

**Rosemount Area Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday August 6, 2008**

1) Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Troy Crowell.

Board Members Present: , Lalyn Anderson Matt Berg, Troy Crowell, John Cusack, Guy Dawson, Ken Dennis, Kris Dupuis, Kevin Eiden, Paul Frank Tim Rossini Kelly Sabo, Dallen Schnichels, Dean Schnichels, and Lynnae Weiland Tim Winters

Board Members Absent: Jim Carlson, Guy Dawson

Board Liaisons Present: Mike Capra, Ice scheduler; Jen Berg, RYHB President; Landon Vath, RHS Girls Program.

2) Additions to the Agenda: None

3) Minutes of the July 2, 2008 board meeting were approved. Motion by Rossini, seconded by Berg.

4) Welcome Guest:

Matt Kearney attended the meeting to give an update regarding the ongoing effort to secure a 2nd sheet of ice for RAHA. While it appears that major participation from the City of Rosemount is highly unlikely in the foreseeable future, other options are being pursued. These options include: 1) upgrading Central Park to be a refrigerated, sheltered ice rink, making it a reliable and affordable sheet of practice ice; 2) Developing a partnership with Eastview and Farmington; 3) Working with SKB to create a multi-sport facility on the site they've donated to the City of Rosemount; 4) Supporting the plans of Community of Hope Church to develop a viable 2nd sheet option.

Landon Vath reported that the RHS Girls Program held an open skate July 27 with the intent of giving younger girls a chance to get on the ice and hopefully increase interest and participation at the youth levels. They plan to host more events in the coming months. This fall they would like to have used equipment available for new girls to use as well.

5) Reports from Board Liaisons:

Ice Schedulers: RAHA has verbally committed to 640 hours of ice at the Minn-E-Rink which is scheduled to open October 3. We are also planning to take 120 hours at IGH through December 31, which includes better weekend hours this season, but very few weekday hours. Only a few weekday hours have been requested from Wakota, and a request has been placed to Ramsey County for about 20 hours. All level coordinators need to send their tournament dates and locations to Mike as soon as possible.

RYHB Boosters: Jen Berg reported that the Leprechaun Days Parade was a success with a good turnout and handing out 7,000 freeze pops. Thanks to Tim Winters for donating the truck and trailer for the float. Shelly Conlin has taken th position of Assistant Tournament Director. Merchandise forms will be available online soon. Westwood will have a rep at Tryouts and the parent meetings for families to size and order warm-ups along with other merchandise. The Boosters and RAHA will have booths at several elementary school open houses August 27. Directories will be printed this season. Business card-size ads are available for \$10.

RAHA Treasurer: The annual audit is nearly complete. Tournery check requests have been covered. The proposed budget for 2008-2009 needs to be approved at the September meeting, so all board members need to review their expenses and inform Doug of any necessary adjustments as soon as possible.

6) Reports from Board Members and Committees:

Secretary-Communications – Lynnae Weiland: Nothing to report.

Bantam Coordinator – Paul Frank: The Northern Tour (Nov. 14-16) plans are nearly complete. Bantam A and Peewee A teams will play Hibbing Friday night, Eveleth or Grand Rapids Saturday morning, Virginia Saturday night and Hermantown Sunday. Tryout schedules are being finalized. Refs are still needed and

the tryout work schedule will be emailed to the board sometime soon. It will be the responsibility of board members to see that their shifts are covered.

Player Development – Tim Rossini: Mite, Squirt and Pee wee Sessions for the Irish Clinic are full and have some players on waiting lists. Bantams will accept registrations until August 23. Goalies at Squirt, Pee wee and Bantam levels will have sessions Sep. 18 and 20 with Dan Kodatsky. Goalies will need to contact Tim R. if they plan to participate. A schedule is in the works for Pee wees and Bantams to work with Yuro a few times during the season, most likely on Friday nights. Tryout drills will be posted on the website prior to tryouts.

Operations Manager/Fundraising – Dallen Schnichels: The RAHA Raffle Fundraiser tickets will be done by the end of the week Promoting the Bowling Event (Saturday Sept. 6) to ensure a good turnout is very important. Hockey Day plans are progressing. The teams will match up against Eastview. The Costume Party will be held at the Legion, with food provided by Enjoy. Enjoy should be included in tournament flyers and the directory.

Registration Coordinators – Kris DuPuis and Matt Berg: Walk-in dates are August 18 and September 8, 6-8pm, on the upper concourse at RCC. This will coincide with Lean-to-Skate, so we should have a couple board members on hand to answer questions.

Initiation Program – Jim Carlson and Kelly Sabo: The booth at Leprechaun Days was a success, netting approximately \$1,100. Jerseys and socks have been ordered. The parent meeting date will be set very soon. There has been a great deal of interest in IP Extra.

Tournament and Equipment Coordinator – Kevin Eiden: Some old RHS boys varsity jerseys will be for sale on Hockey Day. There have been a few requests for goalie equipment. Some families need to return goalie equipment. Eiden is gathering some price comparisons for socks. So far there have been two information requests for the Thanksgiving Tournament. Former coaches will be emailed to locate puck bags, pucks and water bottles.

Squirt Coordinator – Dean Schnichels: An hour of ice has been set aside October 5 at 9:30am for a possible mite move-up tryout, IF there is a need for move-ups this season. Tournament applications for 6 squirt teams have been completed.

Coaches Coordinator – John Cusack: Coaches interviews have been completed and rankings compiled. Some minor corrections were made to the list as it was printed. A motion to approve the amended coach rankings was made by Cusack, seconded by Rossini. Motion approved 14-0.

Technology Coordinator – Ken Dennis: Registration closing dates will be set and posted online and in the RAHA Monthly Bulletin. Some updated photos have been added. More can be sent in to be put "in rotation". Ken and Kris will attend the District 8 Registration Meeting next week.

Girls Coordinator – Lalynd Anderson: REV Tryouts are scheduled for Oct. 2, 4 and 5. Coach interviews are ongoing. The following REV teams will most likely play in District 8: Three U12 teams (1-A, 2-B); Three U10 teams (1-A, 2-B).

Vice President/MN Hockey Rep – Tim Winters: Referee fees are set to increase this season \$4/ref/game.

7) **Consent Agenda Items:**

Concession Stand Contract: The contract is unchanged from 07-08. Our annual rent will be \$3,900. Anderson made a motion to approve the contract. Seconded by Dennis. Motion approved 14-0.

8) **Old Business: None (Old Business topics were covered during Reports from Board Members)**

9) **New Business: None (New Business topics were covered during Reports from Board Members)**

10) **Announcements: None**

11) **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Cusack, seconded by Dennis. Motion approved 14-0.

Next Meeting: Wednesday September 3, 2008