

**RYHA BOARD MEMBER MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Tavern 22**

**ATTENDING BOARD MEMBERS:**

Corey DuBois – President		Tom Stewart – Past President	Shawn Hookey – Secretary	Josh Fernholz – Treasurer
Andy Cousin – Member-at-Large	Tom Stewart – MN Hockey Representative	Andrew Forliti – Gambling Director	Aaron Getchell– Boys Unit Coordinator	Mark Hickey – Gambling Manager
Rob Cothorn – Tournament Director			Doug Zmolek – Hockey Advisory	Patrick Murphy – Boosters Director

**NON-ATTENDING BOARD MEMBERS:**

Jay Bohan – President Elect	Kasey Cummings Girls Unit Director	Kris Langlie – Mite Unit Representative	Brett Landon- Operations Director

**RYHA MEMBER AND NON-MEMBER ATTENDEEs:**

Kathy Heightland	Bob Montrose	Amy Nelson	Garth Nelson	

ARENA UPDATES: - Bob Montrose

Mr. Montrose stated that the ice in rinks one & two will be out this weekend, therefore dryland training and use of the classroom areas will no longer be available until next season.

**RESOLUTIONS BY THE BOARD**

PRESIDENT’S REPORT –Corey DuBois, Jay Bohan, Tom Stewart

No Report

**SECRETARY'S REPORT – Shawn Hookey**

Mr. Hookey reminded the board that the Yearly Elections are approaching. Mr. Hookey stated that the elected and appointed positions will be posted to the RYHA website 1 month before. Nominations for elected positions will need to be in by the March Board Meeting, the appointed positions nominations will need to be in by the April Board Meeting. The 2024 Elections will take place in April and the appointed positions will be appointed in May.

Mr. Hookey welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Nelson to the monthly board meeting. The Nelson's wished to address concerns with ice time allocations for Mayo Boys High School practice times. Mrs. Nelson presented the RYHA Board with the contract through the city of Rochester for ice allocations and allotments, including how and when RYHA must operate practice time at Graham. Mrs. Nelson states that currently due to the RYHA/City contract this forces Mayo Boys Hockey to miss an hour of academic time physically at school to attend daily practices. This results in players not having adequate time to meet with teachers in their "off period" or after school, and some players miss lunch break to try to retake tests or work on assignments. After lengthy discussions and debates Mrs. Nelson requested that RYHA consider working with the school district to allow students to not miss class time for practice purposes, and to consider having practice start no earlier than 4:15pm. The board agreed to take this into consideration when creating schedules in coming seasons.

**TREASURER'S REPORT & FINANCE COMMITTEE – Josh Fernholz**

Mr. Fernholz reviewed the current budget which is on track for the season. Mr. Fernholz states he has not yet heard more information regarding sponsorships. Discussion of handling payments to tournament workers was had, suggestions on proper handling of this was also discussed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**GAMBLING COMMITTEE – Mark Hickey – Andrew Forliti**

Gambling for December 2023 activity summary, tax return, allowable expenses, March 2024 budgets were presented and approved. Mr. Hickey states RYHA is in good standings.

**OPERATIONS UNIT – Brett Landon**

Absent

**MAHA – Tom Stewart**

Mr. Stewart states that the Spring CCM High Performance training program has sent out emails for interested participants.

**WEBMASTER - Jeremy McJunkin**

Absent

**BOYS UNIT – Aaron Getchell**

Mr. Getchell states that a parent discussed a goalie specific symposium being offered in Minneapolis this summer. This member is requesting RYHA to consider sending some of its goalie coaches to this symposium. This will be reviewed and voted on at the March Board meeting.

**GIRLS UNIT- Kasey Cummings**

Absent

## MITES/SUPERMITES REPRESENTATIVE – Kris Langlie

### HOCKEY ADVISORY - Doug Zmolek

Mr. Zmolek states he has received good reports from coaches regarding this season. Ice drops and adds were handled well this season, and states that the newly formed Jr. Gold team starting up again was successful. Mr. Zmolek expressed a job well done to Mr. Langlie regarding stepping into the role of Mite Director.

## RECRUITMENT –

### TOURNAMENTS – Rob Cothorn

Mr. Cothorn states all tournament weekends went well this year and would like to continue the same structure moving forward. RYHA will be hosting the PeeWee B Regions tournament, and players on those teams are invited to the Rochester Grizzlies game that weekend.

### BOOSTERS – Patrick Murphy

No Report

### BUILDING COMMITTEE - Mark Hickey

Mr. Hickey presented the board with the proposal for 2024 capital projects of adding new glass to Graham rinks 1, 2 & 3. The glass will be 6 feet tall all around. This should be done by the beginning of next season. Motion to approve the new glass was made, motion was seconded, and all voting board members were unanimously in favor.

Mr. Hickey states the new rubber in 2 & 3 is installed, just waiting to have the final edge installed to complete the project.

Mr. Cousin states the bid for the long-awaited trophy case is complete, Mr. Cousin presented the quote to the board to review. Mr. Cousin made a motion to approve the cost to have a trophy case built and installed at Graham. Motion was seconded, all voting board members were unanimously in favor.

## OLD BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

It was discussed in considering future capital investments the possibility of using current empty spaces at Graham for locker rooms and dryland training areas.

### OTHER

Mr. Cousin met with reps from MN/USA Hockey to tour facilities in Rochester in hopes of hosting 1 or 2 teams for the 2025 World Juniors.

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