

**RYHA BOARD MEMBER MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Tavern 22**

**ATTENDING BOARD MEMBERS:**

Tom Stewart – President	Andy Cousin – Past President	Corey DuBois – President Elect	Shawn Hookey – Secretary	Josh Fernholz – Treasurer
Patrick Murphy – Boosters Director	Mark Hickey – Gambling Manager	Andrew Forliti – Gambling Director	Kasey Cummings – Girls Unit Director	Aaron Getchell – Mite Unit Representative
Rob Cothorn – Tournament Director	Robb Wiedrich – Boys Unit Coordinator	Lorne Hedin, – MN Hockey Representative	Tim Gerlesberger - Operations Director	Doug Zmolek – Hockey Advisory

**NON-ATTENDING BOARD MEMBERS:**

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**RYHA MEMBER AND NON-MEMBER ATTENDEES:**

Kathy Heightland	Jeremy McJunkin	Ryan Yetzer		

**RESOLUTIONS BY THE BOARD**

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT** – Tom Stewart, Corey DuBois, Andy Cousin

Mr. Cousin states recent conversations with local high school coaches have been had regarding if a re-zoning of school districts would cause an increase in players to the high schools. Discussion about possible Junior Gold teams could be formed if local JV & Varsity teams fill. This is an ongoing conversation.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT** – Shawn Hookey

September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 were approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT & FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Josh Fernholz

Mr. Fernholz reported that RYHA is still on track to meet the projected budget. The budget vs actuals from 2021 to current were reviewed. Tournament revenue is starting to come in for the season.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**GAMBLING COMMITTEE – Mark Hickey – Andrew Forliti**

Gambling for August 2022 activity summary, tax return, allowable expenses, November 2022 budgets were presented and approved. Mr. Hickey states RYHA is in good standings. RYHA had another strong month of gambling.

**OPERATIONS UNIT – Tim Gerlesberger**

Mr. Gerlesberger states that jerseys shipped in mid-September, which is 1 month earlier than last year, the delivery is still delayed. They will arrive around the middle of October along with socks. Bantam and PeeWee jerseys will be distributed ASAP. Additional jerseys had been ordered in larger sizes as well. Puck for the season will arrive in mid-October.

**MAHA – Lorne Hedin**

Mr. Hedin states the District 9 scheduling meegs will be coming up this weekend. A reminder that any sportsmanship issues with video should be delivered to RYHA sportsmanship committee first before being sent to District 9. Local referee classes have been held. There are only 2 classes in southern MN which makes it harder for younger refs to attend. Having additional classes could help. Mr. Hedin states that the mite levels may move away from any full ice games in the future. District 9 will be sending out Gamesheet codes for RYHA teams in the next week or so.

**WEBMASTER - Jeremy McJunkin**

Mr. Wiedrich contacted another website vendor for hosting options for the RYHA website. Possible changes to the website were discussed. No decision was made at this time.

**BOYS UNIT – Robb Wiedrich**

Mr. Wiedrich states currently there are 792 total registrations in RYHA. There will be a coach's meeting in the coming weeks. New helmet stickers and numbers have been delivered to teams with the new logo. Mr. Zmolek reviewed some changes with the level of play with the Bantam B2 teams. District 9 does not always have enough teams to fill a league. Moving Bantam B2 to C helps fill that D9 league.

**GIRLS UNIT- Kasey Cummings**

Mr. Cummings states the girls unit had a kick off with the a Girls Try Hockey event last weekend, this went well, there was a cookout after.

**MITES/SUPERMITES REPRESENTATIVE – Aaron Getchell**

Mr. Getchell states numbers continue to grow at the mite level.

**HOCKEY ADVISORY - Doug Zmolek**

**RECRUITMENT –** Tryouts are finishing up and going well. Schedules have been and will continue to be sent out as teams are formed. The last Try Hockey for Free event of the year will be held on November 5th, 2022.

#### TOURNAMENTS – Rob Cothorn

Mr. Cothorn states that the PW A & AA Big Pumpkin tournament will be held the end of October. The Rochester invitational is full, only needs a Squirt B team. Gamesheet apps will be updated to all iPads at Rec Center and Graham for the upcoming season. Goalie classes will resume, schedules will be sent out to teams. A push to have more Supermite and younger goalies to come to the goalie classes.

#### BOOSTERS – Patrick Murphy

Mr. Murphy states that the recent novelties order will be in next week and a pick up date/time will be sent out to the membership. There will be another order in a couple of weeks and will be available before Christmas. Pictures will be November 3rd and 5th. Schedules will be sent out soon. Pizza sales will have a new website to order from. Gift cards for BB's Pizza, Sports Headquarters & Kwik Trip will be available, pizza vouchers & Sweethouse Bakery will be available as well.

#### BUILDING COMMITTEE - Mark Hickey

Mr. Hickey states that 2 months ago when discussed the option for an outdoor rink at the fairgrounds, this is not look promising. Further discussion of other building projects including a training facility have been discussed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hickey states that the UBIT Tax Audit is going to small claims court. Mr. Hickey has met with and discussed some of this with the judge, the projected court date has been pushed out 90 days for an appeal to be submitted.

It was noted that before September 1st before any season no waivers will be signed by the District 9 President.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### OTHER

Mr. Yetzer states that as of now there are approximately 40 referee's signed up for the coming season.

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