



RHA Board Meeting

Date: October 23, 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 @ 8:38

Agenda review and additional topics (Brouwer)

Open Membership Forum

New Business:

- Cedar Rock has Chamber of Commerce Night coming up on Nov 6 and wanted to know if we wanted to have a table or something set up there
 - Tawni & Bill to sit at a table
- Team Up Against Concussions Week Oct. 23-27

Old Business:

- 8U Plus Program -
 - Currently, 11 players
 - Markham coaching
 - Dec. 12 - roster to be submitted
 - Need a budget
 - 3 practices
 - 2 home games
 - Need a registration
- 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.
- Griffins Event (12/15)



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- \$13/ticket - do we want to rethink the selling price? Sell for \$20
 - Send out info to Team Managers to get a team block
 - 400 tickets on-hand
 - Socialize and begin selling
 - Tawni to send note to TMs for group tickets
- Project Advantage
 - 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 PeeWees
- Toren Prawdzik (Photoevo) - interested in helping RHA
- Mites nets: Jason Markham offer to refresh the nets. Paint and new netting ~\$200 per net

Committee Reports:

- Rams Scholarship Committee
 - Committee meeting tomorrow, 10/24
- Banner Hanging Committee
- Disciplinary Committee
 - Leads: Bill Zalba, Alex Bjork & Aaron Ala
- Growth Coordinator
 - THFF - times confirmed
 - Nov. 4, 2023 - 6-7pm
 - Bill or Aaron will run on-ice
 - Aaron will reach out to Mokosak for help from Varsity
 - 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)
 - 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)
 - Aaron & Jim will be available to help with fittings, especially since this is a 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)



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- 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 partnering with Bill and Yosin
 - Next year, our registration will assume a separate 6U team which will be a true Cross-Ice program

Coaching Commissioner (Ala):

- Coaching Contracts

Treasurer (Klein):

- Scholarship Committee - applications due 10/15

Registrar (NATE):

- Registrations all set according to Nate

Secretary/Marketing (Mandy):

- Team Pictures - Getting Done - 2 more teams to go. Next year do photos later for all the football players
- Sponsorship posts - Scott will get info on schedule
- Santa Parade application - Dec 2 - Bill will do it with the mites. Get him the banner and candy and truck stuff for Dec 2
- School wide Emails to Rockford and Cedar Springs- Sending Out a paper flyer to Cedar Springs Public schools

Members at Large:

- Alles:
- Bjork: Cancer Awareness Fundraiser; working with VAI - Jan 20-21
 - Fundraising link complete :
 - <https://support.vai.org/campaign/2024-rams-hockey-fights-cancer/c522278>
 - Jerseys : email will go out to TMs this week to see if teams want to be in on jerseys. Cost would be about \$35/jersey (max of 12 characters on back)



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- Alex will start looking at other fundraising opps as well (silent auction, raffle, goal donations, etc)
- 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
- Goalie Quick Change gear - Bill to see what's in the equipment room to evaluate whether to purchase more
- Mites Practices - can we start these at 4:45? Ice is open. Jim to check with the rink

Meeting adjournment @ 10:31pm

Tawni Brouwer, President
Jim Raguckas, General Manager
Richard Klein, Treasurer
Mandy DeVries, Secretary
Aaron Ala, Coaching Commissioner
Nate Spahn, Registrar
Alex Bjork, Member at Large
Steve Alles, Member at Large
Scott Karczewski, Member at Large