



RHA Board Meeting

Date: February 28, 2022 8:30 pm

Location: Cedar Rock Sports Plex

Attendees: Aaron Ala, Brant Morgan, Holly Ensley, Jared Belka, Jim Raguckas, Kay Niskanen, Melissa Anes, Richard Klein, Tawni Brouwer, Tom Marchlewski & Travis Mikulenas

Discussion Topics

Meeting call to order @ 8:45

Agenda review and additional topics (Marchlewski)

Open Membership Forum

- Bantam House Inquiry
 - Concern: What do the numbers look like in the '08-'9 birth years, particularly the '09s? Will there be a team for this age group?
 - It's the Boards understanding that there is plenty of interest in a Bantam House team for Spring and Fall '22-23
 - Spring Bantam House - currently no local league for this age group; however, RHA coaching commissioner talked with Blades who has a team and would be willing to schedule games
 - Tom to reach out to Nate Spahn for further feedback on Bantam House interest and numbers

New Business:

- Hockey Director
 - Jared to send a note on behalf of the Board to Rockford Athletic Director explaining the situation and how the varsity coach has been our Hockey Director for the past several years
 - RHA to consider what the job description should be prior to any recruiting; **Board** to review the latest draft of the Director of Hockey Operations contract and provide feedback
- Spring Travel Tryouts
 - Registration Live



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- Website Graphic & Social Media post - all set; Holly working on this
- MAHA Tryout Locator - Tawni to work on adding our teams
- Coach of the Year

Old Business:

- Registrar - Board to appoint
 - Tom to reach out to and meet with interested individual prior to the Board voting.
 - Board to reconsider appointment at next meeting
- Rink Update
 - Interested party received lots of paperwork from rink operator
 - Of any interest, this is the most promising one to date. Facility would remain a soccer field and ice rink.
- Teams for 2022/2023 / Coaching Lineup - anything to be addressed?
 - Spring
 - 2 Squirt House
 - 1 PeeWee House
 - 1 Bantam House
 - 1 SQUAA
 - 1 PWA(?)
 - 1 PWAA
 - 1 Bantam AA
 - 1 16U
 - 1 JV
 - Brant will be on ice for Spring Tryouts
- YE Banquet & Board Elections
 - March 28 reserved at Rockford Sportsman's Club; \$400+\$300 deposit
 - March 27 @ 12:00 - open for setup
 - Insurance - Richard to call Young Insurance
 - Nominations
 - President
 - Incumbent not returning
 - Treasurer
 - Richard Klein nominated for re-election
 - Coaching Coordinator
 - Aaron Ala nominated for re-election
 - MAL (one)
 - Incumbent not returning
 - Resignation - Jared Belka as MAL
 - Board to appoint a new MAL to finish up the term; up for re-election March 2023
 - Tawni to begin preparations
 - Send out request for election nominations
 - Send out request for banquet headcount



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- Send out request for banquet setup/teardown
- Send out request for slideshow photos

Committee Reports:

- Rams Scholarship Committee
- Disciplinary Committee - (CJ, Aaron and Brant)

Marketing Coordinator - Advertising & Community Engagement

- Social Media
 - Holly working on Spring Hockey graphic
 - Will be on website tonight
 - To be posted to social media, incl. Michigan Youth Hockey, tomorrow, 3/1
- THFF
 - March 5, 2022 (USA Hockey)
 - Which teams are around to help with the event?
 - Tom will ask CJ if he and/or varsity players will participate in THFF
 - PeeWee in town, but coaches not available
 - Discount code for free USA Hockey #
 - Holly to let Tom know if she doesn't hear back from Jason Reynolds by Wednesday, and Tom will reach out further
 - Backup option - Holly to reach out to Kevin Ehrlich
 - Equipment
 - Need helmets and gloves
 - At a future meeting, Board to consider whether we loan out equipment to LTS/LTP going forward
- Growth Coordinator: points earned to date; Holly to reach out to Jason Reynolds for an update
- Hat Trick Challenge
- One Goal Grant - submitted Dec. 16

Director Reports in

General Manager/Ice (Raguckas):

Coaching Commissioner (Ala):

- Coaching Mid-Season Survey - Aaron & CJ to sit down with coaches over the next few weeks to discuss feedback
- Standard Procedure for Tryouts
 - Do all teams handle cuts the same?
 - Aaron to communicate to all coaches that they must submit their rosters to the Board email within 24 hours of the tryout in order to be posted to the website



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Treasurer (Klein):

- SQAA - Outgoing head coach to be invoiced to offset the stipend of incoming coach

Registrar (Marchlewski):

Secretary (Brouwer):

- Elections - the following positions are open for (re)election (*covered above*)
 - President
 - Treasurer
 - Coaching Coordinator
 - MAL (one)

Members at Large:

- Belka:
- Mikulenas:
 - LTS/LTP
 - Equipment update - Helmets needed?
- Morgan:

Director of Hockey Operations (Pobur):

- CJs last day will be March 20
- Kieling will lead LTS/LTP on March 27

Meeting adjournment @ 11:39

RHA Board

Tom Marchlewski, President

Jim Raguckas, General Manager

Richard Klein, Treasurer

Tawni Brouwer, Secretary

Aaron Ala, Coaching Commissioner

Tom Marchlewski, Registrar

Brant Morgan, Member at Large

Jared Belka, Member at Large

Travis Mikulenas, Member at Large