

**Rosemount Area Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday March 4, 2009**

***See Addendum to Meeting Minutes following the Minutes**

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, Guy Dawson, Ken Dennis, Kris Dupuis, Kevin Eiden, Paul Frank, Tim Rossini, Kelly Sabo, Dallen Schnichels, Dean Schnichels, Lynnae Weiland, Tim Winters.

Board Members Absent: Pete Conlin (non-voting), John Cusack

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

2) Additions to the Agenda: None

3) Minutes of the February 4, 2009 board meeting were approved 14-0, pending a clarification in Paul Frank's report. Motion by Rossini, seconded by Frank.

4) Guests Present: None

5) Reports from Board Liaisons:

RHS Boys Program - Scott Macho: Boys HS season has concluded. RAHA is replacing missing stick handling balls. Coaches are encouraged to help keep PDA area clean after use. Plans for STP are being finalized with RCC and the Pond. Details available soon- link will be posted on the website. RAHA teams are encouraged to play the toughest schedules they can to help prepare them for the level of competition they will play in high school. RAHA Coaches would like to see Rosemount coaches wearing Rosemount jackets on the ice, as opposed to other local hockey programs. The changes being considered by MSHSL regarding conferences and number of games will remain unchanged for the 2009-2010 season.

Ice Arena – Paul Haglund: There is a scheduling discrepancy with D8 on the Saturday games, but Winters will discuss with Rak. Quote for the RCC sound system upgrades- \$1,502. Boosters will cover half of it, the Blue Line Club plans to contribute along with the city on the remainder. The city will be installing 6 Koala changing stations (\$180 each) throughout RCC.

RAHA Ice Scheduler – Tom Schultz: Nothing to report

RYHB Boosters – Jen Berg: Boosters are giving stick-handling balls to every player as a gift. An anonymous letter was presented requesting that RAHA only give trophies or medals to Mites and Mini Mites at the end of their season. The Boosters will donate treats/drinks for IP Finale. RAHA Directories are being distributed to Managers.

RAHA Accountant – Doug Ebner: Team accounts are being reconciled. He has settled up with REV. The finance committee discussed the goal of holding the line on costs to our families, if not lowering them next season. Team budgets will be simplified and clarified for next season. Pull tabs have been grossing \$500 to \$1,000 per week to this point. Crowell added that when the booth opens with 6 additional boxes, the plan is to staff it noon to close Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The two behind the bar will remain open the rest of the time.

6) Reports from Board Members and Committees:

Peewee Coordinator – Guy Dawson: Peewee A and Peewee B1 seasons are completed. B2 and C teams have districts in two weeks.

Squirt Coordinator – Dean Schnichels: A's and B's both did well in Fargo. Final team budget reconciliations are being completed.

Bantam Coordinator – Paul Frank: Teams are finishing up. Allocation of Phase 2 tryout ice was discussed. The timing of locking in the Bantam A coach for next season was discussed. It will be addressed with the “new” board.

Registration/Traveling Jersey Coordinators – Matt Berg/Kris Dupuis: All managers books need to be collected and turned into level coordinators who will then give them to Registration until next season. The jerseys will be collected and checked. Another set of Peewee jerseys may be needed for next season. Berg announced that he will not be returning to the RAHA Board for the upcoming year.

Initiation Program – Kelly Sabo/Jim Carlson: Thanks to Matt Berg for his huge contributions to the IP level and for his work on the board. Jamborees have been going well for all levels. IP Finale plans are nearly complete. A pig roast will be held at the Pond as a season end celebration for IP. Families will buy tickets to cover the cost.

Vice President/MN Hockey Rep – Tim Winters: Summary transmittals need to be sent to Rak. There has been discussion at the district level regarding gate fees for District tournaments. It is possible that the Jr. Gold team which has included both IGH and Rosemount players may come under the Rosemount umbrella next season. Discussion of improving the way D8 tournament dates are posted on stickstats was discussed.

Girls Coordinator – Lalyn Anderson: REV surveys went out and participation has been good. The data will be compiled for review. 14UA team made it to Regionals. Their first game is Friday. Next year RHS plans to have a JV team, which will allow 7th and 8th Grade girls to participate. This will affect RAHA most at the 14U level, where we will likely not have a team, and it may impact the 12U teams as well.

Technology Coordinator – Ken Dennis: 33 families still need to complete their volunteer hours. Those on the list that are exempt need to go into the system to get their credit. End of season online surveys will go this weekend. Please send Ken any items/questions you would like included. Last year’s online IP survey will be sent to everyone so you can use that as a basis. Some of the new programs and successes RAHA’s had this season should be presented at the General Membership Meeting.

Player Development Coordinator – Tim Rossini: There will be a meeting tomorrow night for the Player Development Committee to discuss Yuro, ice scheduling to benefit development goals, off-ice training, goalie development plans and more.

Operations Manager – Dallen Schnichels: Raffle completed. The grand prize (\$500) winner was Mary Ann Fox. We can schedule a bowling event for the fall sometime soon if we’re interested in doing that again. A couple of people have inquired about the possibilities of sponsor names on jerseys. Dallen announced that he will not be seeking re-election to the board.

Tournament/ Equipment Coordinator – Kevin Eiden: Cusack requested some left-handed goalie equipment. Kevin will inventory all the socks before leaving the board. It’s noted that this season’s socks were of poor quality. All team equipment will be collected prior to the General Membership Meeting from 5:00 to 7:00pm, Tuesday March 31 outside the RCC Auditorium. This includes jerseys, water bottles and racks, pucks, puck bags, first aid kits, etc. Some very dated goalie equipment was sold for \$70. The money will go to buy prizes for the SKATE Recognition Event.

The Tournament Committee met to discuss the direction for next season and they recommend holding a 10UB/12UB Tournament Thanksgiving weekend, instead of the Bantam C/Peewee C that we’ve held for many years. The change is in response to an overabundance of tournaments for BC/PC held in our area that weekend. The Committee recommends leaving the fee structure the same. Preparations are well underway for the D8 Tournaments starting here 3/14. Kevin announced that he will not be seeking re-election to the board, but left some parting recommendations regarding his position. He thinks it would be beneficial to move the equipment portion of it to the Registration positions. He also recommends that if there are 30 or more 8U’s, that teams should be formed into A/B levels. Thanks to Amy Ginter for all her work with 8U’s this season. Thanks to the board for starting and supporting the 8U program this year.

Secretary/ Communications – Lynnae Weiland: The Annual General Membership Meeting and Board Election is scheduled for Tuesday March 31, 2009, at the RCC Auditorium. Election will be held from 6pm to 7pm followed by the meeting, which begins at 7pm. Team equipment collection will be held from 5-7pm. Anyone interested in running for the board needs to submit their application (found on the website) no later than Friday 3/27. The RAHA Handbook hard copy and online will be updated to reflect any changes needed.

- 7) **Consent Agenda Items: None**
- 8) **Old Business:**
 - a. **Injured Player Payments 2009-2010:** The committee will meet and formulate a plan.
 - b. **District Tournaments:** Addressed by Kevin Eiden in his report.
 - c. **Board Member Terms:** Due to the imbalance in the number of board member terms up for re-election this spring, and the mid-term departure of Matt Berg, Ken Dennis made the motion to make the position vacated by Berg a two-year term for his replacement. Lalyn Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 14-0.
- 9) **New Business:** The following topics were covered in board member reports.
 - a. **Volunteer Hour Recap** (Technology Coordinator – Ken Dennis)
 - b. **General Membership Meeting** (Secretary/Communications – Lynnae Weiand)
 - c. **Season Wrap-up--jerseys, ice payments, etc.** (RAHA Accountant – Doug Ebner and Registration – Kris Dupuis)
- 10) **Announcements:** General Membership Meeting – March 31, 2009
- 11) **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Dennis, seconded by Frank. Approved 14-0.

***ADDENDUM to March Minutes**

The Following Motion was made by Lynnae Weiand via email Thursday March 12, 2009:

"I propose that we set the RAHA Gambling Manager salary at \$400/month effective immediately. The Gambling Manager would be paid for March 2009, and continue receiving \$400/month on a month-to-month basis that is automatically renewed the first day of each month unless RAHA or the Gambling Manager notify the other in writing and/or RAHA suspends its gambling operations."

Second by Paul Frank. Motion approved 15-0.