

**Rosemount Area Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday September 3, 2008**

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

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

Board Members Absent: Matt Berg, Kevin Eiden

Board Liaisons Present: Mike Capra and Tom Schultz, Ice schedulers; Jen Berg, RYHB President; Tracy Engstrom, RHS Girls Head Coach; Scott Macho, RHS Boys Head Coach; Kevin Riley, RHS Girls Program Liaison; Doug Ebner, RAHA Accountant.

Guests Present: Jeff Humble, Bantam A Coach; Landon Vath, RHS Girls Blue Line Club President;

2) Additions to the Agenda: None

3) Minutes of the August 6, 2008 board meeting were approved 13-0. Motion by Dennis, seconded by Anderson.

4) Welcome Guests:

Landon Vath: The Blue Line Club is planning two skating events designed to encourage the growth of our youth girls program. Dates are Sept. 13 and following Captains Practice Oct. 13. RAHA will forward an email to its membership with event details. They will be looking to RAHA families to help supply used equipment for the girls to borrow so that new girls can try hockey without having to purchase a full set of equipment. The equipment can be returned following the events.

5) Reports from Board Liaisons:

RHS Boys Program - Scott Macho: STP went well. The Conboy brothers were a great addition to the program and plan to participate in it next summer along with Tom Preissing. The RHS Boys will host Colorado Springs for their season opener. A slide board has been added to the training room.

RHS Girls Program: - Tracy Engstrom: STP went well. Thanks to the RHS Boys staff for all the support. This season, tryouts for the RHS Girls program will be for grades 7-12. A JV team will be formed if numbers support it. Kids should be registered with RAHA in case they don't make a high school team.

Ice Schedulers – Mike Capra and Tom Schultz: 660 hours have been finalized with the Pond. Weekend start times will be 7:15am to 9:45pm. Weekday start times will be 5:15pm – 9:00pm. We have 10 hours at Wakota. Schedules are completed through October.

RYHB Boosters – Jen Berg: Elementary school open houses were held on August 27. The online purchase of RAHA merchandise is now up and running on the RAHA website. Roadside Cleanup is scheduled for the morning of Saturday October 4. A fundraiser will be held at Buffalo Wild Wings in Apple Valley on Saturday December 6, 11am to 4pm.

RAHA Accountant – Doug Ebner: Indemnity Policies are in place for Doug Ebner, Dallen Schnichels and Michelle Rambo. Work with level coordinators on team budgets is in progress. Cusack made a motion to approve the Proposed 2008-2009 Budget pending the following adjustments being made:

- 1)** 102.1 to 102.2 - \$12,000 Team Entry Fee;
- 2)** 131.1 to 131.2 – \$10,500 Team Entry Fee;
- 3)** 132.1 to 132.2 - \$14,000 Team Entry Fee;
- 4)** Add Line 253.5 - \$960 Tryout Jerseys;

Seconded by Dennis. Motion approved 13-0.

6) Reports from Board Members and Committees:

Secretary-Communications – Lynnae Weiland: Reminder to all board members: Check your mailboxes at the arena frequently.

Bantam Coordinator – Paul Frank: The Northern Tour (Nov. 14-16) plans have changed slightly. Bantam A and Peewee A teams will play Hibbing Friday night, Eveleth and Grand Rapids on Saturday, and Hermantown Sunday. On Thursday October 2nd, Bantam and Squirt tryout sessions have been switched. Phase Two of Bantam and Peewee Tryouts will be completed on October 9, instead of 10th. Tryout procedures, rules and responsibilities for board members were reviewed. Refs have been coordinated for tryouts. The Boosters will be contacted to arrange the Evaluators Lunch. The checkbook will be needed for tryouts.

Operations Manager/Fundraising – Dallen Schnichels: 175 families received their raffle tickets. The rest will be sent out in small batches as player register. The Bowling Event is this Saturday Sept. 6. A final email reminder will be sent.

Peewee Coordinator – Guy Dawson: Almost all tournaments have been confirmed.

Registration Coordinators – Kris DuPuis: The final walk-in registration will be held Monday September 8, 6-8pm, on the upper concourse at RCC. The white jersey order is complete. The blue jerseys will be done soon.

Initiation Program – Jim Carlson and Kelly Sabo: The Mandatory IP Parent Meeting will be held Monday October 20 at the Rosemount Community Center (RCC) Auditorium at 6:30 for Mini Mites and 7:30 for Mites. Jerseys and socks will be handed out. Retention of players in our local program was discussed. IP Extra has a great deal of interest. Preliminary plans are for 2 Monday sessions and 2 Tuesday sessions.

Squirt Coordinator – Dean Schnichels: Almost all tournaments have been confirmed. The hour of ice set aside for a possible mite move-up tryout, IF NEEDED, has been changed to October 4, 9:45am.

Vice President/MN Hockey Rep – Tim Winters: District 8 will stay with the 4/12 rule (minimum 4 hours between games/12 hours overnight), while other districts are switching to a 3/10 rule. Ref Clinics are coming up at Wakota. The District needs additional refs. Coaches certification clinics and District Game Scheduling Meetings are posted on Stickstats. A new “no noisemakers” rule is now in effect in D8. We need a U16 RAHA Coordinator. USA Hockey is looking into doing online background checks for a \$7 fee. This may start next season. The district is considering measures to retain players in local programs. D8 is looking for a District Peewee Coordinator. RAHA needs to name an ACE Coordinator for this season.

Girls Coordinator – Lalyn Anderson: The following REV teams will likely be formed: 1 – 14U A; Three 12U teams (1-A, 2-B); Three 10U teams (1-A, 2-B). Tito Elumba, D8 Girls Coordinator will place the teams in D8 or D6. The girls tryout schedule has been updated online.

Technology Coordinator – Ken Dennis: News from the USA Hockey Meeting: The district informed us we could not have refs on the ice until the teams were officially rostered. Girls team names are now 14U, 12U, 10U and 8U to more accurately describe the age level.

Coaches Coordinator – John Cusack: Craig Brown and Warren Jackson no longer plan to coach for RAHA this season. Kevin Riley has been added to the list of potential Peewee coaches. A majority of coaching assignments will be determined based on the results of tryouts.

Player Development – Tim Rossini: Irish Clinic is going well. Depending on interest and ice availability, a Breakfast Club may be started this season for Squirts.

- 7) **Consent Agenda Items: None**
- 8) **Old Business:** The Proposed 2008-2009 Budget was addressed during RAHA Accountant's report.
- 9) **New Business:**
 - a. **Tryouts:** Boys and Girls Tryouts were addressed during Bantam and Girls Reports.
 - b. **Registration Update:** Current numbers were reviewed and are subject to change.
 - **** c. **Player Waiver Request - Ryan Moline:** Waiver denied 15-0, with the stipulation that an explanation of the waiver policy is provided for the family.
 - **** **Item addressed via online vote September 15, 2008.**
- 10) **Announcements: None**
- 11) **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Carlson, seconded by Dennis. Motion approved 13-0.