

## RYHB Meeting Minutes – August 12th, 2008

**Attendees:** Jen Berg, Lynn Sweetman, Anne Thurston, Kerri DuPuis, Susan Carter, Theresa Barck, Lori Hall, Lea Harpster, Shelly Conlin

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

**Treasurer's Report:** August report presented: beginning balance 7/8/08 \$11,867.54, ending balance 8/12/08 \$11,790.64. Susan motioned to approve, Anne 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Approved.

**Assistant Tournament Director:** Jen introduced out new Assistant Tournament Director, Shelly Conlin. Welcome, Shelly!

**Tournament Update:** Susan presented a "To-Do" list for the 2008 Squirt Tournament. The tournament is normally full or nearly full by now. There are currently three B teams and two C teams registered, including Rosemount, out of 16 openings. Susan thinks the gate fee on the ad is a deterrent, and that we should take off the ad in 2009, but leave it on the application. We are at the high end of Squirt tournament fees (most are \$500, PW & B normally \$600). We might need another \$210 ad to get more applications. Do we have competition with other tournaments? Most associations don't have contacts posted yet, but we will contact via e-mail as they are available to get teams registered. No need for concern until October!

**Leprechaun Days:** Anne reported that it was very chaotic, with kids and some adults throwing freeze pops and difficult to keep kids behind the trailer. At one point we were stopped by the parade marshal to have the kids stop throwing the freeze pops. Next year we should try to get a bull horn to get "rules" across to kids. Also it was suggested we have the kids work in shifts- first the mini-mites hand out pops, then the mites, etc, so we don't have hundreds being handed out in same small area, and to have the parents helping control the kids rather than handing out freeze pops. Out of 35 boxes of freeze pops (7000 pops), 7 boxes will fit in one big cooler. Susan suggested that next year we have parent volunteers take shifts going to the arena and freezing the pops. They would need to be let into the freezer room by the concession stand. One of the large hockey sticks for decorating the float broke- Kerri DuPuis said Kris could make one, or Theresa Barck said her brother could make one. Kristi Anderson was able to provide foil balloons for us, filled with helium, for \$1.00 each, so we were able to cancel the helium tank and just ordered 44 balloons (half blue, half green). The table skirts were destroyed by the end of the parade, so we'll need new ones next year. Mark Peare's company, Nu Look, made vinyl banners to hang on the truck (and to use in the arena to announce registration). The Pond provided flyers advertising our registration and the new rink; the flyers were handed out along the parade route.

**Merchandise Update / Sale Dates:** We will have merchandise at all major events. The online ordering is now up and running. We will be posting the online ordering cutoff dates. 20% of all proceeds go back to the boosters. Anne and Kerri have purchased enough fabric for 18 blankets, which are currently being embroidered. Anne will continue looking for fabric at reasonable prices to make the additional 57 blankets we want ready for sales.

**School Open Houses / Ice Time:** 8/27 the Boosters will have tables set up at the school open houses (Parkview, Rosemount, Shannon Park, and Red Pine) that primarily feed RHS. Shelly volunteered to make a flyer to hand out with how to register, FAQ's, Website info, time commitment, cost, gear cost, and some comparisons to other youth activities. Anne will get logos and FAQ's to Shelly.

**Fundraising Update:** Kerri presented a flyer for BWW; on 12/6 we can hand out at the Squirt tournament. People going into BWW between 11:00 and 4:00 with the flyer will have 15% of their food purchases donated to RYHB. She will check to see if the new Eagan location will do the same.

**Board Update:** Jen reported that Matt Kearney discussed possibilities for a second sheet of ice (Rosemount does not currently have adding a second sheet of ice in their 5 year plan). The Central Park ice rink could be modified to be similar to the Roseville Oval, we could join forces with Farmington and Eastview to build a community rink, The Pond could possibly become a full size rink, SKB has access to a dome which would cover 3 sheets of ice, and COH Church could possibly build an ice arena. The IP Parent meeting is scheduled for 10/20. Doug Ebner presented a budget for the Boosters for 2008-2009. Jen will look into where the numbers came from. Doug also requested we write checks directly to the business we are purchasing from, rather than reimbursing Boosters who have made purchases. The Irish Clinic only has openings at the Bantam level. Jen also passed out a list of important RAHA dates.

**Roadside Clean-Up:** Our next clean-up date is 10/4. There is still a sign on Hwy 52 by the refinery- who maintains that section? Should the sign be removed?

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008