

The Rockford Hockey Association (RHA) Board of Directors met Monday, September 26, 2016 at 8:00PM at Cedar Rock Sports Plex. The meeting was called to order at 8:06 pm by Craig McPhee.

**Roll Call:**

PRESENT: Craig McPhee, Erin Weber, Tom Marchlewski, Dave Ezell, Donielle Austin, Casey LaMore, Ken Sergott, Dennis Santos

ABSENT: Ryan Seauvageau, Chuck Veen, Jason Hodel

GUEST(S):

**Meeting Minutes:** August meetings approved.

**Open Membership Forum:** N/A

**Committee Reports:**

**MAHA** – Jason Hodel – per C. McPhee – September MAHA meeting was in Ann Arbor. RHA is set with MAHA to start the season. Very few teams bid to host MAHA district tournaments; bids that did come in were fairly high.

**ADRAY** – Dennis Santos – Approved adding Traverse City PeeWee to ADRAY West. Rule change regarding no-play next game penalty – it will be the next game scheduled at the time of the infraction. October 2 is the scheduling meeting. Check \$175/team payable ACHL; bring to scheduling meeting. Bring 70 copies of house team contacts list (coaches, team manager). K. Sergott will get check and copies. Team managers need to scan schedule info (specifically game numbers) and send to D. Santos (home games only). We will host the PeeWee Silver tournament in February. No opting out of the ADRAY tournament. E. Weber will scan documents from D. Santos and distribute to the board. D. Ezell will send house contact information to D. Santos.

**Marketing/Growth** – Casey LaMore –

- Harvest Fest 2017 – RHA will do trick-or-treating rather than have a booth. C. LaMore will follow-up with Chamber for participation options.
- Looking into yard signs for THFF.
- Play it Again Sports will be at THFF.
- Need volunteers for November 12 THFF (on/off ice)
- LTS/LTP – We still need someone to be the off-ice point of contact/coordinator each week. Looking for suggestions. C. LaMore will reach out to possibilities. Per D. Ezell, Mark Izzard creating an expectations sheet for parents.
- Will follow-up on CRSP stick and puck vouchers from

**Policies/Compliance** – No report.

**Director Reports:**

**General Manager/Ice** – Chuck Veen (via email) –Ice Schedule is looking good. Trophy cabinet name tags are ordered. When all is said and done we will have made about \$500 on cabinet donations.

Fouchea gift cards have been delivered; adding a large plaque recognizing their efforts. Cleanliness of the rink has been discussed with Rick. Rubber in storage room will be completed soon. Chuck Veen will be the interface with our ref scheduler.

**Coaching Commissioner** – Dave Ezell – Jason Hodel is the lead for the Mites program. Dave Bina will handle the scheduling. LTS/LTP is 1–3pm starting this weekend. Moving Rec League start date to after Thanksgiving (December 2, starting at 5:30pm). D. Ezell will be at LTS/LTP. C. LaMore will send follow-up email to registrants before the start. For JV team, storage room key is with Josh Smith (team manager). Skills sessions starting Sunday, October 9 (bi-weekly after that); D. Ezell will create practice plans and request help from all the coaches. Continuing to organize RHA storage. Purchased puck bags and water bottles/carrier for coaches who don't have these items. Would like to join C. McPhee in meeting with the new Rockford HS coach. We need to have a girls locker room. Need to set expectation

with the coach, players, and parents to ensure all players are together (e.g., all players ready 15 minutes prior to ice time). House jerseys will be delivered first week of October. Confirmed pay for Mark Izzard.

**Treasurer** – Ryan Seauvageau – Update from C. McPhee – C. McPhee now gets a copy of each check written. All checks reconciled for the end of the FY (ended 5/31). In touch with our accountant regarding tax return. Still working out the kinks with the upgraded version of QuickBooks.

**Registrar** – Tom Marchlewski – All travel team rosters are done. Finishing up house team rosters. K. Sergott presented a play-up request for Chase Lavarelle (2009) to play Squirt B; unanimously approved by board.

**Secretary** – Erin Weber – Please think about venue options for annual meeting. We have outgrown 5/3 Ball Park. Ideally would like a location to hold at least 300 people and allow us to bring in our own food. Positions up for election are as follows: General Manager, Secretary, Registrar, Member-at-Large (Casey LaMore and Ken Sergott seats); please think about nominees for these positions.

**President** – Craig McPhee –

**Members at Large** –

Donielle Austin – Hat Trick Raffle for this season; need to determine time frame for selling (Jan and Feb) and drawing (March). D. Austin will order apparel for board members.

Casey LaMore – No report.

Ken Sergott – Talked with J. Messina after last Thursday's practice. Joe Messina sent an email to the coaches assigning specific goalie coach to each team. Trying to work with our coaches to ensure they are using the goalie coach effectively. K. Sergott will reconnect with coaches to establish expectations.

**Old Business.**

**Golf Outing Debrief** – C. McPhee said it was a great success; special thanks to Casey LaMore, Donielle Austin, and Annie Malafa for their hard work. Positive feedback. After expenses, raised just over \$7,000. Consider moving it earlier to the first weekend after Labor Day. Purchase mulligans and string for putts as an additional fundraiser. Next step is the administration of the fund (application, qualifications, etc.).

**New Business.**

JV Tournament (Rams Invitational) – Discussed concerns of a tournament not officially sponsored by RAMS Hockey but eluded to such sponsorship in tournament title. Issue arose via an email from a concerned parent from a visiting team; it was sent to J. Hodel (MAHA Rep), who shared with the board. C. McPhee addressed concerns with C. Davis (JV Coach) and will also respond to the concerned parent on behalf of RAMS Hockey stating that the JV tournament was not sponsored by the Association but by CRSP.

**Communication.**

Upcoming Board Meetings:

Conference call – Monday, October 10, 2016 at 8:30pm

Board meeting – Monday, October 24, 2016 at 8:00pm at Cedar Rock Sports Plex

Meeting adjourned at 10:46pm by Craig McPhee.