

ROSEMOUNT AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 12, 2024; 6:30 pm (PDA Room/Virtual)

Board Attendance:

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

Other Attendance:

Greiner	Caspar	Francisco	Ebner	

Attendance Notes:

- Jon Francisco joined the meeting at 7 pm. Francisco left the meeting 7:35.
- Ebner joined the meeting at 7:25 pm.

1. Call to Order:

- a. Staloch called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

2. Additions or Corrections to Agenda:

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
 - Minutes from the May 8, 2024 Board Meeting

Motion: Kovacs motioned, and Hanson seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2024 Board meeting. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (15-0).

- b. Additions or corrections to Agenda
 - Motion for Tryout Committee
 - Motion to Changes to Tryout Process

3. Reports from Non (Voting) Board Members:

- a. Blue Line Clubs
 - Boys High School Program (Saintey):
 - Adopt a Street Program will be held on June 22, 2024

- Improvement of concrete slab (60 x 30 foot concrete slab). The Boys program is raising support for a new concrete training slab to improve shooting opportunities for the Boys High School program.
- Rosemount Boys High School Golf tournament will be held on July 27, 2024
- Girls High School Program (Williams):
- Boys Blue Line Club (Toll):
 - Update previously provided by Coach Saintey.
- Girls Blue Line Club (Marchese):
 - Girls Blue Line Club is requesting permission to post updates on social media regarding the RHS Girls Garage Sale and Cornhole Tournament.
 - Girls Blue Line Club is requesting whether RAHA wants to partner for a gear swap for Back to Hockey Day.
- b. Ice Scheduler (Kalata):
 - No report
- c. RCC Operations Coordinator/Arena Manager (Balvance)
 - An update regarding the RCC ice arena was provided to the Board, including all of the recent renovations to the arena. These renovations included new glass, new ice, and several other updates to the arena.
- d. Concessions Manager(Caspar/Greiner)
 - An update was provided regarding RCC concessions. This included a shutdown of the RCC concessions area storage of remaining supplies until the next season.
- e. District 8 Update (Staloch)
 - No report
- f. Accounting (Ebner)

4. Current/New Business

a. Gambling (Tobias)

- Tobias provided an update in addition to the written report that was provided to the Board, which included a review of the May actuals and June expenses, and an evaluation of recent charitable gaming performance.

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

- Tobias provided an update regarding the potential for pull-tab sales in the Beer Garden during Leprechaun Days. This would be in addition to pull-tab sales in the Beer Tent in the Carbone's parking lot. The total cost for pull-tab sales in the Beer Garden was provided by Tobias is estimated at \$2,696.

Motion: Staloch motioned and Marchese seconded the motion to approve the estimated expenditure of up to \$2,700 to provide an offsite pull-tab location during Leprechaun Days. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (15-0).

- Tobias provided an update regarding the end of the year audit for charitable gaming. No taxes are expected for charitable gaming.
- b. Budget (Ebner)
 - Ebner provided an update in addition to the written report and budget that was provided to the Board, including the year-end expense reconciliation. This update included registered tournaments. The Board also initially discussed expectations for the 2024-2025 season, including District 8 expectations for hosting district, regional, and state tournaments. A complete report of the financials was provided to the Board via email, which is incorporated into these Minutes.
- c. Handbook Review (Feldhaus)
 - Feldhaus and Hanson provided an update regarding the RAHA Handbook and proposed revisions including, specifically, updated revisions to the injury hold process during tryouts. A final review of the Handbook will be completed at the August Board meeting.
- d. High School and Blue line club looking for donations for new or additional concrete for shooting pucks. Motion below
- e. 4 Check Hockey / Jon Francisco Hockey 7:00 pm (Kyle)
 - Jon Francisco provided a presentation regarding the 4 Check Program and programmatic offerings. The Board engaged in a conversation regarding 4 Check Hockey and available options for RAHA.
- f. Girls Hockey Day
 - Marchese provided an update regarding Girls Hockey Day. More information is forthcoming.

5. Motions

- a. Potential Motion to donate monies to the concrete pad for players to shoot pucks. Dollar amount. Motion has been tabled for further information.
- b. Motion to approve MEGA as our goaltending training program and evaluators for tryouts. (Kovacs)
 - Kovacs provided an update regarding MEGA goaltending training and anticipated program for the upcoming hockey season, including estimated costs for goalie training (\$24,350). This cost is based on a total athlete

estimate and the cost would be reduced if lesser number of teams or athletes.

Motion: Kovacs motioned and Rodine seconded the motion to approve MEGA for RAHA goalie training program and tryouts as presented to the Board. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (15-0).

c. Motion to approve a pull tab booth at Leprechaun Days (Tobias)

Motion: Tobias motioned, Hanson seconded the motion to approve a pull tab booth at Leprechaun Days as presented to the Board. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (15-0).

d. Motion to approve gambling actuals and estimates. (Tobias)

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

e. Motion to move 15U tryouts until after completion of RHS Girls Tryouts (Marchese)

- The Board discussed the proposal to move the 15U tryouts until after the completion of the RHS Girls tryouts. The intent of this proposal is to better prepare for RAHA 15U tryouts due to RHS Girls tryouts, better prepare for 15U team formation given the potential for players making the RHS Girls High School team, and is a similar approach used by several other hockey associations. Under this proposal, ice will be reserved for the 15U players from September 29, 2024 to November 1, 2024, for skating sessions, which will be paid for by the 15U players per the normal ice bill process. These sessions will not be evaluated but will consist of coach-lead practices. These sessions are intended to provide additional ice time for the 15U players until the completion of RHS Girls Tryouts. The 15U goalies will skate with the 15U skaters at the same time and will also not be evaluated during these sessions. The 15U goalies, however, will have their RAHA tryout at the same time as the other traveling team goalies due to the availability of MEGA. The Board discussed several other factors relating to the proposed motion.

Motion: Marchese motioned and Freske seconded the motion to move the 15U tryouts until after the completion of the RHS Girls tryouts. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (15-0).

- a. Motion to move reserve ice three times per week from September 29, 2024 to November 1, 2024 for 15U skating provided that the ice rental fees and other costs will be paid for by the 15U girls. (Marchese)
 - The Board discussed the proposal to move the 15U tryouts until after the completion of the RHS Girls tryouts.

Motion: Marchese motioned and Freske seconded the motion to move the reserve ice three times per week from September 29, 2024 to November 1, 2024 for 15U skating provided that the ice rental fees and other costs will be paid for by the 15U girls. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (15-0).

- b. Motion to move Junior Gold to move to the same registration session and tryout fee structure as all other traveling levels. Only the Junior Gold players that register for RAHA and make the High School team will be fully refunded the registration fee. (Marchese)
 - The Board discussed the proposal to move the Junior Gold players to the same registration and tryout fee structure as other traveling team players. This proposed motion is intended to help offset the registration and tryout costs associated with the Junior Gold program. For example, last year, Junior Gold players were only charged \$25 per player, which caused RAHA to incur additional registration and tryout costs. This proposed motion is also intended to be more aligned with the same fee structure for other traveling teams and be more equitable across RAHA's organization. The Board discussed several aspects of the proposed motion.

Motion: Marchese motioned and Hanowski seconded the motion to move Junior Gold to the same registration session and tryout fee structure as all other RAHA traveling levels. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (15-0).

- c. Motion to amend the evaluator selection criteria to be considered an "Outside Evaluator" for the RAHA Tryout Process.
 - The Board discussed a proposal to change the evaluator selection criteria to be considered an "Outside Evaluator" for the RAHA Tryout Process. Under the proposed motion, the Tryout Committee will determine who will be the inside and outside evaluators at each level as is the current process. An "Outside Evaluator" will be considered by the Tryout Committee to be any evaluator that is either not a coach in RAHA or who does not currently have a player in the RAHA program. This expanded definition includes former RAHA coaches that meet the criteria above. The Board discussed the proposed motion and other related information.

Motion: Marchese motioned and Rodine seconded the motion to change the criteria to be considered an “Outside Evaluator” for traveling team tryouts. The Board discussed the motion Upon a vote, the motion was approved (15-0).

d. Motion to amend the RAHA Tryout Process

- The Board discussed the proposal to amend the 2024 RAHA Tryout Process. The Tryout Process will consist of three evaluated sessions (Day 1, Day 2 and Day 3) and Day 4 (a coach-led session). Under the proposed motion, the Day 1 session will focus on skater skills, which will be evaluated by 4 inside and 4 outside evaluators with even weighting (50/50) between those two groups. Scores from the Day 1 skater skills will be used to pool skaters for the Day 2 tryout session and will then be reset, which means that Day 1 scores will not be counted toward an overall final tryout score. Days 2 and 3 of the Tryout Process will consist of scrimmages and be evaluated by 4 inside and 4 outside evaluators with even weighting (50/50) between those two groups. Days 2 and 3 tryout scores will be aggregated and will be counted toward an overall final tryout score. The final, overall tryout scores from Days 2 and 3 will be used to pool skaters for pick pools and the Day 4 coach-led session. All goalies at all traveling levels (minus Jr. Gold) will tryout on September 22 and be evaluated by MEGA. All potential head coaches can attend the Day 1 session.

Motion: Marchese motioned and Rodine seconded the motion to change the tryout process as itemized above. The Board discussed the motion Upon a vote, the motion was approved (15-0).

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): No additional report
- e. Committee Reports
 - IP (Pilger/Kendhammer): No additional report
 - Goalie Committee (Kovacs): No additional report
 - Tournament Committee (Cline): No additional report
 - Coaches Committee (Hanson):
 - Hanson clarified that there have been some changes in the proposed paid coaches positions. Jalen Long has decided to take a position with the RHS Boys High School program. Tom Schadegg will move to Bantam AA team to coach with Ryan Foley. This leaves a Bantam A coach opening and an offer has been extended to a potential coach for the Bantam A position. RAHA continues to review potential candidates for the Junior Gold B team.

- Player Development (Saintey):
 - The Player Development Committee is developing the strategy for the upcoming season, including coaches breakfasts, off-school day skates, a player night with the RHS High School programs, to build better connectivity between RAHA and the High School programs, and to commence off-ice Hockey IQ nights with the coaching staff. This is in addition to the resources previously provided to the RAHA coaches, including ice hockey systems, practice plans, etc. The Board discussed other options from a player development perspective.
- Communication Committee (Lipke): : No additional report
- Tryout Committee (Marchese):
 - Marchese provided an update to the Board regarding the survey results from the tryout evaluators.
- Fundraising Committee (Rodine/Halvorson):
 - Rodine provided an update regarding fundraising opportunities, including the fundraising opportunity noted by Halvorson. Rodine also identified other fundraising opportunities for RAHA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Redacted per direction of Mike Staloch)
- Girls Coordinator (Williams): No additional report
- Boys Coordinator (Hanowski): No additional report
 - Hanowski raised issues relating to the RAHA boys program for discussion by the Board, including the status of the Bantam A team. District 8 refused to permit RAHA participate in District 9 for the 2024-2025 season. Staloch updated the Board regarding District 8's decision. Hanowski also inquired about the registration process, including the registration process for the RAHA boys program. The Board will form a sub-committee to discuss potential options.
- Discipline Committee Report (Staloch): No additional report
- DIBS (Jacobsen): No additional report
- Ice Committee (Hanson)
 - Hanson provided an update on the ice scheduling process and the ice contracts for the 2024-2025 season. Kalata is working to finalize contracts and build preliminary schedules. Hanson also updated the Board on the increased ice costs for the 2024-2025 season.

7. Announcements

- a. Future meeting: July 10, 2024

8. Adjournment

Motion: Hanson motioned and Rodine seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (15-0). The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.