

**October 2024**

**Rushmore Hockey Association General Membership Meeting**

**Date: 10/14/24**

**Time: 6:00pm**

**Location: Thunderdome**

Motion	First:	Second:	Time:
<b>Call General Meeting to Order:</b>	Cody Minnerath	Corey Norris	6:00pm
<b>Previous Meeting Minutes Approval:</b>	David Bender	Domnick Janitell	
<b>Meeting Agenda Minutes Approval:</b>			
<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	Becky Mann	Cody Minnerath	7:10pm

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

Important Upcoming Event:	Date:

Report	Discussion	Follow Up
Presidents Report: Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are currently 251 registered players. Mites have about 53 players registered right now. Historically, mite numbers are between 80 and 90 for the season.</li> <li>• The referral program seems to be working, there are about 10-12 referrals as of now.</li> <li>• Try Hockey for Free has been set for November 2<sup>nd</sup>.</li> <li>• Any volunteer that could possibly have any contact with a child needs to be registered with SafeSport. In addition to SafeSport a background check must be done every 2 years.</li> <li>• South Dakota amateur hockey Association has posted the 2024-2025 travel schedule this morning. There is a significant reduction in games at the squirt level, this is due to the state adding a C league. Squirts went from approximately 20 games per season to 12. Often teams on the eastern side of the state will get together for friendly games, unfortunately this is much harder to do here. Coaches and coordinators oversee setting these games up.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spearfish will host their squirt C home games at RHA the season. This is a good opportunity for their program to grow. Dibs will be added and covered primarily by RHA parents however, we will encourage Spearfish to cover penalty box and score sheet.</li> <li>• Coordinators are currently working to schedule Cancer Night and Senior Night.</li> <li>• The varsity coach has requested to swap home and away benches during varsity games. This will allow the visiting team to have a safe exit when leaving the ice between periods. The visiting team will no longer need to walk through the crowd, alleviating congestion. Other teams are welcome to make this change as well.</li> </ul>	
House Report: Tommy White	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of now house plans to start their program on November 3. They will be working with schedulers to set some dates for open skates.</li> <li>• Any skaters participating in open skate must be registered with RHA, coaches must be on ice at all times, zam driver must be set up.</li> <li>• House is hopeful to get new game jersey's this year. They will be working to facilitate this.</li> <li>• Brad Eggers mentions there are 4 open weekends at the dome this season. House is a welcome to use some of these, they will need to work with scheduling to get these dates locked.</li> <li>• Tommy White would like to get zam training done on these open weekends.</li> <li>• Last season house had a hard time getting volunteer spots filled. They would like to work with dibs coordinator for ideas on how to get these filled.</li> </ul>	
Recruitment: Rachelle Williams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment has been busy with early season activities. The downtown fall festival was successful, thanks to the girl's program.</li> <li>• Rachelle Williams had a table at the Rush intersquad game. Attendance was low but there were still good opportunities to have conversations with families at this game.</li> <li>• Michelle Valko will be setting up a recruitment table at the Sabers' games going forward.</li> <li>• The Fall Carnival is on track. Invites have been passed out at several events. Rochelle plans to have balloon arches, games and candy. She will be setting up in the warming room, dryland room and possibly upstairs.</li> <li>• Michelle Valko has offered to set up trunk or treat at The Box this year.</li> <li>• Several recruitment signs have been placed around town. Rachelle will be working with Mike Ritter to secure additional signs for next year. Signs are to come down around Thanksgiving.</li> </ul>	
Financial Report: Sandra Weaver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This year's registration income is up 23.8% over last year. Based on review of last month of the registration income, it is more likely to be due to the application of RaiseRight and more paid-in-full registrations than last year vs. an increase in numbers.</li> <li>• In-kind donations are due to J&amp;J Asphalt and Zandstra's contributions to the Zam Road.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chase the Ace concluded in August and the net from the fundraiser was \$8,673.15, not the negative you see on the financials.</li> <li>• Building costs include \$16,320 for the roof repair, and \$11,000 to Athletica for the second payment on the new Zam doors.</li> <li>• Utilities include the same number of payments as last year, the September payment was \$5,000; per the bill the kWh usage went from 9,984 last year to 38,784 this year.</li> <li>• Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) - Our unrestricted cash in the bank covers 16.5 months of expenses based on a rolling 3-year average of \$23,564 per month. This means currently, without any additional revenue coming in, we can support almost 1.5 years of operating expenses. After the extra mortgage payments in October, we are still at 15 months of coverage.</li> <li>• Sandra Weaver would like to discuss how team fundraiser funds are allocated from year to year. Brad Eggers suggests funds are split equally between A and B teams, fund balance to remain at \$1,200 from year to year.</li> </ul>	
<p>Facilities Report: Cody Minnerath</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cody Minnerath reports the facility is running well.</li> <li>• The Zam Road project has been complete. Cody will be working with Ronda to do a multi-year thank you to these local businesses.</li> <li>• Cody has contacted Stanley Steamer to get an estimate to clean the entire HVAC system. The HVAC system has not been cleaned in many years, if ever. Filters are needing to be changed approximately every 20 days. Not cleaning the system effects the electric bill. Stanley Steamer's estimate came in at approximately \$6400. There are funds available due to not having to pay for the zam Road. Becky Mann makes a motion to approve money for cleaning the air duct system Joelle Neutzling seconds motion. Board votes with no opposition. Motion is approved.</li> <li>• Cody Minnerath reports there have been some issues with our current pest control company. He has contacted a new company, Karma Pest Control. Karma will be setting up new traps inside and outside of the building. The previous company was charging \$159 monthly, Karma will now be \$340 monthly.</li> <li>• There have been huge efforts by everyone to clean the building. This is an ongoing project, the rink is looking great.</li> </ul>	
<p>Tournaments: Corey Norris</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unfortunately, the peewee Early Bird tournament has been canceled due to lack of registered teams. There were 2 A teams and 3 B teams registered. Cancellation notification has been sent out to these teams.</li> <li>• Squirt tournament has enough teams to run a B division but not an A division.</li> <li>• Corey would like to discuss how tournaments are coordinated for next year. He is looking for volunteers to take over these tournaments. Unfortunately, it continues to be hard to entice teams to come to Rapid City for tournaments. Tournaments are a huge moneymaker for our organization. It is unfortunate when a tournament needs to be canceled.</li> <li>• How to start tournament coordination for next year.</li> <li>• Peewee's will still be given up to \$1,800 for tournament fee's this year.</li> </ul>	

<p>Fundraising Report: Jason Orban</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The fundraising committee is working to get a gun raffle set up, permits are being submitted to the city and state. This would potentially take the place of wreath sales.</li> <li>• Fundraising Committee is always looking for new members, if you would like to join reach out to Alisa Orban.</li> <li>• If individual teams are interested in raising money, there are opportunities at The Monument. Opportunities include running a concession stand, there is potential to earn a good bit of money for a few hours of work. This can be applied to tournament fees.</li> <li>• Chase the ACE permits are being renewed currently. The goal is to start a new round on November 12. However, if there are delays in permitting it may be pushed to the end of the year. The new round will start with a pot of \$2500.</li> <li>• Chuck-a-puck was a success, grossed \$118 last week. Attendance was very low for the Rush game.</li> </ul>	
<p>Tryouts – Brad Eggers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tryouts will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Brad Eggers will conduct a parent meeting Monday night for all levels. The roster will not go out until Thursday, giving a full 24 hours to review and discuss teams. All levels have smaller numbers making team decisions EXTRA difficult.</li> <li>• Bantam skaters will again try out by position.</li> <li>• If a skater is unable to make tryouts they must declare a position prior to everyone trying out. When they are eligible to skate again, they must try out for that position.</li> <li>• There are a number of varsity players that will be involved on the ice during tryouts, coaches will remain on the bench.</li> <li>• Board members helping with tryouts must not have a skater in any level trying out.</li> </ul>	
<p>Mites: Michelle Valko</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mites have had 1 preseason meeting already. They plan to have assigned locker rooms and use a locker room monitor to watch for cell phone use and neck guards.</li> <li>• Mites will be going to Gillette in Miles City for optional tournaments. Miles City is hosting a free tournament as they are working to get their program going.</li> <li>• The mite jamboree date has not yet been set. Michelle is working to get this lined up with scheduling and the Rush.</li> <li>• Northern Hills will likely come to RHA for 1 practice and 2 games a month. They have been invited to RHA's Winter Classic. Northern Hills has not yet committed.</li> <li>• RHA Mites may have the opportunity to go to Spearfish to play if Spearfish has ice. Details are being worked out.</li> </ul>	
<p>Zam Road</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new zam road was 100% covered by outside organizations - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pete Lein donated \$2,200.00 in gravel</li> <li>○ J&amp;H trucking hauled in gravel</li> <li>○ Chad Zanstra did all the dirt work, drainage and prep</li> <li>○ J&amp;J Assault donated all of the asphalt.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ronda Simmons, Sandra Weaver and Cody Minnerath will be working on a dedication/thank you for all of these businesses.</li> </ul>	

Hall of Fame – Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The SD Hockey Hall of Fame needs a new nomination, Dick Novak suggests adding Michael Kelly. Michael holds the record for the most points scored for RHA, he also had exemplary sportsmanship.</li></ul>	
Financial Aide – Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The financial aide committee has approved 3 players for a total of \$1,400. The committee has up to \$5000 to award each year.</li></ul>	