

**Rosemount Area Hockey Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday January 7, 2009**

**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, Tim Winters, Kevin Eiden, Jim Carlson, Dallen Schnichels

**Board Members Absent:** Lynnae Weiand

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

**Guests Present:** None

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

**3) Minutes** of the December 3, 2008 board meeting were approved 14-0. Motion by Dennis, seconded by Anderson.

**4) Reports from Board Liaisons:**

**RHS Boys Program - Scott Macho:** Jersey night will be 1/24 against Apple Valley. Players have been assigned to work with youth teams and will begin attending some practices in January/February. Scott wants us to stress academics to the kids. There are a few academic and team building "issues" with this year's team.

**Ice Arena – Paul Haglund:** Waiting for final format, but hours are basically allocated for the two District Tournaments that we will be hosting beginning approx 3-15-09. Paul is getting an estimate later in the week for a new sound system. The RYH Boosters are willing to help with the cost. Paul will communicate with Jen Berg. The arena is willing to let RAHA hang a "Sponsor Board" on the north wall of the arena when we are ready to do it.

**RYHB Boosters – Jen Berg:** Dec/Jan fundraising efforts did very well, including the Buffalo Wild Wings event, a recent Merchandise Sale at the arena and the two Squirt Tournaments. Higher EMT, referee and ice costs cut slightly into the overall tournament profit. A particular Squirt B tournament game between Rosemount and Mankato was discussed. Next year's tournament rules may include some type of "maximum" score. RAHA coffee mugs are now available. A limited number of helmet stickers are available for kids who received new helmets for Christmas etc. Team managers should contact Anne Thurston to get them.

**RAHA Accountant – Doug Ebner:** The Finance Committee met today at 6:15pm. After a lengthy discussion on team budgets it was decided that Doug and the Level Coordinators will get together later this week or next to review all team budgets. Doug has some ideas to improve this process for next year. Doug is reconciling the Gertens fundraiser and will get info to those who participated. Doug is currently working on 4<sup>th</sup> quarter taxes.

**Ice Schedulers Report – Mike Capra & Tom Schultz:** Will work with Paul Haglund as needed to schedule icetime for the District Tournaments. Mike brought a report to the meeting detailing team icetime amounts over the past 3 years. Questions were raised by Paul Frank etc. re. the amount of ice (and cost involved) allocated to certain teams, especially the Bantam C's who are coming in way over budget.

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

**RAHA Gambling Manager – Pete Conlin:** The pull tab operation at Carbones started on 1-3-09 with 2 boxes of pulltabs behind the bar. There is already strong consideration by Carbones' owners to put in a pulltab booth (instead of a bar operation). A time table for this was discussed and it was proposed that we have this process completed no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>. Pete also gave a report detailing our expenses and revenue thus far.

**Peewee Coordinator – Guy Dawson:** Peewee teams did very well in December tournaments. Guy will work with the Peewee C team and others that want to cut icetime and their budgets as much as possible. Guy will also meet with Autumn Anderson next week to discuss plans for this year's SKATE program (since Guy was the SKATE Coordinator last year).

**Squirt Coordinator – Dean Schnichels:** Squirt team budgets are pretty close with no real surprises. No complaints re. icebills etc. from the teams.

**Bantam Coordinator – Paul Frank:** Initiated a discussion re. team budgets and ice bills. The Bantam C team is coming in considerably over their original budget and is looking to cut some of their ice time. He will work with Paul Haglund and Mike Capra to see if any can be turned back or re-sold to another team. Paul also brought up RAHA's lack of a policy re. injured players and ice bills. There are a few Bantams who have missed, or will miss, several weeks of the season due to injury. It was decided that in the absence of a formal policy this year, these cases will be handled at the team level as they have been in the past. A possible solution for next year is to offer an "insurance policy" program to all RAHA members whereby for a small fee at registration, a player's ice bill(s) would be covered in the event that the player misses 4 consecutive weeks of play or more. This will be further discussed at upcoming meetings.

**Registration/Traveling Jersey Coordinators – Matt Berg/Kris Dupuis:** Had a recent late registration for a U8 girl. Otherwise all registration issues are complete. We will need to add some jerseys at all levels for next season. Several teams have too many large sizes and not enough smaller ones.

**Initiation Program – Kelly Sabo/Jim Carlson:** Jim is arranging for some practice materials (cones, etc.) to be left at The Pond for RAHA use over there. We will also bring some of the rink dividers over from RCC. IP Extra seems to be going well, however the Mini Mites haven't had any "different" coaches. The Mites are in need of coaches for several Jan/Feb dates. Kelly will work with John Cusack etc to fill these holes. Also discussed the possibility of a RAHA Mite Jamboree. Kelly will discuss further with Crowell this week.

**Vice President/MN Hockey Rep – Tim Winters:** All Squirt coaches have been notified of game restrictions (quantity, etc.). Will work with Zac Docktor to finalize the District Tournament schedules.

**Girls Coordinator – Lalyn Anderson:** No report

**Technology Coordinator – Ken Dennis:** There are still 800 hours of unfulfilled volunteer hours. Ken will send out a list this week to fellow Board members to see if there is anyone on the list that shouldn't be there. Ken would like to use Survey Monkey to do mid-season coaches evals etc.

**Coaches Coordinator – John Cusack:** Non-parent coaches have been paid half of their "salary". Final payments will be made at the end of the season. Will work with Ken Dennis on a mid-season coaches evaluation form using Survey Monkey.

**Player Development Coordinator – Tim Rossini:** Other than a few complaints at the Squirt C level, Yuro seems to be working out well. Tim is working with Scott Macho to develop a RAHA Player Development Guide detailing skills etc. that player should be able to perform at various stages in their "career".

**Tournament/ Equipment Coordinator – Kevin Eiden:** 2 sets of goalie equipment were recently bought for RAHA by the RYH Boosters. Thanks to Jen Berg and the Boosters. Final numbers were provided for the Thanksgiving Tournament and it barely broke even (not factoring in Concessions). The Tournament Committee will meet in the coming weeks to discuss how to improve for next season.

**Operations Manager – Dallen Schnichels:** Dallen provided a "Levels of Sponsorship" program that will be initiated immediately. It spells out exactly what RAHA will provide to its sponsors for their various levels of contribution. He and the Fund Raiser Committee will work with Paul Haglund on the sponsor board, and with Ken Dennis on website advertisements.

6) **Consent Agenda Items: None**

7) **Old Business:**

a. **Sponsorships:** Addressed by Dallen Schnichels in Operations Manager report

b. **Mite Jamboree:** Addressed by Kelly Sabo in IP Program report. Will be decided in the coming weeks

**c. Tournament(s) Wrap-up:** Addressed by Kevin Eiden in Tournament Coordinator report and by Jen Berg from the RYH Boosters.

**9) New Business:**

**a. Injured Player Payments:** See Bantam Coordinator report above. Will be discussed further at next meeting. Jim Carlson will look into possible insurance company underwriting.

**b. District Tournaments:** We will be hosting the Peewee B2 and Bantam C tournaments March 15-22. More details to follow from Tim Winters.

**10) Announcements:**

**a.** Boys Varsity Jersey Night - January 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM vs. Apple Valley

**b.** Boys Varsity Steak Fry – February 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-7:30 @ Rosemount American Legion

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