

RYHA BOARD MEMBER MEETING MINUTES
September 8th, 2021
Centerstone Plaza Hotel

ATTENDING BOARD MEMBERS:

Andy Cousin – President	Tom Graham – Past President	Tom Stewart – President Elect	Shawn Hookey – Secretary	Greg Anderson – 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		

NON-ATTENDING BOARD MEMBERS:

Rob Cothorn – Tournament Director			
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RYHA MEMBER AND NON-MEMBERS ATTENDEE:

John Potter	Ryan Netzer	Vern Netzer	Matt Bloxham	

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

Mr. Cousin had the local head referee Mr. Ryan Yetzer and fellow referees attend this monthly meeting. Discussion was had regrind concert within RYHA about low numbers of consistent referee’s available for the coming season. Several topics were addressed by Mr. Yetzer identifying areas of concern. Mr. Yetzer offered suggestions and ideas on ways to help RYHA retain their referee’s, and how to attract new referee’s as well. Mr. Cousin will seek to have a RYHA Board Special Session to address these concerns with the board as well as to get a motion and vote on ways RYHA can help this matter.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Shawn Hookey

August minutes were approved.

Mr. Hookey noted the Boosters Director position is currently vacant. Social Media posts and communication to the membership via email was discussed to inform the membership of this opening.

TREASURER'S REPORT & FINANCE COMMITTEE – Greg Anderson

September Treasurer's report was approved.

Mr. Anderson states the current budget is in need of a final board vote. Motion to approve the 2021-2022 budget was made, a second motion was had, and full board approval was given. Mr. Anderson states the budget is in line with the yearly goals. Mr. Anderson states that the in person registration was successful.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GAMBLING COMMITTEE – Mark Hickey – Andrew Forliti

Gambling for July 2021 activity summary, tax return, allowable expenses, October 2021 budgets were presented and approved. Mr. Hickey states RYHA in good standings. New venues are being added as well.

OPERATIONS UNIT – Tim Gerlesberger

Jerseys are ordered and being prepared for teams. Plans for a uniform fitting day for next season in 2022 are being reviewed.

MAHA – Lorne Hedin

Mr. Hedin states that the hand written game sheets will be moving to electronic score keeping in the future, possibly for the 2021-2022 season.

WEBMASTER - Jeremy McJunkin

Absent

BOYS UNIT – Robb Wiedrich

On the RYHA website there is a prototype Hall of Fame page that has been added. Discussion for a centrally located RYHA calendar to be available. The Ice Hockey Systems prototype page is available for all RYHA coaches, this is a continued work in progress. The Chipotle Fund Raiser is scheduled for Monday October 11th at the south location. Further opportunities that are similar are being reviewed. Mr. Wiedrich states that the current registration totals are looking good. Meetings with local high school coaches are taking place to discuss how to improve youth players continuing onto high school. The 2021 10,000 puck challenge ended in August with 220,000 pucks shot by local RYHA players. Mr. Wiedrich reviewed a recent demonstration took place demonstrating agility and stick handling training options to RYHA. There is another proposal being reviewed with similar options.

GIRLS UNIT- Kasey Cummings

MITES/SUPERMITES REPRESENTATIVE – Aaron Getchell

Mr. Getchell states the mites group schedules and teams are being worked on.

HOCKEY ADVISORY - Doug Zmolek

Mr. Zmolek states tryouts are planned for Bantam, PeeWee and Squirts. Bantam and Squirt levels have strong numbers, while PeeWees are low, as well as a shortage of goalies again this season. Goalie session will resume in September.

RECRUITMENT - John Potter

Mr. Potter informed the board that the Little Grizzlies event went well, it ended in August. Mr. Potter states at this time half of the attended players have not yet regifted but feels more will register soon. The next Try Hockey for Free days are the weekend of September 11th and February 19th. A girls Try Hockey for Free day is scheduled for 11-7-21.

TOURNAMENTS – Rob Cothorn

Absent

BOOSTERS –

Vacant

Mr. Hookey states that communication with the prior Boosters Director states there was a final blow out sale that was successful in selling off most of the remaining inventory.

BUILDING COMMITTEE - Mark Hickey

Mr. Hickey presented the board with a recommendation to pay off the Graham Arena bond early. Motion was made, a second motion was had, and full board approval was obtained. Mr. Hickey reminded the board that the May Jacobs is coming at the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Luke Stenzel will be handling COVID this season for RYHA.

OTHER

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