

RYHA BOARD MEMBER MEETING MINUTES
August 16th, 2023
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ATTENDING BOARD MEMBERS:

Corey DuBois – President	Jay Bohan – President Elect	Tom Stewart – Past President	Shawn Hookey – Secretary	
Rob Cothorn – Tournament Director	Mark Hickey – Gambling Manager	Andrew Forliti – Gambling Director	Aaron Getchell – Mite Unit Representative	Kasey Cummings Girls Unit Director
	Doug Zmolek – Hockey Advisory	Tom Stewart – MN Hockey Representative	Brett Landon- Operations Director	– Boys Unit Coor- dinator

NON-ATTENDING BOARD MEMBERS:

Josh Fernholz – Treasurer	Patrick Murphy – Boosters Director		

RYHA MEMBER AND NON-MEMBER ATTENDEES:

Kris Langlie	Mat Miller	Robert Wiedrich		

RESOLUTIONS BY THE BOARD

PRESIDENT’S REPORT –Corey DuBois, Jay Bohan, Tom Stewart

Mr. DuBois brought up and discussed the use of RYHA branded helmet stickers to be used by players for the upcoming season. It was discussed that the same vendor as last season be used and that the cost be absorbed by RYHA for all players. Mr. Cummings made a motion to have RYHA provide these stickers on an on-going basis, Mr. Getchell seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Mr. DuBois reviewed an on-going sportsmanship issue stemming from the previous season that had been investigated by MN Hockey. After reviewing details of the investigation and the current suspension that

MN Hockey has delt to the individual, it was discussed that RYHA will supplement its suspension to match that of MN Hockey. Mr. Hookey made a motion to suspend this individual as a referee in RYHA, matching the suspension from any coaching for the 2023/2024 season by MN Hockey. Motion was seconded by Mr. Cothorn which was unanimously approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Shawn Hookey

July 12th, 2023 minutes were approved.

Mr. Hookey introduced Mr. Colin Thomas from the MN Special Hockey program in Rochester. Mr Thomas thanked RYHA for it's ongoing support to this program. MN Special Hockey is in it's 2nd year in Rochester and currently has no funds available for the upcoming season. Mr. Thomas thanked RYHA for its donation of 12 sheets of ice last season allowing players to host practices and games that otherwise would not have been possible. Parents of players in this program shared their stories on behalf of their players. Mr. Thomas discussed options for future partnership opportunities such as continued donations, volunteering, spreading the word of this program by using social media and newsletter communications. Mr. Thomas and his group thanked the board for its time and was then dismissed. The RYHA board discussed this program along with options RYHA can assist with. After a discussion, Mr. Stewart made a motion for RYHA to donate additional sheets of ice, Mr. Zmolek seconded the motion which had unanimous approval.

Mr. Hookey introduced Mr. Kris Langlie to the board as the Mites Unit Director candidate per the nomination by Mr. Getchell. Mr. Langlie addressed the board giving a brief history of his background as well as his interests in the vacant position. A motion to appoint Mr. Langlie to the Board as the Mites Unit Director was made by Mr. Getchell, this was seconded by Mr. Zmolek. Motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Langlie was welcomed to the RYHA Board effective immediately.

TREASURER'S REPORT & FINANCE COMMITTEE – Josh Fernholz

Absent, review and approval of the 2023-2024 budget was tabled to the September montly meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GAMBLING COMMITTEE – Mark Hickey – Andrew Forliti

Gambling for June 2023 activity summary, tax return, allowable expenses, Seplember 2023 budgets were presented and approved. Mr. Hickey states RYHA is in good standings. RYHA had yet another strong month of gambling. Mr. Hickey reviewed last years donation to the Olmsted County fair and suggested this be matched again this year. Mr. Hickey made a motion to approve a \$10,000 donation, Mr. Cothorn seconded the motion which received unanimous approval. Mr. Hickey states the May Jacobs funds were received that will cover costs of additional training equipment.

OPERATIONS UNIT – Brett Landon

Mr. Landon stated that jerseys have been ordered through Gemini out of the Mities. The design was reviewed with the board, some discussion was had on this, however given deadlines no alterations can be made. Mr. Landon suggests that this season players will keep both jerseys, next year RYHA will order all new jerseys allowing numbers, sizes and quantities to align better. Mr. Landon states that OMC will provide pucks again this season. Mr. Landon discussed the Jr. Gold option stating many families are contacting him with interest. Mr. Landon, Mr. Getchell and Mr. Zmolek will work on more detailed information to send out to the association.

MAHA – Tom Stewart

No Report, Mr. Stewart states there will be a meeting coming August 28th, 2023.

WEBMASTER - Jeremy McJunkin
Absent

BOYS UNIT – Aaron Getchell

Mr. Getchell reviewed the current number of registrations for the upcoming season. Further communication will be sent out to the membership. Number of teams are projected to be similar to last season.

GIRLS UNIT- Kasey Cummings

No report

Mr. Cummings reminded the Board that an upcoming Try Hockey for Free day will be on 8-26-23.

MITES/SUPERMITES REPRESENTATIVE – Aaron Getchell

Mr. Getchell welcomed Mr. Langlie as the Mite Unit Director. Mr. Getchell states jerseys for mites/Supermites are ordered. There will be a Mites kick off at OMC the end of September.

HOCKEY ADVISORY - Doug Zmolek

No report

RECRUITMENT –

TOURNAMENTS – Rob Cothorn

Mr. Cothorn states that the coming season tournaments to be hosted in Rochester are pretty much full, championship rings have been ordered. Mr. Cothorn states he plans to host a Game Sheet and a score board operating meeting. Mr. Cothorn states there is little change to Game Sheet this coming season.

BOOSTERS – Patrick Murphy

Absent

BUILDING COMMITTEE - Mark Hickey

Mr. Hickey welcomed Mr. Mat Miller from Olmsted County as the Facilities Director. Mr. Miller had many updates to share with the board, some of which included new plaques, the approval of rink updates in 2024 including locker room and flooring updates. Mr. Miller reviewed recent plans to the Graham Park facility plan. RYHA discussed several options it would like to see considered and implemented in the plans.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

It was discussed that the By-Laws will need to be updated for the new At-Large position. Verbage will need to be updated as well.

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