

December 2024

Rushmore Hockey Association General Membership Meeting

Date: 12/9/2024

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Thunderdome

Board Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Brad Eggers	X		
Dan Krohn	X		
Brad Lee		X	
Cody Minnerath	X		
Corey Norris	X		
Dan Laughlin	X		
Dave Bender	X		
Domnick Janitell	X		
Joelle Neutzling	X		
House Representative - Kent Bradley	X		
Loren Jensen	X		
Megan Archer	X		
Rachelle Williams	X		
Rebecca Mann		X	
Ronda Simmons		X	
Sandra Weaver	X		
Shannon Wirth	X		

Motion	First:	Second:	Time:
Call General Meeting to Order:	Brad Eggers	Dan Laughlin	6:00pm
Previous Meeting Minutes Approval:	Cody Minnerath	Dave Bender	
Meeting Agenda Minutes Approval:	Add discussion on camp and Strategic Planning. Sandra Weaver	Cody Minnerath	
Meeting Adjourned:	Cody Minnerath	Sandra Weaver	6:58pm

Important Upcoming Event:	Date:
January Board Meeting	1-13-2025 6:00pm
Senior Night	1-18-25
House Senior Night	2-7-25
Stick it to Cancer Night	2-22-25
Potential Ice Removal	3-23-2025

Report	Discussion	Follow Up
Presidents Report: Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are currently 329 skaters registered for this season. This is an increase of 21 compared to last year. Mites have 94 registered skaters as of now. This is an increase of 8 from last year. There have been a lot of referrals coming in. Stick it to Cancer has been scheduled for February 22nd 2025. Senior Night has been set for January 18th 2025. Scott Burt, the Rush's' head coach has been having significant medical issues. RHA would like to do something for him. Brad Eggers is open to ideas on what can be done for him. Dan Laughlin suggests making stickers for helmets. Kent Bradley states he can have a sticker made quickly. Brad will check with Jenny Wirkus from 	Make helmet stickers in support for Scott Burt. Ok with state?

	<p>SDAHA to make sure this is ok. The board would like communications to make a Facebook post for him.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice will likely be removed March 23rd, 2025. 	
House Report: Kent Bradley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are having success with dibs this year. • House participated in the squirt tournament last weekend and had a great time. This has been a good opportunity for them. • Little house jerseys need to be replaced. Kent Bradley has obtained a few quotes from local companies. The Shirt Shack has given a quote of \$4800 for 45 jerseys. These jerseys will remain within house and be used year after year. They will be sized for ages 9-14 with a mix of sizes. There is \$7,500.00 remaining in this year's jersey budget. Dan Laughlin proposes approving up to \$5,000.00 for new house jerseys. The board approves proposition unanimously. Kent will get jerseys ordered right away. • Big house has also purchased a few new jerseys to make up for the increase in numbers, \$800 was used for these jerseys. • Northern Hills Chinook has a few older skaters that would like to play our house teams. Dates have been set for 1-11-25 and 2-15-25 for these games. • Northern Hills Chinook and Sioux Falls House has been invited to bring teams out to play our house teams during The Thunder Bowl at the end of the season. • House squirt level players will be invited to practice with travel squirts in March. 	
Locker Room Policy: Brad Eggers and Dave Bender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Bender has developed a Locker Room and Travel Policy. These policies came from USA Hockey. SDAHA requires RHA to have these policies. Policies are required to be posted on our website. • Both policies are to be applied while traveling and at any other practice facility outside of RHA. • Cody Minnerath motions for board approval, Megan Archer seconds motion. No objections from the board. Motion is approved, policies are now in place. 	Post policies on website.
Recruitment: Rachelle Williams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently Rachelle is planning for her next big push for recruitment in the fall. • If anyone has any new ideas or knows of a location to post flyers, please reach out. • Rachelle requests a Thank You to Coke and Mike Ritter. They have provided 10 banners to place around town next year. Mike Ritter has offered to print out yard signs for next year. RHA would need to purchase the metal stands for these signs. • Existing signs are rolled up and in a closet at RHA. Any remaining signs around town should be taken down now. 	
Financial Report: Sandra Weaver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year's registration income is up 17.8% over last year, with no increase of fees. • Sabres Night 50/50 made \$1200 and \$3120 for the jersey auction, almost exactly what we brought in last year. • Utilities are continuing to trend higher than last year by approximately 12%. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest Revenue hit \$3,776 with the turnover of the second CD. • The overall net is \$82,940 currently to date, which is lower than last year due mainly to the building repairs. \$56,000 was spent on building repairs. • Our unrestricted cash in the bank covers 13.4 months of expenses based on a rolling 3-year average of \$24,229 per month. This means currently, without any additional revenue coming in, we can support almost 1.25 years of operating expenses. • The mortgage balance is \$581,341 and a payment will be due on 12/17/24 for \$14,792. The board needs to determine a long-range strategy for paying off the building loan. • Just and FYI – all fundraising is an 80/20 split between RHA and the teams/players. • Sandra would like a strategic planning meeting set up sooner than this summer. She has a person interested in coming in to facilitate these meetings. • Full board commitment is needed for this to be successful. Sandra will gather a few date options for the first 90-minute session. • Corry Norris suggests discussing selling the naming rights of the building to help pay down a large portion of the mortgage. Brad Eggers may reach out to other organizations to get some ideas on how to start this process and what kind of price should be put on this. 	
<p>Facilities Report: Cody Minnerath</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The phone line is still out. Midco has been contacted and needs to come out and assess the lines, as of today they have not come out. If there was a fire in the building, there would not be an automated call to 911 while the lines are down. • There is a lag in the compressor and the gages are off slightly. The compressor is 20+ years old. Cody has someone coming out tomorrow to get this looked at. • The outside cameras need to be installed, they were purchased with the camera system. • Recognition for the Zam road – Cody Minnerath and Ronda Simmons are overseeing this and are working on getting recognition for these companies placed. 	
<p>Tournaments: Corey Norris</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Squirt B tournament was last weekend and was very successful. A team from Colorado Springs came and was very pleased. All the teams were very impressed. Having Roosevelt ice was very helpful. A coordinator was posted at both locations, this is a must for next year. • There were very few incidents with kids. When there was an issue, it was taken care of with no concerns. • Looking forward, Corey Norris suggests advertising with the different photos of the participating teams. • Corey suggests starting to look at dates for next year. He would like to build on this base of teams and possibly add a Peewee tournament next year. Colorado Springs plans to be back again next year; they enjoyed playing ND teams. 	<p>Set dates for next year's squirt tournament.</p> <p>Secure ice time at Roosevelt for Mite tournament in March.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mite tournament in March will be happening this year. So far, they have 8 L2 teams signed up. There is also a lot of interested teams in the younger division. Brad Eggers will reach out to Roosevelt to secure ice time. 	
<p>Fundraising Report: Alissa Orban</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gun Raffle was very successful. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sales grossed \$19,660.00 - Expenses were - \$1,955.34 (guns, tickets, etc.) - Amount back to players - \$4,920.00 - Net total going towards RHA Mortgage - \$12,804.66 • The majority of the tickets were sold by mites, squirts and peewees. • The fundraising committee would like to continue having another gun raffle next year. In the future there may be options to add a booth at one of the local gun shows or at The Black Hills Sports Show to sell tickets. • At the January 2025 meeting the board will plan to discuss a possible meat raffle/gift card raffle similar to the gun raffle. A portion of sales will be designated to offset registration. • All money earned from raffles will be applied towards RHA mortgage. • Chase the Ace starts again tomorrow (12/10/2024). Sales are very low for this week. • Rachelle Williams mentions that Nerdy Nuts has great fundraising opportunities, something to look into for the future. • The Monument has a lot of concession stand opportunities in February. Dates do fill up fast, so if a team is interested, please reach out ASAP. • As always, Alissa Orban is always open to fundraising ideas. 	
<p>Camps Opportunities: Alissa Orban</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mario Lamoureux is interested in bringing his camps to RHA. Mario offers multiple different types of camps. He typically books 6 months out so is looking for Fall 2025 dates. • Robby Glantz Power Skating is set for the first week in November 2025. 	<p>Discuss 2025 camp dates at January Board Meeting.</p>