

## January 2025 Rushmore Hockey Association General Membership Meeting

**Date: 1/13/2025**

**Time: 6:00pm**

**Location: Thunderdome**

Board Member	Present	Absent
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 - Kent Bradley	X	
Loren Jensen	X	
Megan Archer	x	
Rachelle Williams		x
Rebecca Mann	X	
Ronda Simmons	x	
Sandra Weaver		x
Shannon Wirth		x

Motion	First:	Second:	Time:
<b>Call General Meeting to Order:</b>	Brad Eggers	Dan Laughlin	6:01
<b>Previous Meeting Minutes Approval:</b>	David Bender	Joelle Neutzling	
<b>Meeting Agenda Approval:</b>	Add Locker Room Monitor discussion		
<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	Cody Minnerath	Domnick Janitell	6:46

Important Upcoming Event:	Date:
<b>February Board Meeting</b>	<b>2-10-2025</b>
<b>Stick it to Cancer Night</b>	<b>2-22-25</b>
<b>Ladies and Laces (Tentative Date)</b>	<b>3-11-25</b>

Report	Discussion	Follow Up
Presidents Report: Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration is at 331 so far this season. 2 more mites have joined bringing the total to 96 registered mites.</li> <li>Senior night is scheduled for this Saturday (1-18), this will be for the boys and girls. Girls do not have a game but preferred to have it on the same night as the boys and when there was a boys varsity game.</li> <li>SafeSport has requested all players have a birth certificate on file with them. RHA has collected about 99% of the needed birth certificates. For next year it is suggested to add this requirement to the website upon registering a new player.</li> <li>There have been a few locker room incidents recently. RHA has spent about \$800 replacing locks just this season. The maintenance team is asking for players and locker room monitors to do their due diligence watching for vandalism. Due to these incidents, locker rooms are being locked when the kids are on the ice.</li> <li>House has dedicated locker room monitors at each game and practice.</li> </ul>	Add birth certificates requirements to registration.
House Report: Kent Bradley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>House is having a great season so far. They have had a great turnout.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• House is working to break up the JV teams to accommodate for an increase in players at this age. They would like to create more of a Varsity team and a JV team. They are working to figure out more ice to accommodate this.</li> <li>• The new jerseys have just arrived. At this time, they will have 6 extra jerseys if anyone new registers.</li> <li>• Last weekend RHA hosted games against Northern Hills Chinook, this was a great event for both teams. There is another game set for February.</li> </ul>	
<p>Tournaments: Brad Eggers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Bender will be overseeing coordinating the JV State Tournament. He has conducted one parent meeting so far. He has parents lined up to do t-shirts and programs. Dibs will be posted soon, there will be a small group assigned to score sheets this year so those hours will not be added to dibs. There will be a small monetary need throughout. Due to this Ronda Simmons makes a motion to give JV State a \$500 budget. Becky Mann seconds motion, board votes unanimously to pass this motion.</li> <li>• The Mite Tournament on March 14-16 has teams coming from all over to participate. They have secured ice at Roosevelt due to the increase in teams.</li> </ul>	
<p>Financial Report: Sandra Weaver not present tonight but sends report ahead of time.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement of Activity (Profit &amp; Loss): This year's registration income is up 4.3% over last year, with no increase of fees. This increase has decreased significantly from last month's report. This would point to more people paying earlier or in less installments this year than last year.</li> <li>• Revenue: We are trending lower in revenue related to games played in the Thunderdome, but with the delayed season of home games this year, it is expected to pick up in January and February.</li> <li>• Fundraising: Gun raffle income came in at \$13.8K net.</li> <li>• Coaches: The cost of coaches compared to last year is down, even with the lodging being reimbursed. The second round of payments went out on 1/1/25.</li> <li>• Utilities are continuing to trend higher than last year by approximately 9.7%, which is an expected increase due to the overall increase in utilities.</li> <li>• The overall net is \$78,146 currently to date, which is lower than last year due mainly to the building repairs.</li> <li>• Upcoming significant expenses: January – April mortgage payments of \$59,168 plus refinancing costs. Insurance premiums of approximately \$21K – 25K.</li> <li>• Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet): Our unrestricted cash in the bank covers 13 months of expenses based on a rolling 3-year average of \$27,951 per month. This means currently, without any additional revenue coming in, we can support a little over 1 year of operating expenses.</li> <li>• Mortgage balance is \$581,341 with the payment due on 12/17 coming out on 1/12 since the auto pay was cancelled due to us being ahead of schedule on payments for the year.</li> </ul>	
<p>Facilities Report: Cody Minnerath</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Things are going well.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Cappuccino machine broke last weekend, there is a replacement machine coming.</li> <li>• Cold temperatures are forecasted for this next weekend so Cody will come in and turn on the bleacher heat to prevent frozen pipes.</li> <li>• The camera system needs a little tweaking, they are still working to get all the cameras dialed in. There are still three cameras that need to be installed.</li> </ul>	
Fundraising Report: Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The gun raffle made over \$13,000 this year. RHA plans to continue this next year. It was discussed that tickets should be sold between October and November with a longer selling window.</li> <li>• Chase the Ace is going on, sales are slow currently. Ronda Simmons may consider selling tickets at senior night. Ronda requests for everyone to please share the Facebook post weekly.</li> <li>• Team fundraisers are still available if teams are interested, there are opportunities throughout the summer as we...</li> <li>• Mites are currently selling Little Cesar's pizza kits.</li> </ul>	
House Referee Pay increase: Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current pay for house referee's is \$30 a game for little house and \$40 a game for JV house.</li> <li>• JV house level has been struggling to get officials to sign up to ref their games partially due to the pay. The state has a normal progression of increasing rate however, house refs pay has not increased in several years.</li> <li>• There has been a private donation to pay for an increase in pay for the remainder of the 2024/2025 season. The donor has offered to pay the difference between the base and increase. The donation is just for JV house for this year.</li> <li>• Brad Eggers proposed an increase to \$35 per game for little house and \$55 per game for JV house.</li> <li>• After board discussion Domnick Janitell and David Bender suggest an increase to \$40 per little house game and \$60 per JV house game. This may give the new refs an incentive to try refereeing these games.</li> <li>• Dan Laughlin states that there is not contact in house league hockey, it is a pretty clean game, but it is a fast game. There are only two refs on the ice per game. Paying JV refs more will also help retain the older teen refs.</li> <li>• Ronda Simmons suggests that in the future house could consider fundraisers to help subsidize a further increase in ref pay if needed. This would be for future years.</li> <li>• David Bender makes a motion to increase house ref pay to \$40 per game for little house and \$55 per game for JV house games. This rate is for the remainder of the 2024/2025 season. Motion approved by the board unanimously.</li> <li>• House ref pay will need to be discussed again at the beginning of each new season.</li> </ul>	Review house referee pay again at the beginning of next season.
Mites: Michelle Valco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Winter Classic went great. There were about 40 kids that attended.</li> <li>• Things are going well overall.</li> </ul>	

Zam Road: Ronda Simmons and Cody Minnerath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The thank you/advertisement banners have arrived and just need to be hung.</li> </ul>	Hang banners.
Camps at RHA: Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mario Lamoureux Camps are booking out about 6 months out. We are looking at camp time in October. Alissa Orban has been in contact with him. She can offer anytime between October 1<sup>st</sup> and the beginning of November.</li> <li>Robby Glanz Camp dates have been set for November 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>.</li> </ul>	Set dates for Mario Lamoureux Camp.
Summer Facilities: Joelle Neutzling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joelle Neutzling questions if the Thunderdome can be used during the summer for dryland. Brad Eggers states that any use is an option, keeping in mind that starting in mid-July the building tends to be extremely hot however it is good usable space.</li> <li>If needed a liability waiver can be filled out.</li> </ul>	
Ladies and Laces: Ronda Simmons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ladies and Laces is tentatively set for March 11<sup>th</sup>. This date works the best for the Rush. Rush may want to do something different this year as this is the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event. They may also do something to benefit the Rush's head coach. Ronda Simmons would like to buy the liquor license for this date. Angie Dietrich would like to have a food truck at the dome rather than our typical concessions. Becky Mann motions to approve this event, David Bender second the motions. The board approves with no opposition.</li> </ul>	Obtain liquor license for this event.
Scott Burt Stickers: Brad Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stickers to show support for Scott Burt (Rush head coach) have been given out to each team to place on helmets.</li> </ul>	