

**ROSEMOUNT AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**  
 Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors  
 December 11, 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>	Excused	<b>Freske</b>	Present

**Other Attendance:**

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

**1. Call to Order:**

- a. Staloch called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

**2. Additions or Corrections to Agenda**

a. **Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes**

- i. Minutes from November 13, 2024 Board Meeting

***Motion: Rodine motioned, and Marchese seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2024 Board meetings. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0).***

**3. Fortis Academy**

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

a. Accounting (Ebner)

- i. Ebner provided an update to the Board regarding financial and accounting activities for the Association relating to the 2024-2025 season, including fundraising credits, ice bills, wreath sales, manager issues, and concerns relating to the RHS Boys Blue Line Club regarding possible credits.

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 was finalized and posted on November 28, 2024. The IP Program is scheduled to February 2025. The first week of January has been scheduled for traveling teams but there is little ice due to the holiday and high school games. Scheduling for early January through early February 2025.
- c. Concessions (Williams)
  - i. Williams provided an update about concession operations. Concessions is going well with new signage and menu availability. Girls Hockey day is upcoming.
- d. Rosemount Community Center (Balvance)
  - i. Balvance provided an update regarding construction at RCC, which should be completed in June 2025.
- e. Blue Line Clubs
  - i. RHS Boys and Girls Blue Line Clubs: Jay Condon, President of the RHS Girls Blue Line Club, presented an issue to the RAHA Officers to annually swap Bingo and Meat Raffles at Carbones between the Boys and Girls Blue Line Clubs. The Officers presented the proposal to the Board. The concern raised by the RHS Girls Blue Line Club is that parents for the RHS Girls Team cannot attend several of the RHS Girls games due to conflicting obligations on Saturday nights due to the Carbones meat raffle.
- f. 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 November actuals and December expenses, and an evaluation of recent charitable gaming at Carbones and Tops Pizza.
  - ii. Tobias provided an update to the Board about Tops Pizza. Tops requested permission to run pulltabs behind the bar at the restaurant and continue Bingo games. The gambling booth was closed on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. A deposit of \$1755 from charitable gaming was recently made from Tops Pizza. Approximately \$200-\$300 is made weekly for Bingo at Top's less staffing costs.

## 5. Motions:

- a. Motion to approve gambling actuals and estimates

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

- b. Motion to approve holiday bonuses for pulltab employees
  - i. Tobias provided an update regarding past holiday bonuses provided to pulltab employees. These bonuses have typically been \$250 per employee. Tobias also proposed a \$100 bonus for bingo callers. The total bonus pool is \$1400.

***Motion: Tobias motioned, and Pilger seconded the motion to approve a holiday bonus pool up to \$1400 for charitable gaming employees. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0).***

- c. Motion to approve \$455 for neck danglers for IP Goalies and 1 goalie stick (Kovacs)
  - i. Kovacs provided an update to the Board regarding the request motion to purchase additional goalie equipment at the IP level consistent with other District 8 associations.

***Motion: Kovacs motioned, and Jacobsen seconded the motion to approve up to \$455 for the purchase of neck danglers and 1 goalie stick for IP Goalies. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0).***

***The meeting was closed at 8:17 pm per the direction of the President.***

## **6. New Business**

- a. Review of Financial Hardship Committee (Feldhaus)
  - i. Feldhaus presented the hardship application to the Board including details relating to the financial hardship application during the closed meeting.

***Motion redacted per direction of President:*** [REDACTED]

***The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0).***

***The meeting was re-opened at 8:38 pm per the direction of the President.***

- b. Motion to Approve Holiday Bonuses for RAHA Employees

***Motion: Marchese motioned, and Feldhaus seconded the motion to approve a holiday bonus pool up to \$2100 for RAHA paid employees. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-0).***

## **7. 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):

e. Committee Reports:

i. IP (Kendhammer and Pilger):

- Kendhammer and Pilger provided an update regarding the IP program and the potential construction of a facility similar to the Pavilion at Goat Hill Park in Eagan, Minnesota. Eagan Youth Hockey Association currently uses a facility similar to Goat Hill Park, including Lakeville, St. Louis Park, Hastings, and Edina.
- Kendhammer emailed the City of Rosemount regarding the possible construction of a similar pavilion at Jaycee Park. The Board discussed this potential as a means to address the upcoming, anticipated ice shortages for the Association, including the pros and cons associated with proposing the construction of this type of facility and recommended next steps.
- The Board further discussed other ice options and purchase availability due to ice shortages, including the closure of the Pond's current location. The Board discussed anticipated next steps, including conversations with partners regarding ice availability.

ii. Goalie Committee (Kovacs): No additional report

iii. Tournament Committee (Cline):

- The Thanksgiving Tournament went well. Eagan won the hockey tournament and the East Metro team won the hot dog eating competition.

iv. Coaches Committee (Hanson): No additional report

v. Ice Committee (Hanson): No additional report

vi. Player Development (Freske): No additional report

vii. Communication Committee (Lipke): No additional report

viii. Tryout Committee (Marchese):

- Marchese provided an update to the Board regarding tryouts, including the compensation for tryout evaluators. The Board discussed \$2500 for Jason Latzke and \$1000 for Ryan Khalaff for serving as a co-tryout facilitators during 2024-2025 evaluations.

***Motion: Marchese motioned, and Pilger seconded the motion to pay Jason Latzke \$2500 and Ryan Khalaff \$1000 for serving as co-tryout facilitators for the 2024-2025 evaluations. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0).***

- 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

## **8. Announcements**

- a. Future Meetings: January 8, 2025

## **9. Adjournment**

***Motion: Schaffler motioned and Hanowski seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.***