

August 2024 Rushmore Hockey Association General Membership Meeting

Date: 8/12/24

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Moose Lodge

Motion	First:	Second:	Time:
Call General Meeting to Order:	Brad Eggers	Dan Laughlin	6:01 pm
Previous Meeting Minutes Approval:	Dave Bender	Dan Laughlin	
Meeting Agenda Minutes Approval:	Ronda Simmons	Megan Archer	
Meeting Adjourned:	Cody Minnerath	Dave Bender	8:10 pm

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

Important Upcoming Event:	Date:
September Board Meeting @ The Thunderdome	Sept. 9th 6:00 2024 @ RHA
Ice Installation Complete By	Sept. 20th 2024
Tryouts Begin	Oct. 21st 2024

Report	Discussion	Follow Up
Presidents Report: Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently there are 157 skaters registered for the 2024-2025 season. Registration remains open for Travel, House and Mites. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Squirts have 21 registered players with 4 play up requests pending (mite to squirt). Peewees have 25 registered players with 4 goalies. Bantams have 24 registered players with 3 goalies. There will be an A and B squirt team this year. Spearfish will be registering a squirt C team. Unfortunately, RHA does not have enough players to register a C team. At some point RHA and Spearfish will need to determine boundary lines for players. At this time Spearfish does not have their own ice so lines will not be drawn this season. The SD Hockey association does not determine boundary lines, it is up to the effected organizations. RHA mites may invite Spearfish mites to play friendly games on a few Saturdays this season. Coaches will need to reach out to Spearfish to figure out logistics such as the age breakdown of their teams. 	
House Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No representative present at tonight's meeting. No report given. 	

<p>Officiating Recruitment Program: Bob Steffy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Steffy has been reaching out to several organizations including USA Hockey to see what other organizations are doing for their ref programs. Bob is finding that not many organizations have a program like this. • Bob has a brochure with referee information he would like emailed out to all RHA families. • Bob would also like to post fliers stating that our refs are still growing and in training. Ronda Simmons will take care of framing and placing these. • Bob proposes having a “point” person for referee support on duty at all times. This point person would be in charge of enforcing recommendations from the ref. For example, if a spectator needed to be removed from the rink this person would take care of that. Brad Eggers states he is not opposed to this, but scheduling a point person may be a challenge. • Per Sioux Falls representative they are not paying their house refs. Refs are rewarded Dibs rather than pay. RHA currently pays house officials. Brad Eggers would like to continue to pay house refs, he would like to retain as many as possible refs. Board may revisit this conversation. • Dan Laughlin states that the purpose of this program is to recruit and retain refs within Rapid City and RHA. He would like Bob to focus on getting training programs set up, having rental ref gear onsite. Bob will set up training games with mites and squirts. • Bob will investigate purchasing 5-10 ref jerseys and will look into the cost to purchase 3 (small, medium and large) helmets for refs to use. 	
<p>Upcoming Camps: Brad Eggers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates have been set for 3 preseason camp opportunities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Robby Glantz – November 1st- 3rd - Rylie Weselowski – August 12th - 16th - Garrett Klotz – September 23rd to October 18th 	
<p>Tournaments: Corey Norris</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently there is only 1 team registered for the Pee wee tournament and 1 team for the Squirt tournament. House may put together a team for each tournament. Age restrictions will be enforced. • Roosevelt ice time will be held for these tournaments. • Cory will work on getting banners for winners made as the dates get closer. Raffle baskets for squirt tournament will be discussed at team meetings. • SDHA is in the process of setting state tournaments dates and locations. As of now Boys Varsity will be in Watertown and Girls Varsity will be in Sioux Falls. • Additional hosted tournament dates are pending until the state releases more dates. • Bantam is not hosting a tournament again this year so RHA will not be funding one of theirs. Bantams can look into team fundraising options to pay for tournaments. • SDHA needs to know each teams’ tournaments schedule by August 15th, coaches are currently booking tournaments for their teams. This is also to be discussed at this week’s coaches’ meeting. • November 15th – 17th is set for the Varsity Rendezvous. 	
<p>Policy Review and Updates: Brad Eggers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try-Out Policy – Proposed Changes – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The HDC (Hockey Development Committee) or designee will be responsible for distributing randomly assigned numbered jerseys to each player and the collection of them upon completion of tryouts. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Removal of - Generally, the following format will be employed at all levels: One to two hours of graded fundamentals, two to three hours of graded scrimmages. - All scores will be calculated under the direction of the HDC-RHA Board. Scores will be tabulated as soon as possible, but there will be no deadline. Scores may not be released on the final day of tryouts. - Final numbers for each team are dependent upon the number of players at each level. - Bantams will have the opportunity to tryout as a Forward or Defenseman. Bantam coaches must get Board approval prior to tryouts if there is a request to have a specific number of forwards and a specific number of defensemen on the "A" team, regardless of tryout results. - Addition - Players must wear a neck guard. - Final evaluation scores are determined by RHA Board Representatives using the following steps: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compile the total scores for tryout both fundamental and scrimmage sessions. 2. Total Average scores for the final score. - Corey Norris motions for board vote, Rachelle Williams seconds motion. The board votes unanimously to pass proposed changes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Policy – Proposed Changes include - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alcohol tolerance policy has been added - Dibs - Must claim at least one hour on Dibs website per season. - Must email any completed Dibs hours not listed on the website to Dibs coordinator. - Once Dibs hours have been fulfilled, no need to report additional hours. - Shannon Worth motions for board vote, Joelle Neutzling seconds motion. The board votes unanimously to pass proposed changes. • Play Up Policy – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy will be discussed at the next meeting. - There are 4 mites that have requested to play up from Mites to the Squirt Level. When discussing these play-up requests coaches will decide individually based on skill level and emotional readiness. 	
<p>Recruitment: Rachelle Williams</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs need to get placed anytime now. Domnick Janitell has been preparing them for placement. • There is an opportunity for a booth this weekend at a back-to-school event. Rachelle Williams just received information on this. Currently, it is too short of notice to get volunteers for this event. • The Rush will not be doing their traditional Fan Fest this year. Rush have asked to use RHA to host this event, there will be further discussion as more details are figured out. • New Underwood School District will allow paper flyers to go home with students. Rachelle will prepare a flyer for kindergarten to 3rd grade students. She will focus on Try Hockey for Free, rental gear and \$100 first year program. 	

Financial Report: Sandra Weaver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 3-year CD has been transferred to a 3-month CD at 4.5% interest rate. • As team's complete fundraisers, line items will be updated. • See full report. 	
Facilities Report: Cody Minnerath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The boards arrived, unfortunately they were 1 week late. Installation is about 90% complete as of this meeting. • The Zam road installation will begin next week. • Facilities crew has started the dehumidifying process in preparation for ice installation. • Ice installation will begin on August 28th with the goal of completion by September 20th. • The roof has been repaired and did not leak with the recent rain. 	
Fundraising Report: Alissa Orban	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mites raised about \$300 at their Pizza Ranch fundraiser night. • Squirts made \$1000.00 at their Heart Ranch night. • Girls made \$513 at their Car Wash fundraiser. • RHA is scheduled to work at Heart Ranch again this week but currently we do not have enough volunteers. • There is a Skate Athon in the works. This would potentially be for mites and squirt ages. Money raised would go towards next year's registration. Money raised would be split between skater and RHA at 80/20. The committee is still doing research on this. • The 5k is on hold for now. • Fundraising is still working on finding a replacement for the Wreath Sales. Over the past few years, the quality of the wreaths has decreased. • The fundraising committee was able to get an iPad donated for the new score keeping program. 	
Score Sheets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shannon Worth is working to get the new program set up. • An iPad was donated specifically for this purpose. 	
Chase the Ace – Ronda Simmons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are currently 22 cards left and the pot is \$23,000.00. • On average ticket sales are between \$800.00 to \$1,200.00 per week. 	
Sabre's – Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Laughlin and Brad Eggers recently met with the Sabre's regarding an upcoming jersey auction. Sabre's will be making jerseys to auction at one of their upcoming games. This jersey will feature thumbnail pictures of RHA players. Parents can submit pictures to be added to the jersey. 	
Increase in Tournament Budget – Dan Krohn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Krohn proposes an increase in the amount RHA pays per team for tournament fees. Currently RHA pays up to \$1,800.00 per team. • Dan proposes an increased allowance of \$2,400.00 per team. • Board discusses increase. The board suggests supplementing it with team specific fundraisers rather than an increase in yearly registration fee. 	
Trademark – Ronda Simmons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ronda Simmons reports the RHA trademark has been approved for the next 2 years. 	