

**Rosemount Area Hockey Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday December 3, 2008**

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

**Board Members Present:** Lalyn Anderson, Matt Berg, Pete Conlin (non-voting), Troy Crowell, John Cusack, Guy Dawson, Ken Dennis, Kris Dupuis, Paul Frank, Tim Rossini, Dean Schnichels, Kelly Sabo, Lynnae Weiland and Tim Winters

**Board Members Absent:** Jim Carlson, Kevin Eiden, Dallen Schnichels

**Board Liaisons Present:** Jen Berg, RYHB President; Scott Macho, RHS Boys Head Coach; Doug Ebner, RAHA Accountant, Paul Haglund, Ice Arena Rep.

**Guests Present:** Landon Vath, representing RHS Girls Program.

**2) Additions to the Agenda:** None

**3) Minutes** of the November 5, 2008 board meeting were approved 12-0. Motion by Dennis, seconded by Anderson.

**4) Welcome Guests:**

**Gambling Manager, Pete Conlin,** new non-voting RAHA Board member was introduced. Pete expects to be certified in January, and will attend board meetings and give reports as needed. The position of assistant gambling manager will need to be filled in the next month or two.

**5) Reports from Board Liaisons:**

**RHS Boys Program - Scott Macho:** Skate with the Irish had a good turnout (Thanks RAHA Families!) and was able to raise approximately \$2,000 for the CHECK Foundation, to help fight cancer in kids. The Boys Blue Line Club thanks the RYHB (Boosters) for donations. The Boys team is off the a rough start, working through some ice time issues and injuries. Thanks to RAHA for the CO Springs team. Jersey night dates will be announced soon.

**RHS Girls Program – Landon Vath:** Girls jersey night will be held this Saturday at 3pm. 8U team will be scheduled to skate between periods at some varsity games this season. The Girls have been competitive in every game, though they're a young team. The varsity girls plan to join some of the REV and 8U teams for practices. Stats and Standings can be followed on the following websites: MGHCA.com (MN Girls Hockey Coaches Association), and minnesotasportsonline.com.

**Ice Arena – Paul Haglund:** Coaches need to consistently put away cones and tires after practices. Also, to help keep the arena on schedule, coaches are encouraged to hold any "post-practice meetings" with their players off ice. Some sound systems repairs are needed. The Blue Line Clubs and Boosters may be willing to contribute to repair expenses. Ice has been allocated for two concurrent District 8 tournaments in March.

**RYHB Boosters – Jen Berg:** Several fundraising opportunities are occurring this month: GrowHockey.com (ongoing!); Buffalo Wild Wings in Apple Valley on December 6; Rosemount Carbone's Fundraiser, December 5 to January 5; Squirt B and C Tournaments. There will be a RAHA Merchandise sale Saturday December 13 at RCC. Issues that had come up with Westwood have been resolved. The new RAHA Directory will be distributed in January. The Boosters donated locker room door magnets to each team. They will need to be returned at the close of the season.

Some families expressed concern with both Rosemount Squirt B teams participating in the upcoming tournament. Typically, only one Rosemount team per level is entered in RAHA or Booster-sponsored tournaments. However, in this case a team backed out, creating an opening in the bracket. In an attempt to fill the opening, forty-nine teams were contacted directly by Susan Carter, but the opening remained. At that point the spot was offered to the other Rosemount Squirt B team.

**RAHA Accountant – Doug Ebner:** The Finance Committee met today at 6:15pm and plans to meet each month prior to the Board Meeting. There will be a review of the tournament gate fee policy that was instituted this season so we can determine if it should be continued or not. Team budget "templates" will

be updated for next season to more clearly understood and accurate. Financial reports will be sent to all Board members quarterly.

**Ice Schedulers Report (by Troy Crowell):** The rest of the traveling ice will be done next week. Traveling outdoor ice will not be scheduled as in the past. Coaches will schedule through Mike Capra.

**6) Reports from Board Members and Committees:**

**Secretary-Communications – Lynnae Weiand:** Nothing to report.

**Peewee Coordinator – Guy Dawson:** Peewee teams have been doing well in tournaments. The Annual Thanksgiving Tournament went well. Guy expressed thanks to the rest of the committee members, Kevin Eiden, Jill Smith and Dion Gunderson, for all their hard work! For next season, we need to re-evaluate hosting BC/PC levels due to there being several BC/PC tourneys held nearby that weekend.

**Squirt Coordinator – Dean Schnichels:** Squirt teams are off to a great start to their season, many already having tournament success.

**Bantam Coordinator – Paul Frank:** U16's have combined with Eagan this season, and Jr. Gold players are at IGH. Bantam A Coach Humble will be holding coaches forums for the Bantam level, in order to establish some consistency and systems among coaches at that level.

**Registration Coordinators – Matt Berg and Kris Dupuis:** Registration of Mites, Mini Mites and recently certified coaches is nearly complete.

**Initiation Program – Kelly Sabo:** Tryouts went well. IP Extra is going well. Thanks to all the coaches helping with that. More coaches are still needed. Per District 8 rules, Mite teams are to compete within jamborees within a 45-minute radius of home. To attend any outside that radius, D8 approval is required. Financial support from RAHA for Mite jamborees will remain at \$250 per team for the season. Additional money would need to be collected from families if the jamboree entrance fee is over \$250.

**Vice President/MN Hockey Rep – Tim Winters:** D8 is reviewing Mite and Squirt guidelines to determine what changes might encourage all families to keep players in their local community-based organizations.

**Girls Coordinator – Lalyn Anderson:** The REV teams have had success at many of the tournaments they have competed in.

**Technology Coordinator – Ken Dennis:** Mite and Mini Mite registration is nearing completion.

**Coaches Coordinator – John Cusack:** A Head Coaches meeting will be held December 21 at 6:45pm with ice time to follow at 8:00pm. All Traveling, IP and Girls Head Coaches are encouraged to attend. Paid coaches will be paid the first half of their salary on January 1.

**Player Development – Tim Rossini:** Shooters are needed for goalie clinics. Friday night training sessions with Yuro are going well. Off-ice sessions with Macho will be scheduled soon, and as soon as STP info is available, RAHA will distribute it to our membership for the High School Coaches.

**7) Consent Agenda Items: None**

**8) Old Business:**

**a. Thanksgiving Tournament Wrap-up:** Addressed by Tournament Committee Member Guy Dawson in the Peewee Coordinators Report.

**b. U16/Jr. Gold:** Addressed by U16/Jr. Gold Coordinator, Paul Frank in the Bantam Report.

**c. Pull Tabs/Pull Tabs Manager:** Pete Conlin gave an update at the beginning of the meeting.

**9) New Business:**

**a. Sponsorships:** Will be addressed via email or at the next meeting by Dallen Schnichels.

**10) Announcements:**

**a. Boosters Buffalo Wild Wings Event - Saturday Dec. 6, 11am to 4pm.**

**b. Girls Varsity Jersey Night – Saturday December 8, 3pm at RCC**

**11) Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Dennis, seconded by Cusack. Motion approved 12-0.

