



## RHA Board Meeting

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Date: June 27, 2022 8:30 pm

Location: Cedar Rock Sports Plex

Attendees: Aaron Ala, Jim Raguckas, Mandy DeVries, Nate Spahn, Richard Klein, Steve Alles, Tawni Brouwer, Travis Mikulenas & Holly Ensley

### ***Discussion Topics***

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Meeting call to order @ 8:40

Agenda review and additional topics (Brouwer)

Open Membership Forum

New Business:

- House Registration #s
  - Squirt - 28 registered, 33+ likely
  - PeeWee - 1; email sent out last week for age-eligible players in our directory
  - Bantam - 11
  - Meeting with Big Rapids - PeeWee specific
    - Email sent out to age-eligible players
    - Communicated with the coach; RHA coach is-in
    - RHA is the wild card as our players have other alternatives for finding a team/ice
    - BR ice cost is cheaper than RHA ice, so that is a benefit
    - "131 Wolves"
    - July 10 - Aaron & Chris Rhodes to meet with PeeWee House eligible players
  - JV 18u
    - JV Specific post
    - Richard to send Paul Wonsack info to Holly



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- New Growth Coordinator - Holly proposing new position
    - She would do LTS/LTP, be there Saturday
    - Try hockey for Free - has already been doing that
    - Making a new process for LTS/LTP
    - Not doing pro-rating, raising price and being more organized
    - Does not want to do social media or organize school visits or other things
    - Holly to attend only 1 meeting a month
  - LTS/LTP
    - PROPOSED- 1 hour of Learn to skate and 1 hour of Learn to play on Saturday and then an extra hour of Learn to Play on Sunday. Thinking we might add the Sunday second time for the second session.
      - Aaron to talk to Izzard
    - Equipment inventory
      - Steve, Holly & Nate - Steve will send a note with date
    - Session Dates - post these on social
      - Sept. 17, 2022 as a start day possible
        - This combination looks weird to me... I feel like we should start one week later and it all is a little cleaner, unless I'm missing a holiday in here somewhere*
        - Sept. 17 - Oct. 22
        - Oct. 29 - Dec. 10 (no Nov. 26)
        - Dec. 17, Jan. 7 - Feb. 4 (no Dec. 24 and 31)
        - Feb. 11 - March 18
      - Steve asking Travis about donating ice time for Try Hockey for FREE
    - Trying 4 Try Hockey for Free sessions this year
    - Jerseys
      - TRY Hockey for Free GREY
      - LTS - White
      - LTP - Black
      - Mites - Orange
- Voted and Approved to donate 25k to Project Advantage to help get the rink up and going

### Old Business:

- Project Advantage - Rink Sale / Management Update
  - Land Contract - signed by all
  - Back taxes being paid off
  - July 1 ownership begins
  - Rink Management - interviews in process
  - SCOR - confirmed \$25k; will have some terms tied to it, mostly hours-related
  - RHA Board to consider a donation
- Dave Bina Acknowledgement - still in process
- Summer MAHA Meeting Coverage - all set, Aaron may be able to participate on Saturday



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- Director of Hockey Operations - Team to regroup - Still in the budget - Should we post it?
- Committee Reports:
  - Rams Scholarship Committee
    - Golf Outing - need someone to lead this
      - Put a plea to parents to help with this - Sept 24
  - Banner Hanging Committee - to be addressed at next meeting
- Marketing Coordinator / Growth Coordinator Contract
  - LTS/LTP
  - THFF
  - OneGoal Grant - submitted 6/14
  - Community Engagement
  - Social Media - remove this responsibility, Mandy to pick up
    - Julie Spahn - has a relationship with the owner of the Rockford Squire, could possibly work with the owner and do some write ups
    - New Posts - more House posts to go up, another email reminder

### ***Director Reports in***

General Manager/Ice (Raguckas):

Coaching Commissioner (Ala):

- LTP / Cross Ice concept for 2022-23
- Izzard volunteered - confirmed for all three hours of lessons
- Desander - Aaron to confirm he will provide lessons again

Treasurer (Klein):

- New LTS/LTP Format
  - Pricing
- Fall Travel Teams for '22-23 - Richard sent out deposit requests 6/15
- 18u Split Season:
  - 19 Players as of 6/27
  - 11 Week Season (11 wks of practice)
  - 8 Home Games
  - Tournament + Playoff + NR Games = 3700 Total
  - Head Coach stipend
  - No Jersey/sock/apparel expenses
- Scripts is DONE - Richard will email Melissa to shut it down
- Sponsorships for Golf Outing might not happen this next year because of dasher adds; need to discuss at next meeting
- Possible corn hole tournament; need to discuss further at next meeting

Registrar (open):

- Nate moving to Registrar position this year
- Aaron to meet with Nate to set up the registrar and get him access
- Board Roster - Background check, Safe Sport and USA hockey Ala needs ASAP JUNE 15, 2022



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- MAHA Rep - Jim to be listed

### Secretary (DeVries):

- Picnic on July 24
  - On the calendar at Cedar Rock 4-6 with open skate for those registered
  - \$450 budget last year - Hot dogs, buns, waters, cookies, chips, ketchup mustard, relish, foil, plates, napkins,
  - Photos to be taken oct 17, 18, 19

### Members at Large:

- Alles: Find out about posting rink sale info after Thursday meeting
  - Will ask about try hockey for free getting donation hours
  - Will talk about donation from Rams Hockey donating to Project Advantage
- Mikulenas:
  - Golf Outing @ Cedar Chase - Sept 24- Ask the members if someone wants to help
- Spahn:

### Director of Hockey Operations (tbd):

Meeting adjournment @ 12:19am

Tawni Brouwer, President  
Jim Raguckas, General Manager  
Richard Klein, Treasurer  
Mandy DeVries, Secretary  
Aaron Ala, Coaching Commissioner  
Nate Spahn, Registrar  
Steve Alles, Member at Large  
Travis Mikulenas, Member at Large  
(OPEN), Member at Large