

ROSEMOUNT AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
 Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
 July 10, 2024; 6:30 pm (Steeple Center; Room 200)

Board Attendance:

Staloch	Present	Halvorson	Present
Marchese	Present	Schaffler	Present
Feldhaus	Present	Hanowski	Present
Anderson	Present	Lipke	Present
Cline	Present	Pilger	Present
Kovacs	Excused	Jacobsen	Present
Rodine	Present	Kendhammer	Present
Hanson	Present	Freske	Present

Other Attendance:

Greiner	Saintey	Kalata	Tobias	Ebner

Attendance Notes:

- Coach Saintey left the meeting at 7:00 pm
- Freske left the meeting at 8:48 pm; Freske joined the meeting at 8:51 pm.

1. Call to Order:

- a. Staloch called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

2. Additions or Corrections to Agenda:

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
 - Minutes from the June 12, 2024 Board Meeting

Motion: Marchese motioned, and Hanowski seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2024 Board meeting. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0).

3. Reports from Non (Voting) Board Members:

- a. High School Coaches/ Programs (5 min each)
 - Boys High School Program (Saintey)
 - Coach Saintey updated the Board regarding player development, including new ideas about a breakfast club, coach and personnel meetings (on/off-ice) for player development and coaching, and other initiatives. These are intended to continue to build alignment between RAHA and the Boys High School Program.

- Coach Saintey updated the Board regarding a meeting with Hope Fieldhouse and use of the facilities during the winter months to provide more avenues for Hockey development, including Hockey IQ.
 - Coach Saintey updated the Board regarding the installation of new concrete at the shooting pad at RHS High School. More information will be provided by July 14th, and installed thereafter.
 - Coach Saintey informed the Board about hanging the jerseys of the former Rosemount players that have played in the NHL. More information will be forthcoming from Coach Saintey.
 - Rosemount Boys and Girls High School programs will participate in Hockey Day Minnesota in Shakopee, Minnesota (Valley Fair). Games will be played on Wednesday and Thursday for the Boys and Girls High School programs.
 - Girls High School Program (Marchese)
 - Marchese provided an update from Jennifer Williams and Kyle Finn regarding the Girls High School program. This included a thank you for posting about the Girls High School program's participation in Hockey Day Minnesota and updated concession needs.
- b. Blue Line Club members
- Report provided in Boys/Girls High School program above.
- c. Ice Scheduler (Kalata)
- Kalata provided an update to the Board regarding the ice scheduling process for the upcoming season. The Board discussed several issues regarding ice scheduling, including storage at IGH and the possibility of not scheduling games during Hockey Day Minnesota.
- d. RCC Operations Coordinator/Arena Manager (Balvance from Staloch)
- A written report was provided in advance of the Board meeting concerning ice scheduling.
- e. Concessions Manager (Greiner)
- No Report
- f. District 8 Update (Staloch)
- Staloch provided an update regarding the recent District 8 meeting, including locker room monitors and waivers.
 - Staloch informed the Board regarding the new waiver process adopted by Minnesota Hockey. No more school attendance waivers will apply unless a waiver is obtained prior to playing squirt level hockey or younger. The new waiver process is entirely discretionary unless you are 9 years old and know where you intend to attend high school. There are no current guidelines regarding discretionary waivers provided by Minnesota Hockey or District 8. It is incumbent upon RAHA to develop guidelines for the review and consideration of discretionary waivers. Any discretionary waivers approved by RAHA will set a precedent and will bind RAHA in the future regarding all future waiver decisions. The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the

discretionary waiver process, including possible guidelines regarding the review and consideration of discretionary waivers.

g. Accounting: Budget (Ebner)

Motion: Pilger motioned and Schaffler seconded the motion to approve the 2024-2025 budget as approved. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0).

4. Current/New Business

a. Gambling:

- Approve Gambling estimates and actuals (Tobias):
 - Tobias provided an update in addition to the written report that was provided to the Board, which included a review of the June actuals and July expenses, and an evaluation of recent charitable gaming performance.

Motion: Hanson motioned, and Rodine seconded the motion to approve June actuals, and July expenses as presented to the Board. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (15-0).

- Tobias provided the Board an update regarding pull tab booths at Leprechaun Days, including the logistics for the event and the permit for the pull tab booths at Leprechaun Days.
- Tobias also provided an update to the Board regarding an application for charitable gaming (pull tabs and bingo) at Topps Pizza in Rosemount. Topps is open to charitable gaming activities. This will require RAHA to construct a booth, pay pull tab workers, and purchase a scale. The Board discussed the opportunity, including pros and cons and estimated costs.

Motion: Hanson motioned, and Schaffler seconded the motion to approve opening a gambling location at Topps Pizza in Rosemount, including approval of the estimated opening costs and expenses up to \$10,000 from the gambling fund. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0).

b. Handbook Review Final Version

- Feldhaus provided an update regarding proposed Handbook revisions and the revision process.

c. Back to Hockey Day (Rodine)

- Four vendors have committed to participate in Back to Hockey Day. The ice has been reserved at RCC.

5. Motions

- a. Motion to approve Budget (see motion above)
- b. Motion to approve 4Check Hockey F3 plan, cost is estimated at \$15,875 or roughly \$25 per player (Freske)
 - Freske provided an update from the Hockey Development Committee regarding the 4Check Hockey F3 Plan, and the Committee's recommended approval of that plan. The Board discussed the plan and options for use of 4Check Hockey, including charging registration fees on a per player business to RAHA players. The F3 Plan also includes ice hockey training systems and coaching instruction to enhance hockey development, as well as data associated with the use of the training systems by RAHA coaches, which will help the Board hold RAHA coaches accountable for developing hockey training and instruction skills to benefit RAHA players and teams. The Board also discussed at length the costs associated with the F3 Plan and the per player costs associated with the Plan. Those costs will be applied to all traveling team players as well as the Mite players (not termites or mini-mites) within the Initiation Program.

Motion: Freske motioned, and Kendhammer seconded the motion to approve the 4Check Hockey F3 Plan, including the estimated per player costs to be collected via registration for all traveling team and Mite level players. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (15-0).

- c. Motion to approve registration and tryout costs for Traveling and IP Programs for the 2024-2025 hockey season.
 - Anderson provided the Board an update regarding the proposed tryout and registration fees for RAHA Traveling and IP levels for the 2024-2025 hockey season, which was discussed at length by the Board:
 - Traveling Levels: The registration fee for all traveling levels will increase from \$155 to \$180. The tryout fee for all traveling levels will remain at \$100. All tryout fees for other Traveling levels are optional
 - Junior Gold: The Junior Gold tryout fee will be set at \$75, and all Junior Gold players will be required to tryout for the upcoming season.
 - Initiation Program: The registration fee for Termites from \$185 to \$225; Mini-Mites and 6U \$325 to \$375; Mites and 8U will increase from \$450-\$525.

Motion: Anderson motioned, and Schaffler seconded the motion to approve the registration and tryout fees for all RAHA levels:

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The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (15-0).

- d. Motion to sponsor hole at RHS Boys High School Golf Tournament (Staloch)
 - The Boys Blue Line Club has requested RAHA to be a hole sponsor at the RHS Boys High School Golf Tournament at the rate of \$150.00. The Board discussed the proposed motion.

Motion: Hanowski motioned, and Schaffler seconded the motion to approve the hole sponsorship for the RHS Boys High School Golf Tournament in the amount of \$150. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (12-0-1).

- e. Motion to approve moving DIBS Checks to \$750.00 for one player and \$1,000.00 for two players
 - Anderson presented the motion to the Board regarding a proposed increase in the amount of DIBS checks from \$500/\$750 for one RAHA players and to \$750/\$1000 for two or more RAHA players. This motion is intended to encourage additional volunteering among RAHA members and fulfillment of outstanding DIBS hours during the hockey season. The Board discussed the proposed motion.

Motion: Anderson motioned, and Jacobsen seconded the motion to approve the increase the amount of DIBS checks at registration from \$500/\$750 for one RAHA players and to \$750/\$1000 for two or more RAHA players. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (12-0-1).

- a. Motion to approve requiring five (5) DIBS hours for all RAHA players at the Termite level.
 - Anderson presented the motion to the Board regarding a proposed increase in the number of DIBS hours at various levels. This motion is intended to encourage additional volunteering among RAHA members and fulfillment of outstanding DIBS hours during the hockey season. The Board discussed the proposed motion, including proposed hours per traveling level and the IP program level. The Board discuss required players at the Termite Level to begin completing DIBS requirements as they are not currently obligated to perform DIBS service.

Motion: Jacobsen motioned, and Rodine seconded the motion to approve a requirement for all RAHA players at the Termite level to complete five (5) DIBS hours per season. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (12-0-1).

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): Anderson provided an update regarding USA Hockey registration requirements.
- e. Committee Reports:
 - IP (Pilger/Kendhammer): No additional report
 - Goalie Committee (Kovacs): No additional report
 - Tournament Committee (Cline): No additional report
 - Coaches Committee (Hanson): RAHA is soliciting applications and looking to retain Junior Gold B and Bantam A coaches.
 - Player Development (Saintey): No additional report
 - Communication Committee (Lipke): No additional report
 - Tryout Committee (Marchese): No additional report
 - Fundraising Committee (Rodine/Halvorson): Carbones has been reserved for the RAHA Golf Tournament.
 - Girls Coordinator (Williams): No additional report
 - Boys Coordinator (Hanowski): No additional report
 - Discipline Committee Report (Staloch): No additional report
 - DIBS (Jacobsen): No additional report
 - Ice Committee (Hanson): No additional report

7. Announcements

- a. Future meeting: August 14, 2024 (Steeple Center, Room 200)

8. Adjournment

Motion: Hanson motioned and Freske seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.