



Date: **June 25, 2018** 8:00 pm

Location: SportsPlex

Attendees: Ryan Seauvageau, Richard Klein, John Dixon, Josh Boyer, , Tom Marchlewski, Teresa Boyer, Kevin Rop, Jim Raguckas, CJ Pobur,

Absent: Casey LaMore

Guests: Steve Williams, Zakiah Morgan, Chad Jackson, Blake Jackson, Lisa Champion, Mark Izzard

## ***Discussion Topics***

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Board meeting was called to Order 8:01 pm

Agenda review and additional topics (Seauvageau)

Open Membership Forum:

Zakiah Morgan: Apparel (see below)

Chad Jackson: How do we keep players at RAMS? Board has kept prices low on purpose. Continuing to try and develop great coaches, etc.

Steve Williams: Unless MAHA draws district lines, you will always have players jumping to other organizations.

Discussion: How do we keep Rams Players? We have teams who stay together, coach consistency, parent rapport.

Discussion of House and Travel--perception.

LTS/LTP Mark Izzard

Mark asked what happens when the kids advance from LTS/LTP--When they can graduate up to the next level. Emotionally ready? Handle a puck? Board Values Mark's opinion. Discussion of connecting Mark with the Mite Coaches so they can be on the same page (Josh can help facilitate) Have the Mites Coach out at times with LTP. Will invite Mark to the coaches meeting. Players can gradually move to Mites--need to give heads up to Mites Coaches, etc. Need larger presence of coaches/board members to help with LTP so parents can discuss mites.

How can we empower parents to support? Waters, gear, rack for skates, helmet, etc. Educate volunteers about fitting of skates, helmets, etc. outside of the room.

Larger board presence for first few LTS so we can get parents involved.

Reminder to LTS/LTP Parents--Get there early, etc. And Players to volunteer.

*Committee Reports*

MAHA: Tom Marchlewski stepping in for this year and next year.



Adray: Looking for an ADRAY rep

Policies/Compliance:

### **Director Reports**

General Manager/Ice (Raguckas):

Ice is still in flux given some of the unknowns for teams. Will update the schedule and finalize once this is decided. Haven't had a chance to meet with the rink as Rick would like to meet with Ryan, Jim, and Richard. We have received a proposal that we need to discuss. Meeting will be targeted to take place this week.

Coaching Commissioner (J.Boyer):

**JV Update:** Update from Coach Kieling--8 Skaters and 2 goalies at this time. 2nd Skate gained 1 player. Need 5-6 additional.

We have talked with other organizations but everyone is holding players tight and are in a similar situation. Big Rapids has skates in August for their JV Players.

Let's wait and see what happens. DISCUSSION: Who will communicate with JV Families?

Guest shared feels 16U team formation took away from JV team. Asking how the board to decide where they want to develop players and how can we ensure we don't have shuffles/no team for players to play on.

Discussion: Can we partner with another association so we can make a team?

Ryan will communicate to parents

**Bantam house** Numbers are increasing. Ryan communicate to parents. We are waiting on numbers

**PeeWeeA** 2 Committed Goalies/11 Skaters-- This would leave 8 PeeWee B House with no goalies. If House only with PeeWee Age group--15 players (06/07 players). If PeeWee stays all House, then there would not be play ups for Squirts Players

Discussion: Hard to hurt a house team to keep a travel team. 15 players on a bench is hard due to lack of playing time. Hard for the 2nd year Squirts who want to play up.

Option: Pull Squirt Playups to PeeWee House and make 2 house team AND could do Select for Tournaments by pulling squirts up just for tournaments

Ryan will talk to Kurt ASAP and update the Board Rationale is important.

Training equipment

Treasurer (Seauvageau): Richard needs access to accounts and information. Need to get letter to the bank about board members and access.

Registrar (Marchlewski):

Secretary (T.Boyer)



May Minutes need approval

Summer Kickoff Celebration

- July 15 from 5-7
- Jerseys and Warm Ups (team managers need to check sizes, names, and numbers)
- What is the ICE time for players and who are "staffing" what?
- Food--Boyer Family

Donations of Equipment

Director of Hockey Opérations (Pobur)

- Summer Camp update (CJ will send to Teresa to email)
- Summer Tournament update
- Ice Schedule Fall/Winter (or can just talk with Jim)

Marketing (LaMore) -

T.Boyer created an event for Summer Kick Off on FB

Members at Large (Open, Rop, Dixon):

Open:

Dixon-

Rop -Sponsorship of Cedar Springs Youth Football? Banner hanging at Skinner field for all events and announcement over PA system at each game. Flag football through 6th grade. (ages 4-13?) \$200 We need to start thinking of how to attract younger players. Approved. Are efforts being made to find a MAL to replace Paul?

Safety Coordinator (T. Boyer):

President (Seauvageau):

## ***Old Business***

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Warm Ups

Priced out image quest and busy bee for embroidery of Warm Ups  
Image Quest is cheapest--including packaging of Jackets with Pants

Jerseys

On Your Game

Travel Registration

Rec League

LTP/LTS Registration and Plan

Website Maintenance

Scrip Coördinator - Melissa Anes



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Adray, MAHA and MAL Needed--Jimmy Kieling Interested

Golf Outing (Austin) -

Has deposit sent

Need Donations and Raffle License

5 Volunteers needed

Registration for paying with credit card to secure spot

NEED DETAILS so TB can create FB event

## ***New Business***

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Apparel

Zakiah is willing to support apparel

Image Quest Vendor (West Michigan Drive)--Does the embroidery for On Your Game and the Rams Varsity Hockey Team. Has brand name gear

Can do website set up with orders--July, December and Spring

Can do a dollar of any purchase will go back to the Rams Organization

2 week turn around if we want to move forward--Zakiah said they will have the apparel for the July 15th date

Zakiah is willing to support any apparel orders--through High School Fan Stand or Image Quest

DECISION: Keep CMM Celebration Kickoff (Kevin has it set up-)/Zakiah will reach out to Image Quest/Kevin will talk to High School Fan Stand

Teresa will communicate 1 chance to order from OYG, 2-3 times to order from Image Quest, Any Time for High School Fan Stand/ AND email for: Have you liked our FACEBOOK?

Idea: Fitting Day for LTS/LTP

Logo:

NEED A LOGO FOR Z.

Rams Storage Room:

Need to organize. Need a plan.

Need to sharpen skates

Marketing

Is Casey doing this position? Ryan will follow up.

Flyer for backpacks the first week of school--or scan and send via email--LTS/LTP



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## ***Communication***

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Conference call – Monday June 9th 8:30

**Board meeting – July 15th at 7:30**

Meeting adjourned at 10:39 pm.