



RHA Board Meeting

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Date: Jan 23, 2023 - 8:30pm

Location: In person - Cedar Rock Sportsplex 8:30pm

Attendees: Aaron Ala, Holly Ensley, Mandy DeVries, Nate Spahn, Richard Klein, Scott Karczewski, Steve Alles, Tawni Brouwer

Guests:

- Tim Jones (district MAHA rep)
- (parents) Tim Popour, Bri Wallin, Kevin Rop, Laura Rop, Melissa Harrison, Jennifer Schumaker, Chris Schumaker

Discussion Topics

Meeting call to order @ 8:35pm

Agenda review and additional topics (Brouwer)

Open Membership Forum

- Parent concern about bullying issues in the locker room and playing time during games at house level. Had brought up concerns with the team manager to help. Requested meeting with Tawni and several other Board members about the issue over a month ago and group agreed on an action plan. Saw some improvement; however, parent still concerned.
 - Outcome: more locker room monitors were recommended

New Business:

- 2023 Elections
 - VP/General Manager
 - Secretary
 - Registrar
 - Member at Large (Alex)
 - Member at Large (Scott)

We need to send out email to membership for members of the board

Old Business:



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- MAHA Book Checks January 17 - went well
 - Coaching Surveys - Aaron collecting data
 - 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
 - Director of Hockey Operations
 - Interested individuals - Board to meet with candidates
 - Board to draft mission statement, so candidates have a rough job description
 - Interpreting Services for Mites player
 - Steve has created the new document and will be sending to Jared for review
 - Reach back out to MAHA to keep this on the radar for a long-term solution - Get a letter sent to MAHA on behalf Rams Hockey asking for official help
 - Project Advantage - Inspections happened and everything has been corrected or is being corrected
 - Turf will be redone spring
 - Try Hockey for free update- Low attendance. Mandy trying to figure out how to get an email out to Rockford public schools and also advertising it with the hockey players who go into the schools.
 - Committee Reports:
 - Rams Scholarship Committee
 - Golf Outing Update - Done for 2022/2023
 - Banner Hanging Committee - Banners have been hung by Project Advantage
 - Disciplinary Committee
 - Need to formalize a process for steps in disciplinary action
 - Growth Coordinator
 - LTS/LTP
 - 2-3 kids that have aged out of Mites; would be Squirt eligible; Board to consider allowing these kids to skate with Squirts toward end of season
 - Holly to gather parent contact info and share with Aaron to discuss options
 - THFF - dates posted with usa hockey and maha
 - Nov 5 - 5:30-6:30pm - 21 kids attend (smaller than usual)
 - Dec 17 - 1:00pm - 17 participants
 - Feb 25 - 4-5pm (can move the time if needed, FYI lot of teams away at tournaments) Need volunteers
 - Holly to reach out to Varsity
 - 8 players this year that converted from THFF to LTS
- Would like to get a few more medium and a few large helmets to help supplement



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Director Reports in

General Manager/Ice (Raguckas):

- Have playoff dates, will adjust practice schedule to accommodate.
- Working through the end of season and rough draft on the spring schedule for the rink.
- Spring hockey team thoughts?
 - 10U house
 - 10U travel
 - 12U house?
 - 12U travel
 - 14U travel (not aware if they do house)
 - 14U+ skills/checking?
 - 16U
- Select Board members to meet and discuss in more detail

Coaching Commissioner (Ala):

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Treasurer (Klein):

- KOHA Brown Family Donation
 - JV: 700
 - Squirt AA: 450
 - Venmo: 110
 - Total: 1260
- MyHockey \$500 refund check
- HTR Raffle License
 - License app and check submitted
 - Melissa Anes willing to run
- Jerseys: All square with Jared, minus 2 sets
 - New player to JV
- LTS/LTP code for 50% off extended for Holly

Registrar (NATE):

- Board Roster - Background check, Safe Sport and USA hockey
- LTS/LTP - must be treated as a roster and "claimed"
 - Holly has USA Hockey #s and birth certificates for all kids
 - Nate to further investigate and follow up with Frank Noonan

Secretary/Marketing (Mandy):

- End of year banquet - Travis mentioned having it at Cedar Rock. Open family skate (no hockey) and banquet part on the soccer field.
 - Plan for 200-250



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- What have we paid for the Sportsman's club? \$700
- Tables and chair rental? Was included w/ Sportsman's club rental

Members at Large:

- Alles: Storage room needs less stuff in it, kegs and other extra stuff out. Working on fencing under bleachers
- Bjork:
 - Golf Outing
- Karczewski:

Director of Hockey Operations (tbd):

Meeting adjournment @ 11:24pm

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