

RYHA BOARD MEMBER MEETING MINUTES
May 10th, 2023
Tavern 22

ATTENDING BOARD MEMBERS:

Corey DuBois – President	Jay Bohan – President Elect	Tom Stewart – Past President	Shawn Hookey – Secretary	Josh Fernholz – Treasurer
Rob Cothorn – Tournament Director	Mark Hickey – Gambling Manager	Andrew Forliti – Gambling Director	Aaron Getchell – Mite Unit Representative	Kasey Cummings Girls Unit Director
Patrick Murphy – Boosters Director	Doug Zmolek – Hockey Advisory	Tom Stewart – MN Hockey Representative	- Operations Director	

NON-ATTENDING BOARD MEMBERS:

Robb Wiedrich – Boys Unit Coordinator			

RYHA MEMBER AND NON-MEMBER ATTENDEES:

Kathy Heightland	Andy Cousin			

RESOLUTIONS BY THE BOARD

PRESIDENT’S REPORT –Corey DuBois, Jay Bohan, Tom Stewart
 Mr. DuBois welcomed Mr. Bohan to the board as the newly elected President Elect. Mr. Bohan asked if there is a document available to review prior player/coach violations and disciplinary actions. This was discussed, information from previous sportsmanship committee members and past presidents will be gathered.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Shawn Hookey

April 12th, 2023 minutes were approved. The May Appointments of directors was reviewed, positions are Operations Director, Hockey Advisor and Gambling Director. Nominees for Operations Director were Brett Landon and Guy Sing. Discussion of each nominee was had. A board of directors' vote was had with a majority of votes for Mr. Landon as the new Operations Director. Hockey Advisor was incumbent with Mr. Zmolek, Gambling Director was incumbent with Mr. Forliti, both being re-appointed by majority vote of the board of directors. A motion to allow an at large with the ability to vote on a 2-year appointed term was made with a unanimous approval. A committee will be formed to identify members for this role.

Mr. Cousin thanked the board for his time in the president role of RYHA and expressed interest in continued involvement with the RYHA board.

TREASURER'S REPORT & FINANCE COMMITTEE – Josh Fernholz

Mr. Fernholz reviewed the current budget which is still on track for the year. Mr. Fernholz reviewed breakdowns on the budget with new line items for tournaments costs. Mr. Fernholz reminded the board of the upcoming yearly budget meeting which will require a board vote for approval at the July meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GAMBLING COMMITTEE – Mark Hickey – Andrew Forliti

Gambling for March 2023 activity summary, tax return, allowable expenses, June 2023 budgets were presented and approved. Mr. Hickey states RYHA is in good standings. RYHA had yet another strong month of gambling.

OPERATIONS UNIT –

Vacant

MAHA – Tom Stewart

Mr. Stewart reviewed that during the District 9 Spring Meeting MN Hockey will be moving to reduced or no full ice games at the younger levels. All games will be cross ice. Safesport and District 9 will increase abuse of official violation by having violations made public to members. Additional items were reviewed regarding rule changes for the upcoming season including players must declare their grade before tryouts if wanting to play up, once tryouts are completed and teams are formed players then will not be able to drop down if they did not make the anticipated team they tried out for. Fighting penalties will include a game ejection and a 3 game suspension for the 1st violation, a 1 month suspension for a 2nd violation and a 1 year suspension for a 3rd violation. These violations will not be removed season to season, they will follow and accrue on-going. Locker room monitor policies will be more strict, requiring same gender monitors in locker rooms at all times. Monitors must have background checks and safesport training. If a player is ejected from a game 2 same gender monitors must be in the locker room with the player.

Mr. Stewart mentioned that the District 9 goalie coordinator position is currently open, ref costs will increase, fees for regional and state tournaments will change, and Game Sheet costs are covered to associations. There are currently 4 regional tournaments in the state up for bid to associations to host.

WEBMASTER - Jeremy McJunkin

Absent

BOYS UNIT – Robb Wiedrich

Absent

GIRLS UNIT- Kasey Cummings

No report

MITES/SUPERMITES REPRESENTATIVE – Aaron Getchell

No report

HOCKEY ADVISORY - Doug Zmolek

Mr. Zmolek states it was good to see several teams make regional and state tournament appearances this year.

RECRUITMENT – The board will reach out to several association members whom have expressed interest in helping the board/association with volunteering time to help with the Try Hockey for Free events this year.

TOURNAMENTS – Rob Cothorn

Mr. Cothorn states that tournament dates are being identified and that the Pumpkin Tournament is now scheduled. Mr. Cothorn states that the 2026 World Juniors Hockey program is working with MN Hockey for bidding options for hosting teams. Once associations are chosen each association will host 2 countries for 2 weeks to have practices and scrimmages.

BOOSTERS – Patrick Murphy

Mr. Murphy discussed an ongoing item of fundraising options. Mr. Murphy requested an action item in June to vote on a decision on a final option for the foreseeable future. Mr. Murphy reviewed that possible location changes or options could be needed for the upcoming season for team pictures due to concerns of having them done at Graham.

BUILDING COMMITTEE - Mark Hickey

Mr. Hickey discussed at the last meeting to have RYHA donate funds towards recognition plaques for Tom Konakowits to be made and displayed at Graham Arena. Mr. Hickey reviewed this with the board and requested a motion to have 2 plaques, 1 for Tom Konakowitz and 1 for Charles Hiley Sr. Motion included a request for \$5,000 per plaque by RYHA. Motion was made and seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Hickey states that there is currently no update on the proposed training facility.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER

Adjourn