

**Rosemount Area Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
AUG 1, 2007**

Meeting called to order by President Kearney at 7:05 pm.

Board Members Present: Matt Kearney, Tim Winters, Lalynd Anderson, Lynnae Weiland, Paul Frank, Troy Crowell, Chris Gernentz, Dallen Schnichels, Chris Newman, Kip Kilen, John Cusack, Kyle Gillet, Kelly Sabo Ken Dennis and Kevin Eiden.

Board Members Absent: Doug Ebner

Guests Present: Lynn Sweetman (RYHB) Tom Schultz and Mike Capra (RAHA ice schedulers) Guy Dawson, (Skate program coordinator).

Guest: Guy Dawson Reviewed the S.K.A.T.E. program with the board. He suggested trying something different This year, instead of just doing the normal drawing for prizes at the tryout meeting, he feels we should do more to Recognize the kids' who achieve the 3.0 GPA to qualify for the award. He would like to have a party honoring Them during the season (mid-season). He thinks a party with pizza and prizes would be nice for the kids- The BOD Agreed and asked Guy to coordinate it.

Secretary's Report: The board reviewed minutes from the July 11th, 2007 meeting. Motion to accept—Cusack, 2nd by Gernentz-approved, 14-0

Booster's Report: The leprechaun days parade went well a total of 6700 freezes were handed out, it was the First time that they had enough to make it all the way to the end of the parade! Working on merchandise, warm ups Should be available by walk in registration.

Boys High School report: None.

Girls High School report: None.

Arena Manager: None.

Ice Schedulers: Tom Schultz and Mike Capra reported that they have booked 153 outside ice hours so far. They asked about the RAHA goalie clinic, Dry land at the church and IP ice needs for evaluations (Cusack).

Board Member Reports

- * **Player Development:** Kip updated the board on Irish Clinic, Coach Macho will run the Squirt, Pee wee and And Bantam sessions, IP sessions will be run By IP coaches and Kilen, Scott Bugstad will run a checking clinic For The Pee wees and Bantams on Sept. 11th (6:15-7:15 and 7:30-8:30) He will also meet with parents to help Help them choose the right stick for their child on Sept. 16th. Lifetime Fitness donated some equipment to RAHA for use at the Church to go along with what we have already purchased.
- * **Coaches Coordinator:** Troy presented the coaches rankings for each level for 2007/08. After a general Discussion a motion was made to except the coaches committee's recommendations for the "A" coaches Jeff Humble (Bantam A) Tim Winters (Pee wee A) Matt Anderson (Squirt A). Motion to accept made by Crowell, seconded by Frank- approved 13-1.
- * **Girls Report:** Lalynd is coordinating try out dates with Eastview and also working on coaches.
- * **Operations:** We are still in need of foursomes for the RAHA golf tournament-It is a 1:30pm shotgun Start-dinner is at 6:30, live music and fun follow. We have received many nice donations so far, we need To get the word out so people show up for dinner and the music. (An email will be sent through last years Team managers and it will be on the web site and possibly use e-vite). So far we have 12 hole sponsors lined Up and are waiting to hear from a few more. They are still looking for one more sponsor for the back of the Raffle tickets to help with printing costs and give people an added incentive to sell/buy them. The tickets will Be mailed out. Our SKB grant has been applied for and the raffle permits issued. Are we interested in doing a Pancake breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's?

- * **Squirt Coordinator:** Dallen has the following tournaments lined up so far, A- Burnsville, Duluth Lakers, Shakopee and Fargo. B- Hopkins, Rosemount and Brainerd. B- Brooklyn Park, Bloomington and Fargo. C- Cottage Grove, St.Cloud, and Bloomington. C- Chaska, Rosemount and Breezy Point. C- Apple Valley Shakopee and Brainerd
- * **Initiation Program:** Leprechaun Days went very well with great prizes and fun for all. Cusack presented A revised, player placement policy (see old business). The IP parent meeting will be October 15th, 16th, or 17th. Mite evaluations will be November 18 and 19th.
- * **Treasurer:** None.
- * **Communications Coordinator:** Kelly is working on updating the web page. Do we need permission from? Parents to put pictures of their child on the web site?
- * **Pewee coordinator:** Working on tournaments.
- * **Tournament/Equipment coordinator:** Chris updated the board on the thanksgiving tournament. Some Games will need to be shifted around due to a High School game on Saturday night. It looks like we will Be hosting the District 8 Squirt A Tournament. The equipment storage unit has been cleaned out, some Equipment was sold- things that where not useable where thrown out. He is looking at shelving for keeping Things off the floor.
- * **Bantam Coordinator:** Frank updated the board on how many goalies there are and at what level. We are Short on goalies at the squirt level. He is waiting for a confirmation from the group who will run tryouts For RAHA.
- * **Registration Coordinators:** Ken updated the on the number of online registrations so far (62). Irish Clinic Registration is now up and running. Lynnae handed out a sign up sheet for staffing walk in registration.
- * **VICE President:** The next District 8 meeting is September 8th. The VFW league problems where taken Care of – the coach and team manager need to make sure all scheduled games are played or rescheduled. Tim handed the schedule to the ice schedulers. USA hockey is addressing “helmet boxing” which has Become a problem; if players are caught suspensions are possible. MAHA is looking at changing goalie Equipment requirements for 2009/10.

OLD BUSINESS

Cusack presented a revised player placement policy for the Initiation level. After a general discussion the Following was approved:

Kindergarten and first grade players- This level will be kept as a skate with your grade level and continue to Use the mini-mite1 and mini-mite2 names. A player may petition to the initiation coordinator for the opportunity To evaluate at the mite level. The petition process is in place to allow for the occasional player with skills that are Out of place for his/her age to play with like skilled players.

Second and Third grade players- All second and third grade players will go through a mite evaluation. The Evaluation will be conducted by coaches either in RAHA or not, who have no affiliation with the mite level. Evaluations will last for two days and include one day of skills and one day of scrimmage. The scores will be given Equal weight for each day. Natural breaks in the scores will be used to determine the number of teams at each level. Players will then be placed at one of the three mite levels (introductory mite, intermediate mite and advanced mite).

- * The new initiation level player placement policy has been instituted to give each player the best Opportunity to play with like skilled teammates. The policy is also in place to help coaches develop Practices that will be beneficial to all players.

Cusack made a motion to approve as amended, It was seconded by Gillett- approved 14-0.

Announcements: President Kearney informed the board that we will receive 10 hours of ice time from Lakeville (we have players that live in Lakeville, there is a MAHA policy that allows us to receive a Percentage of ice based on the number of players who live in Lakeville but are in school district 196).

A motion to adjourn was made by Crowell, it was seconded by Winters - approved 14-0
Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.