

ROSEMOUNT AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
 Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
 May 8, 2024; 6:30 pm (Room 221)

Board Attendance:

Staloch	Present	Halvorson	Present
Marchese	Present	Schaffler	Present
Feldhaus	Present	Hanowski	Present
Anderson	Present	Lipke	Present
Cline	Present	Pilger	Present
Kovacs	Present	Jacobsen	Present
Rodine	Present	Kendhammer	Present
Hanson	Present	Freske	Present

Other Attendance:

Greiner	Ebner	Tobias	Balvance

Attendance Notes:

- Williams left the meeting at 6:45 pm.
- Cline joined the meeting at 6:53 pm.
- Hanowski joined the meeting at 6:53 pm.
- Tobias left the meeting at 7:08 pm.

1. Call to Order:

- a. Staloch called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

2. Additions or Corrections to Agenda:

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
 - Minutes from the March 6, 2024 Board Meeting
 - Minutes from April 10, 2024 Board Meeting

Motion: Jacobsen motioned and Hanson seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2024 Board meeting. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (12-0).

Motion: Rodine motioned and Kendhammer seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2024 Board meeting. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (12-0).

- b. Additions or corrections to Agenda
 - Motion added regarding RHS Girls Hockey players

3. Reports from Non (Voting) Board Members:

a. Blue Line Clubs

- Boys High School Program (Saintey): No update
- Girls High School Program (Williams)
 - A Blue and Gold game (RHS Girls) will be held on November 6, 2024 at 6:45 pm at RCC
 - A fall training program will be held by RHS Girls Hockey. A schedule and link to registration will be provided for distribution to RAHA members.
- Boys Blue Line Club (Toll): No Report
- Girls Blue Line Club (Marchese)
 - The Girls Blue Line club will host an equipment sale in mid-June.

b. Accounting (Ebner)

- No report. A complete report of recent financials was provided to the Board via email, which is incorporated into these Minutes.

c. Ice Scheduler (Kalata)

- Kalata provided an update regarding ice scheduling and the wind down from the 2023-2024 hockey season.
- Kalata also provided suggestions for the management of the ice bill process and resolving ice bill challenges for the 2024-2025 hockey season. Staloch will organize a conference call to further discuss ice bill payment suggestions for the 2024-2025 hockey season.

d. Rink Manager (Balvance)

- The ice at RCC is currently out until June 9th. The RCC glass is being installed on the bench side. The PDA room cannot be booked until after June 9th.
- RHS ice has been mostly scheduled. Two games will need to be revised and then the RHS ice schedule will be complete.

e. Concessions (Greiner)

- Guns and Hoses - 8 hours of volunteer schedules; \$1398 collected.
- Tommy Chicago Tourney – 74 volunteer hours; \$1876 collected.
- Cleaning of the concession stand will occur shortly and will then be closed.

f. District 8 Update (Staloch)

- Staloch provided an update regarding the recent District 8 meeting.

4. Current Business

a. Gambling (Tobias)

- Tobias provided an update in addition to the written report that was provided to the Board, which included a review of the April actuals and May expenses, and an evaluation of recent charitable gaming performance.
- Tobias provided an update regarding the end of the fiscal year and the charitable gaming performance. Tobias will evaluate the fiscal performance and proceed accordingly to close the year.

Motion: Tobias motioned, Hanson seconded the motion to approve April actuals, and May expenses as presented to the Board. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-2).

- Hanson inquired about the charitable gaming accounting. A discussion occurred among the Board members regarding charitable gaming and the gaming boxes. There was a difference of \$19 between the expected and actual performance for April 2024. This is the first time that this issue has arisen since additional protective measures were previously instituted.

5. New Business:

a. Handbook Review (Feldhaus)

- There is a meeting scheduled for Sunday, May 12 at 8 pm via Google Meets

6. Motions

a. Motion to cover DIBS and registration fees for the Atkins family for the 2024-2025 hockey season (Staloch)

Motion: Staloch motioned, and Hanson seconded the motion to approve coverage of all DIBS and registration fees for the Atkins family for the 2024-2025 hockey season. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (15-0).

b. Motion to approve team designations (Freske)

RAHA Girls Hockey Team Structure and Designation

10U	12U	15U
10A	12A	15A
10B	12B	15B
10B2	12B2	

Freske presented the proposed team designations for the 2024-2025 hockey season at the 15U, 12U and 10U levels, which is set forth above. This was based on the recommendation of the Hockey Development Committee. The Board individually discussed each designation within the specific age levels, including competitive balance and anticipated registrations.

Motion: Freske motioned, and Pilger seconded the motion to approve the recommended team structure and designations at the 10U (10A, 10B, 10B2), 12U (12A, 12B, 12B2) and 15U (15A, 15B) levels, all of which are subject to change based on registration numbers and other factors. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (15-0).

RAHA Boys Hockey Team Structure and Designation

Squirt	Peewee	Bantam	Junior Gold
A	AA	AA	A
B	B	A	B
B	B	B1	16
B2	B2	B2	16
C	B2	B2	
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Freske presented the proposed team designations for the 2024-2025 hockey season at the Squirt, Peewee and Bantam levels, which is set forth above. This was based on the recommendation of the Hockey Development Committee. The Board individually discussed each designation within the specific age levels, including competitive balance and anticipated registrations. The Board further discussed the recommended Bantam team designation, including the anticipated team structure within District 8 and the opportunity to play as an independent team not associated with District 8. The Board further discussed the estimated number of skaters at the Junior Gold level, the addition of an extra Junior Gold team due to anticipated registrations, and the expected team sizes, including anticipated size limits. The Board also discussed the effect of the additional teams on ice availability, including ice allotment at RCC and IGH.

Motion: Freske motioned, and Kendhammer seconded the motion to approve the recommended team structure and designations at the Squirt (A, B, B, B2, C, C), Peewee (AA, B, B, B2, B2, C, C), Bantam (AA, A, B1, B2, B2, C) and Junior Gold (A, B, 16, 16) levels, all of which are subject to change based on registration numbers, Bantam A District 8 teams, and other factors. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (15-0).

- c. Motion to approve paid coaches and their positions (Hanson)

Hanson proposed the recommended paid coaching candidates, an estimated budget for coaching stipends, and the retention of prior year coaches. Hanson presented the coaching candidates and their experiences, along with the recommendations of the Coaches Committee.

Motion: Hanson motioned, and Schaffler moved to approve the following paid coaches: Jalen Long and Ryan Foley (BAA), Tom Shadegg (BA), Pete Demaio (JGA), Jon Cusack (JGB),

Josh Welch (JG16), a 4th Junior Gold coach, Jared Hanke (15B), Brady Campbell (as needed) for the 2024-2025 hockey season. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (15-0).

- d. Motion to approve \$200 donation to the RHS Girls hockey players that recently involved in a car accident (Marchese)

Marchese introduced the motion to approve a \$200 donation to the RHS Girls hockey players involved in a car accident on May 8, 2024. The Girls Blue Line Club is donating \$200 for gift baskets for the girls involved in the accident. The proposed motion is to match the financial donation from the Girls Blue Line Club.

Motion: Marchese motioned, and Rodine moved to approve a \$200 donation to the RHS Girls Hockey players for gift baskets. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (15-0).

- e. Motion to approve Brooke White coaching fundamentals clinic (Pilger)

Pilger introduced the opportunity to host a Brooke White coaching fundamentals clinic to provide drills for IP coaches at the beginning of the season. This expenditure will be added as a line item to the RAHA Budget for the 2024-2025 season for review by the RAHA Board.

*The Board also discussed the upcoming budget process and ways to increase fundraising to RAHA and offset the operational costs of the hockey season. Kendhammer and others provided feedback to the Board regarding digital marketing and expanded fundraising opportunities, including the value that RAHA can provide to RAHA sponsors. The Fundraising Committee will evaluate options and report back to the Board.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. President's Report (Staloch): No additional report
- b. VP Report (Marchese): No additional report
- c. Secretary/Treasurer Report (Feldhaus): No additional report
- d. Operations Manager Report (Anderson): No additional report
- e. Committee Reports
 - IP (Pilger/Kendhammer)
 - A full report was provided in advance of the meeting. Pilger also updated on the Brooke White coaching clinic and the Little Wild Program, which RAHA will not be hosting this year. The anticipated IP team structure will be the same as last season.
 - Goalie Committee (Kovacs)
 - A full report was provided before the meeting. No additional report.
 - Tournament Committee (Cline)
 - A full report was provided before the meeting. No additional report.
 - Cline responded to questions regarding tournament scheduling.
 - Coaches Committee: (Hanson)
 - A full report was provided before the meeting. No additional report.

- Player Development: (Freske)
 - A full report was provided before the meeting. No additional report.
- Communication Committee: (Lipke)
 - A full report was provided before the meeting. Additional website clean-up and social media development programming is forthcoming.
- Tryout Committee (Marchese)
 - A full report was provided before the meeting. The Board had an additional discussion regarding the use of scrimmages as part of the tryout process.
- Fundraising Committee (Rodine/Halvorson)
 - A full report was provided before the meeting. Additional Board discussion concerned Back to Hockey Day. The Board discussed the Back to Hockey Day, ways to increase fundraising opportunities during the event, and event specifics. Back to Hockey will be on Saturday, September 21st (12:15 – 3:15 pm). The Committee also informed the Board that the Adopt the Street Clean-Up is being scheduled for June 2024. Finally, the Fundraising Committee will have a booth at the Mid-Summer Faire and is considering providing DIBS hours for volunteers and pre-purchasing apparel for sale.
 - Rodine raised an issue regarding RaiseRight and the opportunity for other parties (e.g., grandparents, etc.) to earn credits on behalf of RAHA players. Rodine will investigate and report back to the Board.
- Girls Coordinator (Williams): No additional report
- Boys Coordinator (Hanowski): No additional report
 - Hanowski provided an update regarding RAHA equipment inventory this Saturday, May 11th at 9 am.
- Discipline Committee Report (Staloch): No additional report
- DIBS (Jacobsen)
 - A full report was provided before the meeting. DIBS credits for the Atkins family will be credited this summer.
 - There are twenty-two families that have not fully completed DIBS for the 2023-2024 season. Two families have instructed RAHA to cash their DIBS checks. A total of \$12,500 DIBS checks will be cashed for non-completion of DIBS requirements (or based on the family's instruction). Each of the families that did not complete DIBS have been informed of their non-completion of DIBS and their remaining DIBS hours multiple times by email. Most of the families have not responded to any of the DIBS emails.

8. Announcements

- a. Future meeting: June 12, 2024 (CA Gear Upstairs)

9. Adjournment

Motion: Hanson motioned and Pilger seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (15-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.