

# RYHB Meeting Minutes – December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Attendees:** Jen Berg, Anne Thurston, Kerri DuPuis, Susan Carter, Shelly Conlin, Kirsten Aurelius-Jagoe

**Secretary's Report:** November minutes presented. Susan motioned to approve, Shelly 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** December report presented: beginning balance 11/11/08 \$19,403.40, ending balance 12/9/08 \$18,142.80. Anne motioned to approve, Susan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Approved. Jennifer presented a \$50 donation from a relative.

## Old Business:

**RAHA/Booster Directory:** Kirsten reported on the ads received for the directory. The directory is almost ready to print. We will check Staples "Quick Quote" program. Susan bought a stapler; we can now staple our own directories and programs. FYI- Staples prints posters for \$3.00

**Tournament Update:** Susan received a lot of positive comments on the tournament for having no gate fee (which resulted in bigger crowds), and they liked the three day tournament instead of two games in one day. We had a couple of glitches with the tournament t-shirts. The printer misunderstood when we said we needed 60 t-shirts over the two weekends. We were going to have B & C teams listed on the back. The printer printed just the C teams the first week and printed 60 t-shirts. There was an increase in expenses for EMT's. Their total went up \$240 over last year (\$10/game increase). The cost for referees also increased. The district approved a \$4 increase for refs, which totaled a \$96 increase. The wood bag tags were nice, but the expense was \$100 over last year. The total increase over last year was \$711. The Hot Dog Trophy~ the trophy for the first weekend wasn't quite what we were looking for. The trophy company replaced the trophy for the second weekend for something more appropriate. Shelly brought up that when we submit for volunteer needs, we need to be able to ask for experienced timekeepers only. There were several timekeepers that had never run the clock before, and during a tournament we really need to have experienced timekeepers. Also, the volunteer schedule for part of the weekend was off because game times were changed. Susan called all the volunteers whose hours were affected to re-schedule them, however, when the confirmation e-mails were sent out, they had the wrong times on them, and many volunteers went by what their e-mail said.

**GrowHockey.com:** Jen reported that we made \$45.28. In November we had 210 visits and 11 purchases made through GrowHockey.com. We'll have a link put on the RAHA Website under the links tab.

**Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser:** Kerri reported that we made \$335.45 in five hours. Even though we put out several requests for volunteers, only one family volunteered to greet our supporters at Buffalo Wild Wings.

**Carbone's Fundraiser:** Kerri handed out coupons. This is an effortless fundraiser. If it goes well, Carbone's might be willing to let us run it again in a couple of months.

**Team Magnets:** Teams didn't know where the magnets came from. After a second e-mail to the level coordinators, word started getting out to the teams. It's important that people know what the Boosters do, and when we make purchases for our players and teams its important for our association members to know the Boosters made the donation. Some of the magnets were defaced as a result of the teams not knowing that they were purchased by the Boosters, and that they were to return them at the end of the season.

**Merchandise Update / Sale Dates:** Anne and Tammy will do a merchandise sale on 12/13 from 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. We'll post it on the Website, and possibly e-mail it to the association. Still no confirmation on the air brushed hat guy. The new RAHA travel mugs should be arriving on the 17<sup>th</sup>. They'll be \$20 each, and we'll take a list of names. We'll be getting merchandise from Westwood for the sale.

**Board Update:** About \$2000 was raised for CHECK. Registration numbers are up over last year. Pete Conlin is the new gambling manager. The Thanksgiving tournament was filled at the last minute.

## New Business:

**Bulletin Board:** Anne received the photos and will post them this weekend. The PWC team photo is missing; Danelle is getting us a copy for the board. We're also missing photos from the girls' teams, the IP teams, and the 8U's. The IP and 8U's will be getting their pictures taken in January.

**Giving Back:** Several suggestions were given on ways the Boosters could give back to the association. Paul, the arena manager, suggested a new sound system for the arena. The current one has broken buttons. We'd like to see something I-Pod compatible. Smaller cones and tires, similar to what is available at The Pond. A new safety heater in the PDA room would be appreciated by many. We could use TV monitors in the rink area, which would give locker room assignments, could list events, and highlight players who have moved on to play college and pro hockey. Diaper changing tables in the restrooms are another possibility. We're looking at possibilities for year end player gifts- water bottles, mouth guards, stick handling balls.

Next meeting is Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009