

**ROSEMOUNT AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**  
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors  
November 13, 2024; Steeple Center; 6:30 PM

**Board Attendance:**

<b>Staloch</b>	Present	<b>Halvorson</b>	Present
<b>Marchese</b>	Present	<b>Schaffler</b>	Present
<b>Feldhaus</b>	Present	<b>Hanowski</b>	Present
<b>Anderson</b>	Present	<b>Lipke</b>	Present
<b>Cline</b>	Present	<b>Pilger</b>	Present
<b>Kovacs</b>	Present	<b>Jacobsen</b>	Present
<b>Rodine</b>	Present	<b>Kendhammer</b>	Present
<b>Hanson</b>	Present	<b>Freske</b>	Present

**Other Attendance:**

Ebner	Williams	Balvance	Kalata	Tobias
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**Attendance Notes:**

- Hanson joined the meeting at 6:51 pm
- Marchese joined the meeting at 7:41 pm

**1. Call to Order:**

- a. Staloch called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm.

**2. Additions or Corrections to Agenda**

- a. Additions to Agenda
  - i. Motion to waive DIBS Schepers family
  - ii. Motion from Ice Committee
- b. **Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes**
  - i. Minutes from October 9, 2024 Board Meeting
  - ii. Minutes from October 25, 2024 Special Board Meeting
  - iii. Minutes from October 26, 2024 Special Board Meeting

***Motion: Kendhammer motioned, and Kovacs seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2024, October 25, 2024 and October 26, 2024 Board meetings. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-0).***

**3. Reports from Non (Voting) Board Members:**

- a. Accounting (Ebner)
  - i. Ebner provided an update to the Board regarding financial and accounting activities, including the following:

- All revenue associated with tryouts and registrations has been collected by the Board. The rest of the team registrations (IP) will continue to reduce the Association's current debt. The Association is currently on track financially for the season.
- Ebner discussed ongoing financial issues relating to the 2024-2025 season, including the costs associated with Coach registrations and CEP sessions.

b. Ice Scheduler (Kalata)

- i. Kalata provided an update about ice scheduling. The ice schedule for November and the first two weeks of December have been finalized. All of the District 8 games have also been scheduled except for Junior Gold. The Junior Gold game schedule will not be finalized until November 27, 2024.
- ii. There will be excess ice available the weekend of December 21-22, 2024, due to an IP Jamboree.

c. Concessions (Williams)

- i. Williams provided an update about concession operations. Concessions is going well, and DIBS are being fulfilled. Currently, the focus is on preparing concessions for the upcoming high school season.
- ii. The Board discussed the Squirt Eat Too Much Turkey Tournament and the hot dog eating contest during the tournament.

d. Rosemount Community Center (Balvance)

- i. Balvance provided an update regarding construction at RCC.

e. Gambling (Tobias)

- i. Tobias provided an update in addition to the written report that was provided to the Board, which included a review of the October actuals and November expenses, and an evaluation of recent charitable gaming at Carbones and Top's Pizza.
- ii. The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the continuation of charitable gaming at Tops Pizza due to the continued gambling losses, including estimated future losses. The Board informally voted to terminate charitable gaming at Tops to avoid future losses.
- iii. Tobias also updated the Board regarding recent charitable activities and tax payment obligations, including quarterly payroll taxes. Additionally, a \$10,000 donation will be made to RAHA.
- iv. The Board discussed the approval of 10 DIBS hours for counting pull tabs.
- v. The Leprechaun Days Committee has inquired whether RAHA is willing to partner again with fundraising for the Bingo Extravaganza. The Board discussed and committed to partnering with the Leprechaun Days Committee.

**Motion: Feldhaus motioned, and Hanson seconded the motion to approve October actuals, and November expenses as presented to the Board. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0).**

- f. RHS Boys Blue Line Club (Tobias)
  - i. RHS Boys Jersey Night is December 6, 2024. In the past, anyone wearing a RAHA jersey is admitted to the game for free and the cost is split between RAHA and the RHS Boys Blue Line Club. The Board is willing to split the cost for admission up to \$400.

**Motion: Freske motioned, and Hanowski seconded the motion to approve splitting the admission costs for RAHA players that wear a RAHA jersey to the RHS Boys High School game on December 6, 2024, up to a total amount of \$400. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0).**

#### **4. Current / New Business:**

- a. Gambling:
  - i. Approve Gambling estimates and actuals (Tobias)
    - See motion above
- b. D8 Update (Staloch)
  - i. Staloch provided an update from District 8 regarding concern with the number of penalties taken by RAHA teams during the 2024-2025 season.

#### **5. Motions:**

- a. Motion to Approve RHS Girls donation from RCC Concessions for the Hockey Fight Cancer Games (Marchese)
  - i. Marchese updated the Board regarding the motion. The RHS Boys and Girls Blue Line Clubs have requested RAHA's participation in a donation from the Hockey Fights Cancer Game. The request is for RAHA to partner with the RHS Boys and Girls Hockey Fight Cancer games and for RAHA to donate 20% or up to \$800 of total concession proceeds (collectively for both programs) to Hockey Fights Cancer.

**Motion: Marchese motioned, and Hanowski seconded the motion to approve splitting 20% or up to \$800 of the total concession profits from both the RHS Boys and Girls Hockey Fights Cancer Games. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-1-0).**

- b. Motion to Approve RHS Senior Party (Marchese)
  - i. The RHS Senior Party Committee would like to utilize our gambling license for a RHS Senior Party Bingo fundraiser for the RHS Senior Party in January.

**Motion: Marchese motioned, and Halvorson seconded the motion to partner with the RHS Senior Party Committee to complete a bingo game with RAHA and collect all bingo profits**

**from that Senior Party event. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0).**

- c. Motion to Approve the RHS Boys and Girls Blue Line Club to Open and Run Concessions from the Skate with the Irish Event (Marchese)
  - i. The RHS Boys and Girls HS Hockey teams would like to run concessions for the Skate with the Irish event and split concession profits three ways: RAHA, Boys Program, Girls Program.

**Motion: Marchese motioned, and Pilger seconded the motion to open and run concessions during the Skate with the Irish Event, and to split concessions profits between RAHA, the RHS Boys Blue Line Club and the RHS Girls Blue Line Club. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-1-0).**

- d. Motion to Approve Google AdSense (Kovacs)
  - i. Kovacs updated the Board regarding internet traffic across the RAHA website and the opportunity to generate additional revenue through Google AdSense advertising (banners) on RAHA website pages.

**Motion: Kovacs motioned, and Pilger seconded the motion to approve enabling of Google AdSense advertising on RAHA website pages. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0).**

- e. Motion to Approve DIBS Waiver (Pilger)
  - i. Pilger moved to waive the DIBS requirement for the Shepers family for the 2024-2025 hockey season.

**Motion: Pilger motioned, and Kendhammer seconded the motion to approve waiver of the DIBS requirement for the Shepers family. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0).**

- f. Motion to Approve \$10,000 from Ice Committee (Hanson)
  - i. Hanson provided an update from the RAHA Ice Committee to discuss the process moving forward due to the loss of ice at The Pond, which is closing in spring 2024, and the loss of approximately 940 hours of ice per year (44% of RAHA's total ice usage) each season.
  - ii. The Board discussed the situation and related factors, including the substantial shortfall of ice availability for the 2025-2026 season. There may be an opportunity to pre-purchase a bulk amount of ice from nearby arenas (Hastings, Woog, Drake, Hayes, etc.).
  - iii. Additional analysis is underway to evaluate other ice availability and options for RAHA for the 2025-2026 season, including with the assistance of the City of Rosemount Parks and Recreation Department.
  - iv. The Board had a lengthy discussion about available ice options and scheduling for the upcoming hockey seasons. The Board also discussed

recommended next steps, including additional conversations with the City of Rosemount, the Pond, and other interested parties, as well as a proposed communication to RAHA members from the Association.

## **6. Committee Reports:**

- a. President's Report (Staloch): No additional report
- b. VP Report (Marchese): No additional report
- c. Secretary/Treasurer Report (Feldhaus): No additional report
- d. Operations Manager Report (Anderson):
  - i. Coaching applications are open for Junior Gold (1 application) and Bantam A (3 applications)
  - ii. Locker Room monitors for RAHA girls teams is open. All monitors must register and complete appropriate credentialing
  - iii. Team registrations and final team numbers were provided to the Board
- e. Committee Reports:
  - i. IP (Kendhammer and Pilger): No additional report
  - ii. Goalie Committee (Kovacs): No additional report
  - iii. Tournament Committee (Cline):
    - Squirt Turkey Tournament upcoming. Board members will need to help with gameday duties.
  - iv. Coaches Committee (Hanson)
    - Payments to Coaches for volunteering at the Knock Off the Rust sessions has been submitted and will be paid to the coaches.
    - Bantam A Coach
      - The Board had a discussion concerning the Bantam A Coach based on parent complaints and violations of the Coaches Code of Conduct. The Board specifically discussed the Coach's violations of the Code of Conduct as well as the discipline determined by the Discipline Committee based on those violations. After the Bantam A Coach further violated the Code of Conduct, the Discipline Committee determined to terminate the Coach's position with Bantam A. A temporary coach was identified by the Coaches Committee and placed with the team as the Coaches Committee works through applications for a new Bantam A Coach. It is the Committee's goal to have a new Coach in place by Friday, November 15.
  - v. Ice Committee (Hanson): No additional report
  - vi. Player Development (Freske):
    - Player development opportunities (PEP and No School Skills) have been well attended and financially productive.
  - vii. Communication Committee (Lipke): No additional report
  - viii. Tryout Committee (Marchese):

- The Board discussed the Junior Gold tryout schedule, Board meeting, and team selection dates.
- ix. Fundraising Committee (Rodine): No additional report
- x. Girls Coordinator: No report
- xi. Boys Coordinator (Hanowski): No additional report
- xii. Discipline Committee Report (Staloch): No additional report
- xiii. DIBS (Jacobson): No additional report
- xiv. Boosters (Rodine): No additional report

## **7. Announcements**

- a. Future Meetings: December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## **8. Adjournment**

***Motion: Pilger motioned and Marchese seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.***