

ROSEMOUNT AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
July 22, 2024; 8:30 pm (Google Meets)

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:

Attendance Notes:

1. Call to Order:

- a. Staloch called the meeting to order at 8:31 pm.

2. Current/New Business

a. Proposed Participation and Waiver Policy (Staloch)

- Staloch introduced the Proposed Participation and Waiver Policy presented by the Officers Committee in response to the changes implemented by Minnesota Hockey and District 8 concerning association participation and waiver policies. The proposed Policy is intended to implement the Minnesota Hockey and District 8 rules changes. Under the current policy from District 8, any changes to school attendance policies and waivers will set the procedure going forward for all future decisions for each association. This means that any decision that RAHA makes will bind RAHA with respect to all future decisions regarding discretionary waivers and attendance policies. The Board had an extensive discussion regarding the proposed Policy, including the changes from District 8 and Minnesota Hockey. The Board also engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed Policy and its implications, including present and future considerations regarding the proposed Policy, past practices of RAHA, the association boundary changes, the process for reviewing and evaluating waiver requests under the Policy, the Board's exercise of discretion relating to waiver requests, the association's population demographics (current and prospective), and other factors relating to the proposed Policy, including implications at various traveling team levels.

Motion: Anderson motioned, and Marchese seconded the motion to approve the Participation & Waiver Policy & Procedure, as presented to the Board, for immediate effect. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (8-7).

b. Proposed Ice Bill Payment Process (Staloch)

- Staloch introduced the proposed revisions to the ice bill payment process, including the implications of the proposed payment process at the different traveling levels. The Board discussed at length the proposed changes to the ice bill payment process, including the pros and cons of the proposed payment process, attribution of fundraising credits for ice bill payments.

Motion: Hanson motioned, and Feldhaus seconded the motion to adopt the proposed payment process at combined traveling team levels as presented to the Board. The Board discussed the motion. The motion was not approved (4-11).

Cline made a motion to table the pending motion to adopt the proposed payment process for further consideration. Kendhammer seconded the motion to table. The motion to table was not approved by the Board (9-6). The motion to table required approval by 2/3s of the Board. The Board's discussion on the motion ended.

3. Adjournment

Motion: Hanson motioned and Freske seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0). The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 pm.

6.0 PARTICIPATION & WAIVER POLICY & PROCEDURE

RAHA follows Minnesota Hockey and District 8 Hockey rules regarding attendance participation and waivers. Subject to this Policy, Members in good standing must participate on teams from their local association based on the residence of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) unless a waiver is granted by RAHA.

RAHA will only grant waivers into RAHA from players that attend a Rosemount-based K-12 school but live in another city ("School Attendance Waiver"). School Attendance Waivers will only be accepted by RAHA immediately following the last day of the Youth State Hockey Tournament and before September 1st during the calendar year where the player enters the Squirt/U10 level per the MN Hockey requirement, and no such waivers will be accepted by RAHA after a player has played at the Squirt/U10 levels. Additionally, any player waiving into RAHA under a School Attendance Waiver will be subject to team assignment at the lowest team level for the age classification for that player's first year in RAHA, unless special circumstances apply as determined by the Board. Proof of school attendance is required for a School Attendance Waiver prior to registration and/or tryouts with RAHA.

Exceptions to School Attendance Waivers (Discretionary Waivers) are limited to the following: (1) if a player has an older sibling that currently plays for RAHA, or has or is currently attending Rosemount High School; or (2) if a player is a second-year Squirt/U10 player or older and has previously played for RAHA for at least one (1) season at the traveling team level. In such instances, that player may be eligible for a Discretionary Waiver into RAHA and may participate at the highest team level for that player's age classification based on tryout evaluations and the Board's discretion.

Any other waiver (Discretionary Waiver) may be accepted by RAHA to make a complete team at the lowest level of competition as determined by the Board in a manner consistent with Minnesota Hockey and District 8 Hockey rules. The Board further reserves the right to impose any additional requirements for any players that seek to participate in RAHA based on a Discretionary Waiver request, and such players will be required to satisfy all RAHA registration and payment requirements. Any waivers relating to Junior Gold players will comply with applicable Minnesota Hockey rules.

RAHA reserves the right to make co-op teams with other associations at the traveling team levels. A Co-op Team is typically made as a last resort based on registration numbers and is usually made at the lowest level of the traveling team age classification subject to the Board's discretion.

If you have questions regarding how this rule change may impact your family's situation, please contact the RAHA President.

****Approved by a vote of the RAHA Board of Directors on July 22, 2024***