

**Rosemount Area Hockey Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday November 5, 2008**

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

**Board Members Present:** Lalyn Anderson, Matt Berg, Jim Carlson, Troy Crowell, John Cusack, Guy Dawson, Ken Dennis, Kris Dupuis, Kevin Eiden, Kelly Sabo, Lynnae Weiland and Tim Winters

**Board Members Absent:** Paul Frank, Tim Rossini, Dallen Schnichels, Dean 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:** Michael Paradise, parent.

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

**3) Minutes** of the October 2, 2008 board meeting were approved 11-0. Motion by Cusack, seconded by Berg.

**4) Welcome Guests:**

**Michael Paradise:** Mr. Paradise inquired into the rationale of the board's denial of his son's waiver request (to D6- Prior Lake, who is "hosting" a St. Thomas Academy Bantam B team). The basis for the denial were explained and discussed.

**5) Reports from Board Liaisons:**

**RHS Boys Program - Scott Macho:** Tryouts are coming up. Teams will be posted November 18. They will participate in a tourney the following weekend, and then host Colorado Springs for a scrimmage at 7pm 11-28. The first game of the season will be 11-29 at Eagan. Skate with the Irish benefit for Peter Eigner is scheduled for 11-26, 7:00-8:30pm. Silent auction items are needed. Two websites to check for high school stats this season: Pointstreak.com, the official stats site for the MSHSL, and mnhockeyhub.com. High school players and coaches will be available to help out at some RAHA practices throughout the season.

**Ice Arena – Paul Haglund:** October billing was submitted. IP and Traveling ice is being separated for billing purposes to help RAHA's budgeting process. Ice arena staff commends RAHA players and coaches for staying off the ice as directed and for taking good care of the locker rooms.

**RYHB Boosters – Jen Berg:** The Squirt B and C Tournaments are coming up. A fundraiser is coming up at Buffalo Wild Wings in Apple Valley on Saturday December 6, 11am to 4pm. Another potential for revenue is Growhockey.com, a program which returns a percentage of online purchases to the Boosters. A more prominent display on the website might be helpful.

**RAHA Accountant – Doug Ebner:** A list of authorized purchasers at Westwood is needed. The list should include Crowell, Winters, Eiden and Sabo. Purchasers need to sign for any purchases. Eiden will submit the list to Westwood asap. The finance committee will meet monthly prior to board meetings at 6:15pm. A review/update of the team budget template will be done to improve clarity for teams next year.

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

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

**Peewee Coordinator – Guy Dawson:** Team expenses were discussed as there is concern for some teams whose payments have increased substantially from last season.

**Registration Coordinators – Kris DuPuis:** RAHA Traveling registration is complete other than a couple of items. REV registration is still in progress, and IP registration will take place around December 1.

It's recommended that a few extra jerseys be ordered for next season to provide all players with needed sizes at the Peewee and Bantam levels.

**Initiation Program – Jim Carlson and Kelly Sabo:** Volunteer hour exemption policy for IP coaches was reviewed. Mini Mite head coaches get full exemption. Mite head coaches get full exemption. One Mite assistant coach gets 5 hours of exemption.

Help is needed for IP Evaluations 11-15 and 11/16, particularly from board members who do not have players in the IP program. A schedule will be sent via email. IP Extra is full.

**Vice President/MN Hockey Rep – Tim Winters:** RAHA will host the D8 Bantam C and Peewee B2 District Tournaments in March.

**Girls Coordinator – Lalyn Anderson:** Tryouts went well. U14's have 15 skaters and 1 goalie. The 8U numbers are up to 22.

**Technology Coordinator – Ken Dennis:** All board members need to login and submit the request for their volunteer exemption. Level Coordinators need to submit a list of all exempt people at their level to Beth Buck so she knows who is exempt and for the number of hours.

From the registration perspective, Hockey Day went very well. To improve the timing even more, Dennis suggested that next season all registration paperwork be submitted the Saturday before Hockey Day so that official rosters could be given to teams on hockey day.

If anyone submits an item for the website and it doesn't appear within a day or two, please contact Ken. Some items have not been showing up in the system in a timely manner.

Ken would like to find a person to volunteer to be the Website Story Editor.

It is recommended that level coordinators book hotel rooms when they apply for tournaments in order to avoid teams being locked into tournaments and having no available hotel rooms.

**Coaches Coordinator – John Cusack:** Non-parent coach payments were proposed. Cusack made a motion to approve non-parent coach payments as proposed, with the U16/Jr. Gold coach payments to be addressed at a later time. Seconded by Dennis. Motion approved 13-0.

**Tournament Coordinator/Equipment – Kevin Eiden:** The Thanksgiving Tournament needs one more Bantam C and 3 Peewee C teams. It might make sense to consider hosting a tournament for different levels next year, as there are 3 BC/PC tournaments going on that weekend in our area.

Goalie equipment has been signed out. People who want to use it during the spring, summer and fall off-season will need to check it out and pay a small fee.

7) **Consent Agenda Items: None**

8) **Old Business:**

**a. Hockey Day Wrap-up:** Hockey Day was a fun event, both at the arena and at the Legion. Plans will be made to continue this new "tradition". Thanks to all who put in time and effort to make this a great event!

9) **New Business:**

**a. Pull Tabs/ Pull Tab Manager:** Thanks to Matt Kearney for many hours spent helping RAHA get pull tabs up established in a few local restaurant/bars. Some hurdles remain, but progress has been made. To comply with state regulations, RAHA needs to establish the position of Gambling Manager as an appointed, non-voting member of the board. Cusack made a motion to add an appointed, non-voting position of Gambling Manager to the RAHA board. Seconded by Eiden. Motion approved 13-0.

**b. Player Development Plan**

**c. U16/Jr. Gold** – Paul Frank will be coordinator. A coach is in place for either U16 or Jr. Gold.

**d. Thanksgiving Tournament** – addressed in Eiden's report.

**\*\*e. Player Waiver Request – Sebastian Paradise:** Waiver denied 13-2 (Dawson and DuPuis)

**\*\* Item addressed via online vote November 3, 2008.**

10) **Announcements:** Boys Varsity Fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings Saturday Nov. 15, noon- 4pm.

11) **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Dennis, seconded by Dawson. Motion approved 13-0.