

RHA General Membership Meeting – November 2023

Date: 11/6/23

Time: 6:00

Location: Thunderdome

- **Call General Meeting to Order:** Rachelle Williams
 - **Second:** Ben Nelson
 - **Time:** 5:59
- **Previous Meeting Minutes Approved:** Rachelle Williams
 - **Second:** Ben Nelson
- **Meeting Agenda Approved:**
 - **Second:**
- **Meeting Adjourned:** Ben Nelson
 - **Second:** Dave Bender
 - **Time:** 7:32

Board Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Brad Eggers	X		
Sandra Weaver	X		
Megan Archer	X		
Ben Nelson	X		
Brad Lee	X		
Cody Minnerath	X		
Corey Norris	X		
Dan Laughlin	X		
Dave Bender	X		
Domnick Janitell	X		
Joelle Neutzling			X
Kent Bradley	x		
Loren Jensen	X		
Rachael Hepper			
Rachelle Williams	X		
Rebecca Mann			x
Robert Steffy	X		
Ronda Simmons	X		

Important Upcoming Dates -

Date	Event
12-11 @ 6:00pm	December Board Meeting – Board Room

Report	Discussion	Follow Up
Presidents Report - Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> League schedule has been released. Sioux Falls remains out of the state schedule. This will affect travel and revenue. With SF out we have 2 Friday night games. This will affect some of house scheduling on Sundays due have larger gaps, house can fill these gaps giving them more ice time. Schedulers will work with house to get those filled. RHA has been asked to register and roster their house skaters. House at RHA is not like SF league. House for RHA is an opportunity for kids who do not want to travel but still play hockey. It is in the states rules that we have a certain number of teams vs skaters. Mites also need to be rostered with the state. Brad had a meeting with the RHA Board of Trustees (Ted Schultz and Lynn Tucker). The Trustee Board agrees with what the RHA Board is doing. They would like to be notified of any big budget items going forward. Robby Glantz power skating camp was a huge success. There were 12 skaters in the young group and 28 older group. Robby would like 	Consider new policy for ice rental.

	<p>to come back. RHA rented the ice for free to him, this helped to keep the cost down. Next year there will be some changes to cost and timing. The board needs to consider a new policy for ice rental in the future, possibly a flat rate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID policy – at this time RHA will follow the school policy. Players are to remain home for 5 days from first symptoms. If symptoms have improved with no fever player may return but must wear a mask in the locker room for additional 5 days. 	
Financial Report - Sandra Weaver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a CD for \$150,000 has been approved by the Board of Trustee's. This is being set up. • There is \$3,100 that can be used to purchase gear. • See full report 	
Building Committee Report - Ben Nelson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1800 was used recently to make minor repairs to the roof. • The company who fixed the roof quoted about \$50,000 to replace the entire roof. This is set to be done in the fall of 2024. • Security camera system bids are coming in. Onsite storage would be used due to lack of internet making this a closed loop system. This would also be a wired system due to internet issues. Labor and wires are to be budgeted for in the quotes. A camera system is needed for liability insurance. • \$4700 was used to buy the new Zam battery. 	Gather security system quotes.
House Report – Kent Bradley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House is doing good. They are off to a great start. • Budget request for new house JV jerseys. In the past it was a fundraising event. They would like a white/black reversible jersey. Sponsored jerseys can be considered. Self fundraiser was done in the past as well. Travel JV/Varsity typically buy their own jerseys each year. Kent asks if money raised could be kept within house? There is unused money from last year's fundraising/tournaments. Sandra Weaver will investigate these funds. • They still do not have schedules finalized. Sundays are not set up. The Travel league schedule just got released so house schedule will get set up soon. • Dib requests need to be sent as soon as they have the schedule so volunteer spots can be opened. – Ronda Simmons makes request • House struggles with Goalie gear. Last year at least 2 games there was a lack of gear for them, especially helmets. Goalie gear has been a shared endeavor. House will inventory what is needed and get back to the board. • Team meetings have been well received. Kids are showing up in better numbers. Lack of a set schedule again is a problem. • House asks if practice on Wednesday's would be an option? JV/Varsity kids are coming down looking for development opportunities to help them make the team next year. They are being pushed and developed by current House coaching. 3 years ago, House did have a Wednesday practice. Sunday games are hard for some of the players. House would like 1 additional hour during the week. Having a set schedule is very important. Brad Eggers 	<p>Sandra to review if there is money form fundraisers to be used for new JV Jerseys.</p> <p>Send in Dib requests.</p> <p>Inventory goalie gear and report needs at next board meeting.</p>

	<p>states that Wednesdays are hard, it is a full schedule as of now, Sundays have more wiggle room especially with SF out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does house pay for Roosevelt if they use ice time there? • If there are any holes in the schedule house will get them. • Mornings would be an option if House would like them. House will ask their players if they would like to take morning slots. 	
Fundraiser Report - Ronda Simmons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chase the Ace is growing and doing well. Please show up at Wings and Rings to help if you are available. Drawing is every Tuesday at 7:00. Please share Facebook post, text link, tell family/friends. Largely tickets are being bought by RHA families. We would like to expand this further and further. On average ticket sales are about \$300 a week. • Sabres event raised \$3900 from the jersey auction and \$700 from 50/50. The family that won the 50/50 donated \$100 back to RHA. • Teams can do small fundraisers for their team. RHA takes a 20% cut from these fundraisers, remainder of the money goes directly to that team. 	
Tournaments – Corey Norris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mite jamboree – March 1-3 if possible. Ok'd by Loren Jensen. • 8 teams are registered for Early Bird Tournament. • Squirt Tournament continues to have low numbers. There are currently 3 B teams and only 1 A team. Can the president do something to recruit SD teams? Ideally, we would need 4 teams. • 3v3 – money has been returned to all players/teams that registered. • Bantam B has been invited to a Jamboree in Pierre. Cody Minnerath asks if the board will cover the \$300 fee. Bantam B only has a 12-game season. Request approved by Loren Jensen first, Dan Laughlin second. Any additional requests will need to be brought to the board for approval. 	
Cancer Night/Senior Night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior night will be scheduled soon. No date yet. Ronda Simmons • Cancer Night will be Dec. 2nd against Mitchell 	
Try Outs - Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 4 evaluators on each of the 3 nights. After each group skated evaluators brought scores to the board members who then tabulated numbers. Coaches then brought their scores and had the option to move the kids that scored in the middle. • There were 4 kids with an excused absence. 3 have sense been evaluated and placed on a team. • Adjustments to policy can be considered going forward. • Additional criteria was helpful for evaluators. • The evaluators were volunteers within RHA, Hockey Development Committee reps, Rush coaches, Sabre coaches, Rush GM and former Rush Players. • Cody Minnerath asks, if a player tries out as a defense or forward why were they not placed as such? This needs to be a detriment. Dan Laughlin explained the process of scoring position. In the past defensive players didn't typically get evaluated for a position. Now 	Adjustments to tryout process.

	<p>they are getting a better overall score. They were not placed on teams for their position, they were placed by their scores.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Laughlin states the evaluators felt the tryout process was 90% accurate. • Dave Bender states that there was a long discussion with coaches, they knew this was going to be an ongoing process. • Lessons were learned and a policy change is in order. This needs to be done sooner than later, especially given this just happened. – Brad Eggers • There has never been a tryout process with this few numbers of kids. This made it extra hard on the judges, board, and coaches. Having higher numbers of kids would help in this process. - Ronda Simmons • If a coach's kid is on the bubble the parent coach is not to be in the room. Coach is to leave the room. • Why was a 24-hour grace period not used? It was decided by the board members helping with the evaluation process that teams should be posted on Wednesday night. In the future this will also be looked at in the new policy. A 24 hour "cool off" period with a meeting the next night will be considered in the revision. 	
Try Hockey for Free/Mites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are currently 75 registered mites. 83 mites is the goal. • The program for first year mites at \$100 has been very helpful. • The state is pushing to make 8U free. If this was put into place this would be about a \$30,000 hit to RHA. This is still being discussed by the state board. 	
Recruitment – Rachelle Williams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bantam and Pee wee have gotten a few new additional players even after tryouts. • Ryan Cathcart and Cody Minnerath ask if using Main Street Square for recruitment would be an option. Can RHA be advertised on the boards at the rink? Cody Norris and Kent Bradley have connections and will touch base with the new director. • The Learn to Skate program needs more hockey players to coach at the end of the lesson term. Varsity could be used for this and could go towards volunteer hours. Pee wee kids can be used as well. • Truck or Treat – flyers, stickers and candy were stuffed into little bags to be passed out. Over 600 bags were stuffed. The Box Trunk or Treat and Calvery were huge successes. • Rachelle is very open to any and every idea. Fall is ideal for getting the word out. • House would like to do more recruitment as well. • In the past mite program was broken into 2 sessions. This can be considered for next year. • Rachel will work on getting a flyer made for Roosevelt. • Joelle Neutzling will work on getting a link for new players created on our website. • If anyone has a lead on placement for bigger signs next fall let Rachelle know. This has been a limiting factor in the past. There is 	<p>Reach out to Main Street square.</p> <p>Get yard signs for next fall.</p>

	still a plan to make yard signs next fall. She would like to get signs all over town.	
Thank you – Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A huge shout out to Stacy Brozik and Emily Wheaton for constantly working on RHA items. If you happen to see these ladies, please thank them for everything they are doing. They are putting in a ton of work with very little recognition. • Thanks to the Dietrich's for feeding coaches, evaluators, and board members during tryouts! 	