

## **RHA Board Meeting, 8/6/18     Thunderdome**

**Board members present:** Chris Dietrich, Hollie Hoffman, Greg Chisolm, Gordon Merchen, Mike Bartling, Rachael Hepper, Gregg Fullerton, Tim Brady, Ben Nelson/Georg Olson (building cmte), Christine Ritter

Call meeting to order: Chris Dietrich 6:01 pm

Approve meeting agenda:

adding play-ups for discussion (Hollie)

PW early bird tournament (Gordon)

Presidents Report:

**Scheel's Meeting-** Chris had a meeting with DJ, would like to do a demo day to check things out maybe Sept. Also talk about one time RHA discount at Scheels again this season. Also noted that they gave about \$2,000-\$2,500 in advertising last year.

**SDAHA report-**

Community Boundaries Committee- They have drafted a split proposal. At this time, they are looking at Sioux Falls, we may be next. They are looking at basing the boundaries on schools- for private schools- it would be based on location. Steve Nolan has been working on this for RHA. We and Sioux Falls are pushing for no change. Likelihood for it to happen this year is very slim, Pierre is pushing for this though. Our state president, Randy, is fueling this split also. Discussion on school sizes etc--- would be looking possibly at class system used for other school sports, ie: A/AA etc. We may need to look at picking up games with other teams to get games - if we go this route, may have smaller divisions.

Discussion on consistency with state. We cannot hold a gold level team to play in WY, but Sioux Falls is allowed this. Also a discussion on this with home & away games- we need our home games to make revenue. Chris is meeting with Steve Nolan next week on this.

Squirt Committee- Had been contacted about league play at squirt level. Most associations don't spend much on squirts & have shorter seasons. They would like league play & then 1 jamboree- you would be able to pick up games on off weekends. This would need to be scheduled thru state. We are not as close as some assn.'s to each other- so it wouldn't lower our travel as much. Would have to follow league play rules. At this time, we are not interested in it- this is just in early phases. Some assn.'s for this mentioned they do not like having to set up the travel schedule. Felt this would be a better option for them.

Fall State Meeting- in Rapid, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>

### Rush proposals

**Skills sessions-** Camps, games

**Rush buddies-** want to get people in the seats, also want to have a presence. Working on a buddy program.

### Task force groups-

**Fundraising-**Connie Price, Scott Montague, Ronda Simmons, Rachael Hepper, Tanya Nelson

**Substance Abuse-** Gordon Merchen is working on a policy.

**Discipline-** Sean O'Connor is working on this.

**Director of Coaching-** working on a slow roll out.

Laura Stamm Camp- week of Oct 8th, pre tryouts. We are charging about 25-30% less than Sioux Falls.

Varsity and JV are strongly encouraging their players. Currently about 22-25 signed up. Want about 100. We have to pay for the hotel, plane and cost per hour. Once we have all of RHA all in, we can open to others. Is there a cutoff date before we open outside of RHA? Skating levels based on ability.

### Positions/openings-

Registrar- Mr Hawk

Score sheet reports to state- Michelle Merchen

Need a writer for media, Steve Nolan has handled varsity in the past. They would submit write ups after games, otherwise we don't get much media attention.

2018-2019 Budget update- Mark Benson, not present, will update at a later time.

2018-2019 Registration- Mr Hawk

### **Registration open**

**Sept 1st-** is deadline for the discount. Need to know for the state schedule

**Numbers-** 46 so far, issues so far? Just people getting codes for wreaths, etc. There was a parent question on wreath sales- can excess funds for a player go to offset their Fargo fees? No, any unused credits will carry over to the next year. Funds are for registration fees, no tourneys, camps, etc.

Concessions- Tracy Fine is assuming the concessions director position for the 2018-2019 season

Dibs-

**Status Report-** Waiting to see if Jenni Leberknight will build spreadsheets, Erik will upload as he did last year.

**2nd position/assistant-** Waiting on above mentioned. Also, looking at getting someone to watch DIBS and check over slots. Discussion on last year, we have \$9,281 in checks cashed. If you are ever to apply for a scholarship- but not in good standing, ie: checks cashed in the past- will be denied.

Parent question- people claim a shift and do t show up- still get credit? These no shows need to be reported to deny the credit.

Website-

**Updates-**

**Documents-** We lost a lot of documents when we went to the new builder NGIN  
Would like me to get handbooks online

Building Committee- Brady, Fullerton, Nelson, Olson-

**Updates-** Summer Projects

**Dryland Room-** Discussion on leaking seam in dryland room, black mold- depending on area size, question on needing an insurance claim? Not at this time.

Need to repair flooring and roof damage. Nets are here- re-powder coated and netted. Discussion on paint striping. Ready to go, we do not have orange paint. Zam drivers- new unit, need to be careful not to break. We will need to tighten list of who can Zam. Hi tech, it tracks when it runs etc. so we know what's going on. Will have a list of who can run the Zam and contact info. We need to crack down and protect our investment.

Fundraising Report- Ronda Simmons, Scott and Rachael present.

**Status Update-** Aug 1st, 2018- our advertising status

**Fundraising policy-** Discussion on policy and wording. Hollie would like to add to the form- something stating why we fundraise and also contact info. Questions on the policy- they will revise and re-submit to the board.

**LIV Hospitality-** stay and play plan—we would make \$10/ room with this. Various hotels so there would be choices.

**Elks Theatre-** passed

**Fall Dinner, jam for the Zam 2-** Brandon Jones is booked, beer license (apply for at end of Aug), can sponsor table \$150 for 6 people. This would have other perks as well. \$15 /person ticket, at the door. \$4/drink last year. Possibly up the price, kegs donated? Sell mugs?

Brandon has \$600 fee, beer license \$200, we spent \$800 on beer and made \$3300. We have a \$1500 budget, food is spendy- looking at options. Brandon was free last year so this is a change. Will also look at concessions for food option.

**Sponsorship renewals-** Ronda- renewals are going out. Will send out potential letters, what about visiting in person? This is the concept of the committee- they can reach out and expand our network of people. We are waiting on a list of donors.

Proshop-

**Update-** No #'s from Mark yet

**Budget-** Made about \$13,000 last year? Had an \$8,000 budget; Raelyenn requesting a budget

**Online Stores-** Had multiple orders for items, no #'s yet

**Mike Miles-** Proshop, jerseys, specialty items- discussion on items he can make, possibly going thru proshop, would need to pre-order

Hockey Swap-

**Date-** looking into this

**Location-** Chris is going to talk to Scheels about holding an expo- would like to hold it at RHA, this will make it easier for us to collect donated gear, etc, possibly gear rentals as well same time

Girls Program-

**Tournament-**Are planning to hold a tournament this year-

**Fundraising-** Would like to hold a skills challenge on Jan 11<sup>th</sup>- open weekend. Would like to open to all levels, charge maybe \$5/person. This was presented by a parent- rep not here- question on this. She presented this as the tourney- Chris wants them to check with Brady—he is thinking they want to bring teams in for the tourney.

Ronda is needing info from Kim- the girls put a zam in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade for girls play hockey too

House update- No rep for house yet, no one present to update

Photos (Sundby)-

Looking at 10/29 or 10/30 as a back up date. Should have teams 10/26. Lighting has been an issue, which is why we do on ice pics.

Will need to look at getting ice time for the pw's elsewhere—they have the early bird tourney Nov 9-11.

Need to reach out to house about pictures—see if they are wanting to schedule own?

Early Bird Tournament (PW)- Gordy checked into the fees, charge \$350/team- will pretty much cover the costs.

Volunteer- There is a policy, need to get this online.

Final discussion-

Ronda asked about coaching clinics- are we holding any? Yes, Chris will get dates.

March 1-3 girls state

March 8-10 squirts?

Possibly look at squeezing in squirts or mites sooner

Teams (tentatively): 1 Varsity, 1 JV, 1 girls Varsity, 1 girls JV, 2 bantams, 2-3 pw, squirts ?

Lynsey- any special requests on schedules? Chris stated we will not be taking special requests this year.

David Bender mentioned mites- maybe the practice at Rush ice earlier in season w/ the meet & greet

Other openings:

Molly Rasby- wreaths

50/50 Billie Webb not doing this year

Jennifer Bartling- Safeway cards

Rachael Hepper- Chuck a Puck

Need someone for Hardware Hank cards- also 50/50

Question on head coaches- parent coach would like to be considered—Chris explained process for coaches- need to fill out an app. After tryouts- and teams are set, then they will look at coaches. Coaching apps to Chris & Woody (head of HDC)

Call for a motion to adjourn – Chris  
Second by Gordy

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm