

**December 2025**

**Rushmore Hockey Association General Membership Meeting**

**Date: 12/8/25**

**Time: 6:00pm**

**Location: Thunderdome**

Board Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Brad Eggers	X		
Dan Krohn		X	
Brad Lee		X	
Cody Minnerath			X
Dave Bender	X		
Domnick Janitell	X		
Joelle Neutzling	X		
House Representative		X	
Loren Jensen	X		
Megan Archer	X		
Rebecca Mann			X
Sean O'Connor	X		
Shannon Wirth	X		

Motion	First:	Second:	Time:
<b>Call General Meeting to Order:</b>	Brad Eggers	Sean O'Connor	6:00
<b>Previous Meeting Minutes Approval:</b>	David Bender	Domnick Janitell	
<b>Meeting Agenda Approval:</b>	David Bender	Joelle Neutzling	
<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	Sean O'Connor	Domnick Janitell	7:45pm

Important Upcoming Event:	Date:
January Board Meeting	January 12 <sup>th</sup> 2026

Report	Discussion	Follow Up
Presidents Report: Brad Eggers	<p><b>Justin Williams:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Justin Williams, Squirt coach, attended the meeting and expressed interest in joining the board. Justin is an attorney who works for the City of RC and has previously served as legal counsel for several boards. He also has an MBA and a business background.</li> <li>Justin is potentially interested in taking on the Treasurer position, which is currently vacant due to short notice resignation of our past Treasurer, Sandra Weaver.</li> <li>He has experience reviewing contracts for the City and could assist with reviewing RHA contracts as needed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Registration Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration closed with 330 participants, which represents about a 1% growth over the previous season. Our organization is one of the few in the state that has seen growth this season.</li> <li>Watertown has also experienced similar growth.</li> </ul> <p><b>State Nomination:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Dan Petereit has been nominated by Dick Novak as a Builder for the RHA program.</li> <li>Dr. Petereit is an original member of the organization and has made significant contributions to RHA over the years.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This nomination needs to go through the state process for approval.</li> </ul> <p><b>Financial Aid:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The financial aid program has stayed within the allocated budget for the season, with around \$200-\$300 remaining.</li> <li>Aid was provided to 10 House players, 1 Mites player, and 2 Travel players.</li> </ul>	
House Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was no official representative for the House division.</li> </ul>	
Mites: Michelle Valco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brad Eggers reports that there are currently 102 mites with a birth year of 2017 and up. Last year there were 98. This season 27 mites moved to squirts/house. There are 31 new mites this year. About 1/3 of those players are girls.</li> <li>Girls Try Hockey for Free was very successful, after this event 7 girls registered with RHA.</li> <li>Michelle Valco has given the invoice for the Miles City tournament and their jerseys to Shannon Wirth.</li> </ul>	
Strategic Planning:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meetings are now every other Wednesday at 7:30pm. Anyone is welcome to join the meetings. Reach out to Brad Eggers for the Zoom link.</li> </ul>	
New RHA Travel Jerseys: Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The travel jerseys are nearing the end of their usability, and a generous donation of \$10,000 has been made toward replacing them.</li> <li>A committee will be formed to help design and implement the new jerseys for next season.</li> <li>David Bender will ask Monique Schneider if she would be willing to take on the role of coordinating the new jerseys. Monique is the new jersey coordinator.</li> <li>Once committee is established Coaches will be consulted for input on the design and logistics. Guidelines from the board may be needed to ensure the design process is smoother than in previous years.</li> <li>If the cost exceeds \$10,000, cost may need to be approved by the trustees.</li> <li>Loren Jensen recommends implementing a new policy that would assign players a number for their entire RHA career. Many other organizations use this model and it has proven success.</li> <li>The goal will be to have jerseys purchased and policy (if needed) in place by the beginning of the 2026/2027 season.</li> </ul>	
Financial Report: Shannon Wirth	<p><b>Credit Card Policy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shannon Wirth presented a new credit card policy to the board. Volunteers who are not board members will not be allowed to have credit cards. Cards will be checked out by the Treasurer and will have an approval process in place for all purchases. The policy outlines what is allowed, how receipts are handled, and how cards should be returned. The board will need to approve this policy before it can be rolled out. Shannon Wirth will send this out for the board via Team Reach. Board will vote via Team Reach. If adjustments need to be made, this can be done. Policy will be written very similar to current operations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Miscellaneous Funding Policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A proposal for a miscellaneous Funding policy was introduced, requiring board approval for any requests outside the normal budget. This policy will ensure transparency and accountability in spending. A form will need to be filled out, including cost, impact, and justification for the expenditure. The board will review each request on a case-by-case basis. This will also be sent out via email for board review.</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Hiring an Accounting Firm:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shannon Wirth proposed hiring Sage Creek Accounting and Consulting for accounting services at a cost of \$950 per month. Shannon states that it is very apparent that the accounting job requires someone with an accounting background and requires a significant amount of time. Shannon has approached Sage Creek about taking on RHA as a client. This would help ensure consistent handling of the organization's finances, including taxes, year-over-year accounting practices, and overall financial management. Sandra Weaver is the owner of Sage Creek Accounting and Consulting. Sage Creek has written up a 6-page proposal outlining what this job entails. After further discussion the board feels that Sage Creek would be a good option but would like to see if there are any other firms interested in taking on the job prior to signing with them. Shannon will summarize the proposal so it can be submitted to other firms. Shannon states that the bylaws must be fixed prior to bringing on a different company.</li> <li>Motion to employ Sage Creek Accounting as interim accounting company for RHA though March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Additional firms to be considered and must submit a Request for Proposal (RFP) no later than February 1<sup>st</sup> 2026. RHA board will vote on RFP accounting firm at the March 2026 meeting. Motion made by Sean O'Connor, seconded by Domnick Janitell. The motion passed.</li> </ul>	
Black Hills Surgical Hospital Contract: Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chris Dietrich has approached RHA to resign their agreement. This document is not available for review currently. When the contract is available Brad Eggers will bring it to the board, specifically Brad Lee to review.</li> </ul>	
Facilities Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report given at tonight's meeting. No issues to report.</li> </ul>	
Summer Rink Use: Shannon Wirth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Rapid City Raptor proposal has not gotten a final review from within RHA yet. Shannon has been in talks with the club president; they are very interested and happy with the proposed rate. No contract has been signed yet.</li> </ul>	
FedEx: Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FedEx plans to build a shipping facility on the land to the west of the dome. Sean O'Connor will be the public relations facilitator with FedEx. Sean will look into options for paving our parking lot in partnership with FedEx. RHA could potentially lease the lot during the summer months.</li> </ul>	
Tournaments: Joelle Neutzling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The recent Squirt tournament was deemed a success, with the Mandan team winning the tournament.</li> <li>Colorado Springs expressed interest in bringing 3 teams for a future tournament,</li> <li>Ryan Cathcart was praised for going above and beyond to secure referees for the event.</li> <li>Joelle Neutzling stated that she will continue the planning of the tournament to help with a smooth transition to the new coordinator. She will start the planning phase this summer for next year's tournament. Stephanie Jacobson could potentially take over organizing future tournaments as Joelle and Leslie Bacus will be transitioning out of the Squirt division.</li> <li>Peewee C is hosting the state tournament this year and requested funding for their away tournament. In the past, Peewee teams have received \$1,800 for tournament expenses because they hosted a tournament. This year RHA will not be hosting a Peewee tournament. Sean O'Connor makes a motion to allow Peewee C to receive compensation up to \$1,800, this is to be used for entry fees for a tournament of their choice. Loren Jensen seconds this motion. Board passes motion.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Bender makes a motion to provide up to \$750 in upfront costs for Peewee C to fund the state tournament expenses. Motion seconded by Sean O'Connor. The motion passed unanimously.</li> </ul>	
Recruitment: Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Rush would like to sponsor the Try Hockey for Free event in February. Logistically there are very few options for open ice around that time. February 14<sup>th</sup> may be the best option. Brad will talk with them about possibly having the Rush host the event at their facility. RHA could still provide gear rental and volunteers.</li> </ul>	
Camps: Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All camps are done for the season.</li> <li>• RHA has been approached about hosting camps in the summer. It costs about \$8,000 to \$10,000 to put in the ice during the summer, it is also very hard on the compressors to keep the ice. The Thunderdome does not have air conditioning in the summer months. This makes hosting camps earlier unlikely.</li> <li>• ITrain Hockey dates are hard to get however they do have dates March – May as of now. This camp will need to be held at Roosevelt if these dates are chosen. Shannon Wirth will stay in contact with this organization.</li> </ul>	
Fundraising Report: Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chase the Ace is still going. There are 4 cards left. The pot is almost \$40,000.</li> <li>• The Gun Raffle was a huge success again this year. The raffle grossed over \$28,000. \$14,000 will go back to players registration for next year.</li> <li>• Ronda Simmons would like to step down from organizing Ladies and Laces. She is looking for someone to take this event over. No date has been set yet. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Brad Eggers.</li> </ul>	