgical Hospital: Brad Eggers</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The updated agreement to have Black Hills Surgical Hospital provide Sports Medicine to RHA was sent out to board members prior to this meeting. This is a 5-year contract that RHA will sign with them. Cody Minnerath makes a motion to approve the contract as written. David Bender seconds the motion. Board votes to approve the contract.</li> </ul>   |  |
| <p>New Travel Jerseys: Brad Eggers</p>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee is being formed to start the process of buying new travel jerseys. Jerseys are being purchased thanks to a large private donation.</li> </ul>  |  |
| <p>Tournaments:</p>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peewee C State Tournament - brackets and schedule has been sent by the state. Dibs will be added as soon as schedule is submitted to dibs coordinator.</li> </ul>  |  |
| <p>Hotels for Officials: Sean O'Connor</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sean O'Connor would like to propose RHA pay ref hotel fees when they come out to Rapid City to ref games at RHA. Currently refs are paid for mileage and food but not rooms. It is getting harder to get refs to travel to Rapid City for games. Sean proposes a reimbursement rate of \$100 - \$120 per night. He has talked with The Club House Hotel, and they would honor a room rate of \$120 per night. RHA could potentially partner with them for ref rooms. Sean would like to see a stipulation that the refs commit to ref 3 or more games in order to receive the payment. This would also only be for Bantam and above games. Total expense for a season could be about \$3000-\$4000.</li> <li>Sean is looking for the board's approval to start the discussions with the state. Travel reimbursement must come through the state, so this all needs to be cleared by them. No formal motion is required by the RHA board at tonight's meeting.</li> <li>After some discussion, board will support Sean talking with the state. If the state approves this, Sean will bring details to the next meeting or post them on TeamReach for a vote.</li> </ul> |  |