

RHA Board Meeting, 9/10/18 Thunderdome

Board members present: Chris Dietrich, Hollie Hoffman, Greg Chisolm, Rachael Hepper, Gregg Fullerton, Tim Brady, Ben Nelson (building cmte), Konrad Reeder, Mike Good, Vern, Christine Ritter

Call meeting to order: Chris Dietrich 6:37 pm

Approve meeting agenda & Approve minutes:

motion to approve mins (Hollie) second (Gregg Fullerton)

Presidents Report:

State Meeting Sept 15th- No split this year. State meeting in Rapid

Schedule- State to work on these- we need to get our teams set

RHA team breakdown- We will field 1 V & 1 JV team (not enough players to make a 2nd JV team). We will also hold an emergency meeting with the girls- to see if we have enough commitment to field a V team- otherwise we may petition the state to field just 1 team (JV?). Mandatory meeting this Wed @ 6 pm for girls/parents.

Sept 16th RHA Expo- Expo/Demo days- in the Thunderdome. Will hold a hockey swap on the main floor. Will have: DJ from Scheels, probably not anyone from Play it Again Sports this year- no staff available- but would like to be kept in mind for next year. Mike Miles will be here with the jerseys people can order. Rush will have a booth & Serv Pro will have an ionizer cleaner to show. Gear rental will be upstairs. You will be able to show up- buy/rent gear etc all in 1 day at 1 stop. Also Ronda will have Wreath info, shop with script, & Hardware Hank info. Jennifer Bartling will have Safeway cards available. Would like to have DIBS help also, maybe Eric(?) to do a tutorial for families with questions on accessing & using DIBS.

Look at getting volunteers, message out to Facebook- shifts on DIBS. Possibly Concession open?

Substance Abuse Policy- Gordon Merchen worked this- not present- out of town. We had a policy in the past & this was lost in the changeover to new site. Gordon worked this & Steven Nolan also reviewed this. (will be posted)

CEP (coaches) classes- Gregg Fullerton & Sean O'Connor - CEP 2&3 is Oct 13th; CEP 1 is Nov 10th

Hockey Day SD - 1/12/19-- this is set up by the state. In discussion with Watertown boys JV/V possibly playing at Civic Center with Rush game to follow. League play games & mites to play- possibly something at Main Street Square & city rink. Want to make this more of an event this year- state picks date & they are working on it.

Laura Stamm Camp- Starting Friday the 5th- going thru the weekend & over Monday-Tuesday with no school in session/holiday. Dates will be posted- no fee for coaches, good chance for them to learn something new.

2018-2019 Budget Update (Mark Benson)- not here yet- will get this to us

2018-2019 Registration-

Numbers- 222 total---- 36 mites; 32 house; 14 girls; 35 squirts; 35 peewee; 35 bantam; 35 jv/v. None of these are play ups; this is by birth year & what we have at this time that are signed up.

Play up requests- 3 bantam to JV requests: 1 pulled out, 1 is a house player for the practice times, 1 is new to town & unsure if they checked the wrong box meaning to select bantam instead--- no bantams playing up at this time.

1 peewee request to play up to bantam- goalie to help out with goalie shortage at that level.

1 possible squirt to peewee.

Discussion on play ups- tryout policy. If you tryout to play up- should make the top 50%, or the top team. They must be able to fit in the numbers- so it could also depend on if we had a need to fill the space or if they are too full. Per Woody- if they tryout at the upper level & they are clearly in the bottom 1/2- they would need to go back to their original level & finish tryouts. Discussion on if the player should be top 1/2, or top team, or top 1/2 of the top team. Looking at numbers, should have 2 bantams, 3 pw, 3 squirt.

Also discussion on mites playing up with older siblings on squirts. They should be able to keep up--- otherwise it is not doing that player any good and it hurts the team as well-- we all pay good money to travel, they want to have competitive teams and growth. Should mites want to play up- they would follow same tryout policy per discussion. (We do not want to push L1's to squirt etc). Was mentioned the state league rule- there will be 1 A & 2 even split B teams. We will not be squirt league play, but looking at the structure of it. Was discussed that the mite would need to make the top A team (as other levels would need to) if they are not on track by day 2, would go back down to their level & finish up tryout process. It doesn't matter what mite level they were at, if they can make that top team, they would be ok to play up.

Discussion on numbers further-- there is an issue with the girls level and the numbers coming in. We may need to go to Jennie at state & petition for 1 team only-- girls team can have 30 rostered. This again will be decided after mandatory girls meeting.

Concessions- (Tracy Fine)-

Jam for the Zam- burgers, brats, popcorn & drinks if needed

Expo- possibly open- same menu as above

Dibs- Slots are up—cleaning on Friday night & the event on Saturday night. Tables for Jam for the Zam are coming in on Saturday- so we need to have the rink ready.

Website- Off season update—documents up on the website- working on getting things up as they come in.

Building Committee Report (Brady/Olson/Nelson/Fullerton)-

Ice making- will go up on website, Facebook & emails—email list will be up to date after registration list is done & we can set up email lists in groups.

Dryland room- discussion- not as bad as they thought- were able to clean up.

Clean up day- Friday, to get ready for the Jam for the Zam event. Will lock the locker rooms.

Fundraising Report (Ronda Simmons)-

Status Update- Fundraising forms & policy are up on the website now. Next meeting Chris would like to get a list of sponsors & numbers. Season passes are here.

Jam for the Zam 2- Jam for the Zam on Saturday. There are 16 paid sponsor tables, total of 20 with Booster Club, LIV, Rush & BH Energy. Received \$5,000 from the Booster Club for the Jam last year, maybe a check presentation? 2 kegs were donated & beer being purchased. Midco commercials & flyers were passed out at Summer Nights. From 6 pm to midnight, beer can be served. Brandon playing till 11:30, then DJ, probably will need last call about 10 mins before Brandon ends.

Security- Alan Schauer is not licensed for security, but he has worked the Buffalo Chip. Was brought up that Sadie Schauer has backed out of the mites coordinator position- will need to fill...

Capping sponsor tables at 20.

Sponsorships update- Chris asked about renewals. There are some new ones also- possibly a Watiki dasherboard, and A & W banner, BH Community Bank. We also will receive a new Coke banner with the

new logo. Ronda did get a list from Mary & several were listed as Lifetime? Will check with Vern on the list- some of these people were involved in land, building etc. It was noted that Rice Honda donated the land to RHA, they are on the list. She will check with Vern on these all before reaching out- as they may be intended to be lifetime due to their commitment. Committee is helping also in this process.

LIV Hospitality Plan- Stay & Play- As soon as the state schedule drops, we will need to get this on our website. Chris stated that RHA will not enter a signed contract to guarantee rooms- this is something that we should just list- the LIV preferred hotels.

Proshop- (Ronda--- Raelynn is helping for now also) **Update-** Rachael Hepper would like to get on board with this. Was discussed, would like to have more than just Raelynn knowing and handling things- thinking forward into the future.

Discussion on pucks being ordered for the teams. Tim Brady suggested assigning each team their own pucks to be responsible for, instead of having to continually order as they are lost, etc.

Online Stores- Went well last year- looking to set up again.

Mike Miles- proshop, jerseys, specialty items- Demo products at the expo. Will have replica jersey with approved color/logo

Discussion of the boys jerseys- Have been ordered- for 3rd jersey, they ordered more of the same style- this didn't go thru board- Chris discussed how going forward- any 3rd jerseys need board approval. For the black & white- will go forward with new logo- list to Kyle to get ordered for this year.

Pictures (Ronda)- have booked 10/29; also 11/5- discussion on this. Mites will be 11/19 depending on if jerseys are here. House pics- have been given the contact for Dr. Tucker for the Booster Club program. When we get the deadline from Dr. Tucker, we will fwd to Tree also for the house program.

Girls Program- Mandatory meeting 9/12/18 at 6 pm, parents need to be here, players welcome. Chris & Hollie will be holding this meeting.

House update- No board rep yet, nobody here to give an update at this time.

Miscellaneous-

Karen Bender asked about Academic policy – discussion on HS Activities Assn- will go on their site. RCAS, Sturgis, Newell, etc need a form from each student in order to pull grades & check for eligibility- check the semester before.

Bylaws- check for the Fall meeting possibly Sunday, 10/7

Future Meeting date- Monday, 10/15/18

8:00 pm Chris mad a motion to adjourn, Vern second

