

Dear Rosemount Area Hockey Association Families,

With the current situation concerning the COVID-19 outbreak, we as a board want to communicate what we are doing to prepare for the impacts that will inevitably impact our association. We are following the continually changing recommendations coming from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and our local government agencies to inform us and guide our decisions to best serve our members.

The most important safe guard to the spread of this virus is to limit the chance of exposure by cancelling or postponing gathering of large groups. Doing this will help alleviate overwhelming our health care system with new cases of COVID-19 that forces them to focus their limited resources on the treatment of COVID-19 patients while still treating the many patients already in their care.

With that in mind we will be postponing our upcoming election and Annual Meeting until a later date.

We cannot at this time determine a date in the future that we will be able to hold these events. We will follow the guidance of all federal, state, and local agencies to determine when we can safely gather for these events. We will also be monitoring the availability of facilities needed to host these events. We hope that you understand the need for caution and appreciate your patience as we navigate through this crisis.

Though the season has come to an end the business of our association has not stopped. We have planning for next season, gambling operations, fundraising operations, closing out of this past season, along with all of the other operational aspects that go into our association that continue after the games end. We have asked the current board members to remain in their current roles until we can hold our election and seat the incoming board. By having them in place we will be able to continue all of the operational aspects that are required without creating a backlog for the new board when they are in place.

The board will continue to meet on their regular schedule of the first Wednesday of each month. All of our meetings are open to the public; however, we are asking that the general membership send any requests to address the board to Kevin Bigalke at kevinb@rosemounthockey.org. This is in accordance with our By-Laws though we have not enforced the rule because we welcome all to attend and encourage discussion. Further, if the item does not require attendance at the meeting, we ask that the general membership refrain from attending to comply with recommendations to avoid group gatherings and to minimize risk of exposure and spread of the Covid-19 virus. All items requested to be heard will be included on the agenda as has been done previously. We will be implementing the Social Distancing guidelines as outlined by the CDC during all of our meetings until further notice and space will be limited.

Finally, we hope that all of our members are safe and healthy during this unprecedented time. The safety of all of our families is the most important thing we as an association concern ourselves with. Please take all precautions to keep yourselves and those of us most vulnerable safe. We are all in this together and it is during times like this that we see the greatness of the Irish Hockey community.

Sincerely,

Andy Proshek
President
Rosemount Area Hockey Association