

The Rockford Hockey Association (RHA) Board met Monday, August 3, 2015, at 8:09 p.m., at Cedar Rock Sports Plex.

Call to order. The July 2015 meeting of the RHA Board of Directors was called to order at by 8:09 p.m. by Dave Bina.

Roll Call. Present: D. Bina, T. Marchlewski, E. Weber, C. Veen, C. McPhee, D. Bach

Absent: K. Sehlmeier, K. Sergott, D. Santos, C. Green, J. Hodel, C. LaMore

Guests: Arik Dabaja

Meeting Minutes.

Open Membership Forum.

Committee Reports.

Hockey Operations ~ No report.

MAHA ~ D. Bina – Shared Summer 2015 Meeting proceedings; please read. Attended by K. Sehlmeier and D. Bina. D6 Kickoff meeting in Lansing August 2, 2015; reviewed proceedings from meeting. Highlighted important dates/deadlines, including upcoming district meetings dates.

Cross-Ice Program – MAHA instituting a competitive Mite structure for 2015/16 (mostly in Eastern Michigan). Discussed cross-ice equipment grant program options (hard divider boards, portable clock, nets). Will submit grant requests for hard divider cross-ice boards and portable clocks.

2 and 2 Challenge – Reviewed 2015-2016 program. Casey LaMore heading up the program this year.

Reviewed “Sport for All – Play for Life” presentation by Olympic Coach Coordinator.

Shared “Juice Box Hockey” program as a successful introductory program. It’s an introductory 5-week program, uses OneGoal Grant equipment, free for kids; sponsored and run by the rink (not the association). Can apply for a USA Hockey short-term exemption.

Kevin Erhlenbach in Nationwide Growth Coordinator for USAH – For the Feb THFF, USAH will provide 40 sticks (12,000 sticks last year).

Club Excellence will be rolled out by USAH in 2016/17 to support association boards. There will be modules for association leadership to help with training and turnover, lower learning curve. Business/Admin, Hockey Program Development, Parent/Volunteer Development.

USA HOCKEY registration – Board Members must re-register each year. Send registration number Tom Marchlewski.

One Goal grant – There were 37 applications for review. Associations notified by late September.

THFF conversion rate is 20% nationally.

THFF – November: Code for free USAH membership for the year ... sign up for LTS/LTP etc. immediately

There is interested by Steve Stapleton to run a girls event via Rams Hockey, possibly October 10 & 11 (Girls Hockey Weekend). Dave Bina to follow up on the possibility of this happening. Will need women coaches

Rams Hockey ice contract needs to reviewed by MAHA Risk Manager (Grant Helms) before it is finalized (Chuck Veen).

MAHA affiliate agreement is due August 31.

Two week notice at house draft for Squirts

ADRAY ~ No report.

Marketing/Growth ~ C. LaMore – Car stickers in hand, spiritwear – all done through website and made to order; leftovers from last year – set up table at open house; helmet stickers – up to Squirts with rams horns, PeeWee and up – RAMS HOCKEY sticker

Policies/Compliance ~ Locker Room Policy – USA Hockey recommends minimum one person over 18 (USA Hockey); MAHA recommends at least 2 individuals over 18. Need to create and implement a policy. Locker room attendants need background check (\$10 fee). Need a process/procedure. Dave Bina and Jason Hodel to draft a policy. This will also be an addendum to coaching agreement. Craig McPhee will follow-up with CRSP regarding locker room key distribution policies.

SafeSport (SS) 2015 Review – All managers and coaches must complete SS training before rostering. Bina, Sehlmeier, Green are up for re-registration; Veen needs complete SS training. Tom Marchlewski will determine which directors need certification, background checks, etc. and share with the board. Chris Green will be the Rams Hockey SafeSport Coordinator for 2015/16 season.

Director Reports.

General Manager/Ice ~ C. Veen – Confirmed with Arik that most recent version of ice schedule. Needs a copy of last year's contract to update.

Coaching Coordinator ~ J. Hodel – No report.

ACTION ITEMS: equipment inventory/needs, storage area plan, practice jerseys & socks

Treasurer ~ C. McPhee – Reviewed July expenses. Approved sponsorship options (youth appropriate and board approved) – 1 year \$1,500 hockey + \$500 soccer, 2 year \$2,500 hockey +

\$500 soccer; scoreboard \$5,000 hockey & soccer + production. Need to clarify registration. Lori Hodel (SCRIP Coordinator) for 2015/16; working on details and transition.

Impact of no Bantam Travel Teams – will update and share spreadsheet with board.

Registration deposit is not correct on the website: \$250 for house; \$500 for travel.

Registrar ~ T. Marchlewski – SafeSport done by coaches (travel). Will ask Jason Hodel to send email to all head coaches regarding SafeSport.

Secretary ~ E. Weber – October through May approved. June review by next Monday.

Members at Large ~ D. Bach: OneGoal grant final report needed additional details; waiting on information from Casey.

President ~ D. Bina – concussion baselining: do we do it? Dave Bina will follow-up with Dave Beckett.

Old Business. None.

New Business.

Paid Marketing Position – Erin Weber will draft job description and share with board.

6U Rollout Plan – need a lead coach and a rollout plan to make it happen. Discussed possible options.

Harvest Festival – September 26 & 27 – Jean Bina working on

Strategic offsite – end of August – respond to Dave with preference of dates

Communication.

Upcoming Meetings (Tentative Schedule)

August Meetings:

Call – Monday, Aug 10, 2015 at 8:00PM
Meeting – Monday, Aug 24, 2015 at 8:00PM

September Meetings:

Call – Monday, Sep 14, 2015 at 8:00PM
Meeting – Monday, Sep 28, 2015 at 8:00PM

October Meetings:

Call – Monday, Oct 12, 2015 at 8:00PM
Meeting – Monday, Oct 26, 2015 at 8:00PM

November Meetings:

Call – Monday, Nov 9, 2015 at 8:00PM
Meeting – Monday, Nov 23, 2015 at 8:00PM

December Meetings:

Call – Monday, Dec 14, 2015 at 8:00PM
Meeting – Monday, Dec 28, 2015 at 8:00PM

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at **11:06pm** by D. Bina.