

RYHA BOARD MEMBER MEETING MINUTES
November 10th, 2021
Centerstone Plaza Hotel

ATTENDING BOARD MEMBERS:

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

NON-ATTENDING BOARD MEMBERS:

Tom Graham – Past President	Patrick Murphy – Boosters Director		
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RYHA MEMBER AND NON-MEMBER ATTENDEES:

Josh Fernholz	Ryan Yetzer	Kathy Heightland		

Attendance and verbal approval to be recorded via Zoom online meeting was given by those members and non-member attending via virtual online Zoom meeting.

RESOLUTIONS BY THE BOARD

PRESIDENT’S REPORT Andy Cousin – Tom Graham – Tom Stewart

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Shawn Hookey

October minutes were approved. Mr. Hookey introduced Mr. Josh Fernholz as a candidate for the recently vacant Treasurer’s Director role. Mr. Fernholz spoke briefly on his interests to the position. Mr.

Hookey requested a motion to appoint Mr. Fernholz as Treasurer, a motion was made followed by a second motion, a unanimous approval by the board was reached. The RYHA board welcomed Mr. Fernholz to the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT & FINANCE COMMITTEE –

Novembers Treasurer's report was unable to be approved due to the current vacancy in this position. Mr. Cousin and Kathy Heightland have been filling in to serve the immediate needs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GAMBLING COMMITTEE – Mark Hickey – Andrew Forliti

Gambling for September 2021 activity summary, tax return, allowable expenses, December 2021 budgets were presented and approved. Mr. Hickey states RYHA is in good standings. RYHA had another strong month of gambling. Several options for added locations are becoming available.

OPERATIONS UNIT – Tim Gerlesberger

Mr. Gerlesberger states the dark jerseys have been distributed to teams. Sock sizes have created some problems for some players. Currently obtaining additional socks is backordered at least 2 months.

MAHA – Lorne Hedin

The squirrels and girls U10 scheduling day at the Eagles Club is coming up. Mr. Hedin states there have been some incidents this year so far that are being addressed. Further action is still required to finalize remaining issues with sportsmanship concerns.

WEBMASTER - Jeremy McJunkin

Mr. McJunkin noted that several team managers/webmasters had some connection issues, it's recommended that anyone having troubles with the RYHA website/SportsEngine site contact Mr. McJunkin.

BOYS UNIT – Robb Wiedrich

Mr. Wiedrich informed the board of the A/AA level coaches for this season. Historically this is presented earlier in the year and approved by the board. The board approved of the coaching selections. Mr. Wiedrich shared a proposal for new scoreboards at Graham in rinks 2 & 3. Mr. Hickey will bring more details to the board in the future, funding could be available through the Building Funds. A review of refunds was discussed, as well as level-up level fees. A review on the approved referee incentives was discussed. Mr. Yetzer states other than a couple of situations, most concerns currently are low.

GIRLS UNIT- Kasey Cummings

Mr. Cummings reviewed the girls A coach choices, the board approved.

MITES/SUPERMITES REPRESENTATIVE – Aaron Getchell

Mr. Getchell states that the current number of termites is doing very well with approximately 200 skaters.

HOCKEY ADVISORY - Doug Zmolek

Mr. Zmolek states that currently practices at all levels are looking very good, LiveBarn has helped with being able to review practices. Mr. Zmolek reminded the board that Mr. Guy Gosling from USA Hockey will be in Rochester speaking to coaches from several SE MN associations. Goaltending is still a challenge with low numbers at some levels. There is a pool of goalies allowed by District 9 that are allowed to

fill in and play for teams without a goalie. Mr. Zmolek states that squirt C coaches discussed the low number of coaches available and the option of getting other volunteers to help. Mrs. Heightland states there is a student coach option available. A form can be completed for this.

RECRUITMENT - John Potter

Mr. Wiedrich states that the recent Try Hockey for Free event on November 7th had low numbers.

TOURNAMENTS – Rob Cothorn

Mr. Cothorn states that the GameSheet app is going well. Customer support from GameSheet have been very helpful to managers so far this season.

BOOSTERS – Patrick Murphy

Absent

BUILDING COMMITTEE - Mark Hickey

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER

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