

Rosemount Area Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2007

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

Board Members Present: Matt Kearney, Tim Winters, Paul Frank, Lalyn Anderson, Danelle McGraw, Pat Loew, Troy Crowell, John DeBettignies, Chris Newman, John Cusack and Doug Ebner.

Board Members Absent: Scott Wilson, Nick Bognanno Kip Kilen, Chris Gernentz and Kyle Gillett.

Guests Present: Paul Haglund (RCC Ice Arena Manager), Scott Macho (RHS Boys Coach), Tracy Engstrom (RHS Girls Coach), Katie Thaden (RYHB Co-President), Tom Schultz (RAHA ice scheduler) Chris Carlson (EVHA Mite Coordinator).

Corrections to Agenda: Chris Carlson, Eastview Hockey Association Mite coordinator (guest) New Business, Add Handbook update, announcements delete survey results-add U12 regional tournament.

Secretary's Report: Board reviewed minutes from the February 7th meeting- motion to accept Cusack, Seconded by Ebner- approved 10-0.

Guest: Chris Carlson went over the EVHA mite program, their grading and scoring procedures for Evaluations (they used mite coaches) Bubble kids are moved up. They moved up enough 3rd graders for a C squirt team. He is in support of the proposed changes to our Initiation program for 2007/08.

Boy's High School report: RHS has been moved to Section 3, this will affect the non-conference Schedule (different teams). Coach Macho would like the link to STP on the RAHA web site to be changed. Matt Millar will be added to the H.S. staff as the full time goalie coach and will also be the STP goalie Instructor. Coach Macho is recommending RAHA use him as our goalie coach. (He will work with all Goalies and styles. He could help with goalie evaluations). Coach Macho would like some input on our Coaching selections for next season. He provided pricing information on jerseys

Girl's High School report: RHS girls have also changed to section 3. Coach Engstrom is very proud of the Girls season. They will be remodeling the Girls locker room. Girls STP will be for High school only (except U14) It will expand to the youth levels next year.

Arena Manager: Paul handed the February ice bill to Ebner.

Ice Schedulers: Nothing to report.

Boosters report: Katie reminded the board that the all Rosemount Hockey picture is March 18th. There is A conflict with the Squirt tournament we are hosting that week. (The time will be pushed back to 7:30pm) The RYHB will have their board elections next month. They are putting together a cookbook for a fundraiser And are still looking for favorite recipes. The boosters will contribute \$5000.00 to RAHA to be used for jerseys.

Board Member Reports

* **Player Development:** John D. suggested (on behalf of Kip) that we put together a checking clinic for All incoming Peewee's.

* **Coaches Coordinator:** DeBettignies asked that the level coordinators collect all the Coaches information From the team manager books so they can be filed for next season. He is finishing up with year- end coaches Reviews. The Bantam A coach (Ricky Saintey) is non-committal at this point. Matt Anderson (U16) has asked About coaching the Squirt A team. Ed Czech (Peewee A) would like to return next season. Final decisions will Be made when all the reviews are complete. John also asked that the Level coordinators and ice schedulers have Better communication in the future. We need to follow the policies that are in place for scheduling.(tournaments)

- * **Girls Coordinator:** Working on budget reconciliation for Girls teams.
- * **Operations:** None.
- * **Squirt Coordinator:** None.
- * **Initiation Program:** The Initiation program end of the season jamboree will be March 24th from 7-4:45pm And March 25th 7:45-3pm. RAHA will pay for one Referee for each game. Cusack informed the board that There where problems with ice times being re-scheduled and teams being “pushed around”. Matt K. will Talk with Mike Capra about it.
- * **Treasurer:** Ebner handed out an updated budget. He is waiting for March ice numbers to finalize the Budget for the year.
- * **Communications Coordinator:** None.
- * **Pee Wee Coordinator:** Frank is working on budget reconciliation for teams.
- * **Tournament / Equipment Coordinator:** President Kearney handed out a new goalie equipment proposal For the board to review, (On behalf of Gernentz). He also presented a summary of the U12A regional tournament We only made a net of \$42.00 due to the teams only being charged an entry fee of \$400.00. Actual costs per Team where \$900.00 (Two hours of ice for each game and increased referee costs). These fees where set by MAHA. If we are asked to host one of these in the future, we will ask for help with costs from MAHA. President Kearney also sent an email to MAHA letting them know about the situation. (Also on behalf of Gernentz).
- * **Bantam Coordinator:** None.
- * **Vice President report:** Vice President Winters reported that restructuring of district 8 is still possible. They are still looking at a North/South division with district 4 and 8 combining (not likely). The A level Teams would not be affected as mu ch as the B and C level teams would (more travel). A B2 league has Been discussed for district 8. Game limits have also been discussed, they want a 3-1 ratio of games to Practices. New recommendations are: Mite 1&2 12 games, Mite 3&4 15 games, Squirts & U10 30 games, Peewees & U12 40 games and Bantams & U14 50 games. More to come on these issues at the next meeting.
*Winters left early and gave Crowell his vote by proxy.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Old Business: Newman and Kearney gave the board an updated cost analysis for the “new” jersey Program. The board reviewed 3 options for credits to families that have purchased the “old” Style jersey, Crowell made a motion to accept option B (a 35% credit for 1 year of use) it Was seconded by Debettignies - passed 8-1.

Ebner presented an updated version of the proposed IP changes for 2007/2008. All IP players Will be evaluated for their hockey skills and placed in groups according to their current level of Play. The more advanced kids will play together on mite teams, while those who are still developing Their playing skills would continue to build those skills in the Initiation Program. There will be 5 Separate levels: Advanced Mites, Intermediate Mites, Initial Mites, Advanced IP and Beginner IP. Cusack made a motion to accept the changes, it was seconded by Debettignies -passed 9-0.

Frank will provide more information at next months meeting on the proposed RAHA name change.

President Kearney presented a preliminary building design and plan for the COH hockey center.

New Business: DeBettignies presented an updated version of our “Zero Tolerance” policy. The new language will replace the last two paragraphs in section 24.0 of the handbook. The Change affects parent behavior towards Coaches. DeBettignies made a motion to accept the Change, it was seconded by Frank-passed 9-0.

President Kearney informed the board that Scott Wilson and Pat Loew were resigning from the Board (Each has one year remaining on their term). It was decided that Loew’s spot would be filled through the election process, and that Wilson’s (Communications) would be filled by appointment. Newman made a motion to interview possible candidates and appoint one to fill out the remaining Year as Communications Coordinator- it was seconded by Frank-approved 9-0.

Announcements: President asked everyone to get the word out about the Elections and annual Membership meeting.

U12 regional tournament summary (see tournaments/equipment report).

- **Special thank-you to the RYHB for their generous donation to RAHA of \$5000.00 to be**
- **Used for “New” Jerseys.**

**A BIG thank-you to Danelle McGraw, John DeBettignies and Pat Loew for their effort
And commitment to RAHA!!**

A motion to adjourn was made by Cusack, it was seconded by Ebner.

President Kearney adjourned the meeting at 9:50pm.