

ROSEMOUNT AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
 Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
 May 14, 2025; Steeple Center; 6:30 PM

Board Attendance

Anderson	Present	Halvorson	Present
Kendhammer	Present	Hanowski	Present
Feldhaus	Present	Pilger	Present
Marchese	Present	Lipke	Present
Kovacs	Present	Eisenzimmer	Present
Rodine	Present	Broeders	Present
Schaffler	Present	DuBay	Present
Hanson	Excused	Jacobsen	Present

Other Attendance

Ebner	Williams	Schultz	Kalata	Finn
Tobias				

Attendance Notes

- Halvorson left the meeting at 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order

- a. Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm

2. Additions or Corrections to Agenda

- a. Approval of April 9, 2025 Minutes of the Board

Motion: Schaffler motioned, and Rodine seconded the motion to approve the April 9, 2025 minutes of the Board. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0). Motion passed.

- b. Additions to the Minutes
 - i. Additional jersey/sock options
 - ii. Efforts to increase IP Program participation

3. Reports from Non-Voting Board Members

- a. High School Coaches
 - i. Girls Program (Finn):

- Coach Finn provided an update about the Girls HP nominations, STP and youth programs for the summer.
 - ii. Boys Program (Saintey via Anderson):
 - Anderson provided an update regarding the RHS Boys High School Program on behalf of Coach Saintey.
- b. Rosemount Parks & Recreation (Schultz):
 - i. Schultz provided an update to the Board regarding ice development in Rosemount. The City Council authorized the Parks & Recreation Department to hire an architect (JLG) to prepare a draft and site plan for a two-sheet facility in Rosemount. This is the first step to determine the cost and whether it will meet the needs of Rosemount. The design work is estimated to be completed in June 2025, which will be presented to the City Council. The City will then continue to evaluate and move forward pending review and approval, including budgeting and/or financial considerations. Additionally, the City was asked to participate in the ice facility at the Burnsville Mall, but the City is not interested in investing in another community. To address the needs of Rosemount, the City would prefer to see a new rink constructed in Rosemount to be owned/operated by the City of Rosemount. The Board had a discussion with Mr. Schultz regarding the rink development, available land, costs, potential sponsorships/partners, timing and other factors regarding rink development.
- c. Ice Scheduler (Kalata)
 - i. Kalata is assisting with tournament registrations, the RAHA Tournaments, and working with ice schedulers to obtain ice schedulers as soon as possible.
 - ii. Kalata continues to press for ice at various arenas and increased ice availability. The Board discussed current ice availability and strategies for the 2025-2026 hockey season.
- d. Concessions (Williams/Caspar)
 - i. Williams and Caspar provided an update regarding concessions activities. The Board had a further discussion regarding concession stand issues.
- e. Accounting (Ebner)
 - i. Ebner provided an update regarding the Association's financials and the operating expenses. Ebner also provided an update regarding planning for the 2025-2026 hockey and, specifically, tournament registrations, which are undergoing. Finally, the Board discussed the status of unpaid ice bills.

4. Current Business

- a. Gambling (Tobias)
 - i. Tobias provided an update, on behalf of the Rosemount Boys Blue Line Club, of recent draft picks from RAHA in the USHL and WHL.
 - ii. Tobias also raised the issue of volunteer player coaches among RAHA players for younger RAHA teams. The Board discussed the opportunity.

- iii. Tobias provided an update about gambling for RAHA in addition to his written report, including April actuals and May estimates. At the end of May 2024, the reconciled gambling fund was \$105K. The estimated gambling fund for May 2025 is \$148K.
- iv. Tobias also discussed future gambling expansion options in the City of Rosemount.

Motion: Tobias motioned, and Kovacs seconded the motion to approve the April actuals, and May expenses as presented to the Board. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0).

- b. Leprechaun Days Beer Garden Pull-tab Booth
 - i. Tobias presented the option to operate charitable gaming at the Leprechaun Days Beer Garden and staffing requirements to do so. The Board discussed the option.

Motion: Tobias motioned, and Pilger seconded the motion to approve charitable gaming at the Leprechaun Days Beer Garden. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-1).

- c. Motion to Reconcile Gambling Account

Motion: Tobias motioned, and Kovacs seconded the motion to reconcile the gambling account as of May 31, 2025. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0).

- d. Motion to Retainer Gambling Auditor

Motion: Tobias motioned, and Eisenzimmer seconded the motion to retain auditor for charitable gaming, including a \$1,000 retainer fee. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0).

- e. Committee Assignments/Descriptions (Kovacs/Anderson)
 - i. The Board discussed the importance of ensuring transparency regarding committee functions through committee descriptions, assignments, and goals.
- f. Duty Documents (Anderson)
 - i. The Board was reminded to update their respective duty documents.

5. New Business

- a. Handbook Review (Feldhaus)
 - i. Feldhaus provided an update regarding the handbook review process.
- b. RAHA Scholarship (Feldhaus)
 - i. Feldhaus provided an update regarding the RAHA Scholarship Ceremony.
- c. RAHA Player Award (Lipke)

- i. Lipke updated the Board regarding a possible award recognition for players in RAHA that exemplify the intangibles important to RAHA. This update was in addition to the written proposal submitted to the Board in advance of the meeting.
- d. Jerseys (Hanowski)
 - i. The Board discussed potential jersey/sock options for the 2025-2026 season.
- e. Increase IP Participation (Pilger)
 - i. The IP Committee is evaluating ways to increase participation in the IP Program. The Board had a discussion regarding the IP Program and ways to increase participation, especially among first year players. For example, the cost for a 1st Year Hockey Free is \$22,200 (boys and girls). The cost for girls 1st Year Hockey Free is \$9,000; the estimated cost for boys 1st Year Hockey Free is \$13,000. Options to defer costs for this program include corporate sponsorships in lieu of the Pond's sponsorship. Additionally, the IP Program would like to do something at the Leprechaun Days Parade to encourage registration for the IP Program for new skaters.

6. Motions

- a. Motion to approve \$500 donation to families participating in HP Nationals (Anderson)
 - i. The Board discussed the proposal to make a \$500 donation per families to families participating in the National HP Tournament.

Motion: Anderson motioned, and Hanowski seconded the motion to approve a \$500 donation per families for families participating in the National HP Tournament as has been done in prior years. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-0).

- b. Motions to pay Coaches for returning coaches and non-parent coaches (Hanson)
 - i. This motion was tabled until the next meeting
 - c. Motion to approve Board Members serving as internal tryout evaluators (Kendhammer)
 - i. Kendhammer provided the Board a background regarding Board members serving as internal tryout evaluators. The Board had a discussion regarding the past practice and the motion.

Motion: Kendhammer motioned, and Schaffler seconded the motion to allow Board Members for consideration as internal tryout evaluators. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-0).

- d. Motion to approve allocation of 15 DIBs hours to reserve hotels for tournaments (Jacobsen)

Motion: Jacobsen motioned, and Feldhaus seconded the motion to allow up to 15 hours of DIBS to reserve hotels for all of the RAHA traveling teams for out of town hockey tournaments. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-0).

- e. Motion to approve cashing checks for incomplete DIBS hours (DuBay)
 - i. Approximately 12 families; \$9,000 worth of DIBS checks for incomplete hours

Motion: DuBay motioned, and Rodine seconded the motion to deposit checks for RAHA members that did not complete their DIBS requirements. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-0).

- f. Motion to approve traveling team designations for the 2025-2026 season (Hanowski)
 - i. Hanowski presented the recommended team designations for the 2025-2026 hockey season on behalf of the Hockey Development Committee.

Age Levels	Team Designations
15U	A, B
12U	B1, B2
10U	A, B1, B2
Bantams	AA, A, B1, B2, C
Peewees	AA, B1, B1, B2, B2, C
Squirts	A, B1, B1, B2, B2, C
Junior Gold	A, B, 16U

Motion: Hanowski motioned, and Kovacs seconded the motion to approve the traveling level team designations for the 2025-2026 season. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-0).

- g. Motion to send Junior Gold A to the 2026 National Tournament

Anderson discussed the option to support participation in the Junior Gold A's participation in the 2026 National High School Tournament to be held at Plymouth Ice Arena, if qualified. The Board discussed and determined a motion was not required.

- h. Motion to approve \$359 to advertise hockey in the ISD 196 Community Education Catalog (Pilger)

Motion: Pilger motioned, and Schaffler seconded the motion to approve \$359 to advertise hockey in the ISD 196 Community Education Catalog. The Board discussed the motion. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-0).

7. Committee Reports

- a. President's Report (Anderson):
 - i. Anderson provided an update regarding District 8 activities
 - ii. District 8 is evaluating Junior Gold classification and changes to Junior Gold classes

- iii. An option will be provided regarding the Junior Gold A National Tournament
 - iv. District 8 has implemented GameSheet changes, changes to the grievance and disciplinary process, and penalties for not wearing mouthguards (10 minute misconduct)
 - v. District 8 is hosting three regional tournaments in the 2025-2026 season
 - vi. District 8 is reviewing Codes of Conduct and, in particular, the Parent Code
- b. VP Report (Kendhammer): No additional report
- c. Secretary/Treasurer Report (Feldhaus): No additional report
- d. Operations Manager Report (Marchese): No additional report
- e. Committee Reports:
- i. IP (Pilger & Broeders): No additional report
 - ii. Goalie Committee (Kovacs): No additional report
 - iii. Tournament Committee (Jacobsen): No additional report
 - iv. Coaches Committee (Hanson): No additional report
 - v. Ice Committee (Hanson): No additional report
 - vi. Hockey Development (Hanowski): No additional report
 - vii. Communication Committee (Lipke): No additional report
 - viii. Tryout Committee (Kendhammer): No additional report
 - ix. Fundraising Committee (Rodine & Halvorson): No additional report
 - x. Girls Coordinator (Eisenzimmer): No additional report
 - xi. Boys Coordinator (Schaffler): No additional report
 - xii. Discipline Committee (Anderson): No additional report
 - xiii. DIBS (DuBay): No additional report
 - xiv. Boosters (Rodine): No additional report

8. Announcements

- a. Future Meetings: June 11, 2025

9. Adjournment

Motion: Pilger motioned, and Rodine seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-0). The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.