

**Rosemount Area Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday May 7, 2008**

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

Board Members Present: Laly Anderson, Matt Berg, Jim Carlson, Troy Crowell, John Cusack, Guy Dawson, Ken Dennis, Paul Frank, Kris DuPuis, Tim Rossini, Kelly Sabo, Dallen Schnichels, Dean Schnichels, Lynnae Weiland, Tim Winters

Board Members Absent: Kevin Eiden

Guests Present: Trent Eigner, Minn-E-Rink; Scott Macho, RHS Boys Coach; Jen Berg, RYHB President; Doug Ebner, RAHA Accountant.

2) There were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

3) Welcome Guests:

Trent Eigner - Owner of Minn-E-Rink: His facility is currently on schedule to open September 1, 2008 in the former Knowlan's Grocery Store space. Eigner is giving top priority for ice hours to RAHA and wants to reach an agreement prior to opening his schedule to other associations. He's working with USA Hockey to attain 100 sets of equipment for new players. Rosemount alumni Tom Preissing (L.A. Kings), has signed on and will participate as his schedule allows. 3-on-3 Registration opens in June.

4) Minutes of the April 2008, Board meeting were approved. Motion by Cusack, seconded by Berg.

5) Reports from Non-Board Members:

High School Coaches: Boys Head Coach, Scott Macho, reported that STP registrations are still open for all levels other than High School. Squirts will have one session instead of two. Mite registration is extremely low. Ways to improve communication to younger RAHA players and families were discussed. Macho will work with IP in restructuring the program and communicating with Mite families to increase participation this summer. STP will be restructured next summer to include college coaches and higher-profile instructors. Also, the five RHS players that competed at the Great Eight Friday April 4, had good exposure and all will probably compete in Juniors this season, with D1 opportunities likely for some the following season.

Ice Schedulers: Crowell reported that RAHA's agreement with IGH for the 2008-2009 Season will not improve as much as we had hoped. The IGH association will still be given priority on weekdays and somewhat on weekends, though we may see a slight improvement in weekend hours. The ice schedulers are working hard to secure the best hours available at IGH and elsewhere.

Boosters (RYHB): Jen Berg, the newly-elected President, reported that they will purchase a new popcorn machine for the concession stand; that Spring Roadside Cleanup will be Saturday May 17 at 10am; that Boosters are willing to help with "Hockey Day" as that begins to take shape; and that they will be contributing to the purchase of the new jerseys again this season.

RAHA Accountant: Doug Ebner reported that once all transactions are finalized, RAHA will end the 2007-2008 Season in good financial standing, with approximately \$10,000 "profit". As a result of an IRS audit, RAHA has paid \$2,730 in income taxes based on tournament gate fees, golf outing fees, etc. Ebner encouraged Level Coordinators to get tournament checks out starting June 1 and no later than July 31.

6) Reports from Board Members and Committees:

Operations Manager/Fundraising – Dallen Schnichels: The Spring Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday May 25 at Emerald Greens in Hastings. Planning is underway for the Annual Raffle and for a Fall Event. He is working on several sponsorship commitments as well as establishing pull tabs to benefit RAHA.

Coaches Coordinator – John Cusack: Many positively-reviewed coaches are returning and additional coaches will be solicited on Minnesotahockey.org. Discussion of advertising for coaches in LPH (\$500 for a ¼ page ad) led to the conclusion that the Minnesota Hockey listing would better serve RAHA at this time.

Bantam Coordinator – Paul Frank: The Tryout Committee will meet in the next few weeks. Tryouts will tentatively begin Thursday September 25 as the Irish Clinic is scheduled to end Tuesday September 23.

Coach Humble would like to build tradition with Hockey Day by developing an ongoing rivalry with a neighboring association. Each fall, teams from the two associations would match up all day (Hockey Day) and the winner would claim the traveling trophy for that year. This event would also be a fundraiser – concession sales, clothing sales and (?) ticket sales. Humble would also like to run a “Breakfast Club”, an open hockey and skills session for elementary kids before school a couple days a week.

Secretary-Treasurer/Communications – Lynnae Weiand: A monthly newsletter will be sent via email to our membership in order to pass on pertinent information in a more consistent and efficient manner.

Peewee Coordinator – Guy Dawson: Any input on tournaments is welcome.

Girls Coordinator – Lalyn Anderson: A survey of REV families was conducted. Of 46 surveys completed, 43 responded “Strongly Agree”, “Agree” or “Neutral” to continue the REV relationship. Two responded “Disagree”, and one “Strongly Disagreed”. All comments were reviewed. REV will continue for 08-09.

Vice President/MN Hockey Rep – Tim Winters: A request was submitted to D8 for RAHA to host Squirt A Districts, and the Bantam or Peewee C as well. RAHA will host an “early” Level 2 coaches certification class. RAHA will plan to field a Peewee B2 team again in the 08-09 Season.

At the April 22 District 8 Meeting, the following items were discussed: 1) D8 Squirt Coordinator, Kim Amundson plans to restructure the Squirt district tournament, confirming commitments and ½ the tourney fee at the time of registration. 2) They are planning to do guaranteed gate at District Tournaments. 3) Issues with Regional tournament attendance will be addressed. 4) Tito Elumba, D8 Girls Coordinator is looking for an assistant. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact him. 5) Rich Rakness was re-elected (15-1) to his position as D8 Director. 6) Minnesota Hockey is addressing the issues presented by private schools. Details of State and District meetings can be found at stickstats.com and minnesotahockey.org.

Squirt Coordinator – Dean Schnichels: Based on registration projections, Schnichels will plan for 1-A, 2-B and 3-C teams for the 08-09 Season. This may be subject to change once actual numbers are known.

Technology Coordinator – Ken Dennis: Only two volunteer checks were deposited. He will meet with Vince Splett soon to make needed adjustments to the system.

Registration Coordinators – Kris DuPuis and Matt Berg: Preparations for registration will begin soon.

Initiation Program Coordinators – Jim Carlson and Kelly Sabo: Ideas for adjustments to the IP evaluation procedures were discussed. A proposal will be submitted for discussion and approval at a future meeting.

Player Development – Tim Rossini: Scheduling of ice and instructors for the Irish Clinic are nearly complete. Rossini would like to get Tracy Engstrom involved with the Girls Irish Clinic. A proposal was submitted for hiring Stephen Yurichuck (Yuro) for on-ice development sessions with RAHA teams this season. To secure a commitment, RAHA needs to respond by May 18. Details of the proposal will be addressed via email and by the Player Development Committee.

7) Consent Agenda Items None

8) Old Business

Concessions: The concessions had a very successful year financially. Kim Emerson is not returning as Concession Coordinator. The new Concessions Coordinator, Michelle Rambo, will start this month.

Volunteer Deposit Checks: Only two volunteer checks were deposited. The rest of the checks have been destroyed.

Committee Volunteers: Thank you to the following at-large members who have stepped up to volunteer for the 2008-2009 Season: Tournament Committee: Dion Gunderson, Greg Hedtke; Fundraising Committee: Paul Henderson; Team Picture Coordinator: Danelle McGraw. Still Needed: 1 Tournament Member, 2 Fundraising Members, and 1 S.K.A.T.E. Coordinator.

9) New Business

Waiver Request – Max Tylke: Tylke, a 9th Grader who attends Eastview High School but has one year of Bantam eligibility remaining, requested a waiver. Ken Dennis made a motion to grant the waiver, Guy Dawson seconded. Motion passed 8-3.

Grey-Zone Notification: Notification was received that Blake Longhenry intends to play Peewees for 08-09.

Jersey Committee Update: New jerseys have been ordered for one Squirt team and four Bantam teams, costing approximately \$5,900.

Registration Fees for 08-09: Fees will be proposed at the June meeting, pending some decisions regarding the IP program and Player Development.

Fundraisers: Golf Outing, Bowling, and Hockey Day plans are in process.

10) Announcements

Spring Roadside Cleanup: Saturday May 17 – 10am. Meet just off Connemara, near the cemetery.

RAHA Golf Tournament: Saturday May 24. See Rosemounthockey.org for details.

11) Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Anderson, seconded by Winters.

Next meeting Wednesday June 4, 2008.