

**RYHA BOARD MEMBER MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Tavern 22**

**ATTENDING BOARD MEMBERS:**

Tom Stewart – President		Corey DuBois – President Elect	Shawn Hookey – Secretary	Josh Fernholz – Treasurer
Patrick Murphy – Boosters Director	Mark Hickey – Gambling Manager	Andrew Forliti – Gambling Director	Kasey Cummings – Girls Unit Director	
		– MN Hockey Representative		

**NON-ATTENDING BOARD MEMBERS:**

Andy Cousin – Past President	Rob Cothorn – Tournament Director	Robb Wiedrich – Boys Unit Coordi- nator	Tim Gerlesberger - Opera- tions Director
Aaron Getchell – Mite Unit Representative	Doug Zmolek – Hockey Advisory		

**RYHA MEMBER AND NON-MEMBER ATTENDEES:**

Ryan Langenbrunner				

**RESOLUTIONS BY THE BOARD**

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Tom Stewart, Corey DuBois, Andy Cousin  
 Mr. Stewart discussed recent sportsmanship issues around the association/district/region and state. RYHA is not immune to these issues and several instances have been appropriately resolved by the Sportsmanship committee. Mr. Stewart reviewed changes to discipline guidelines because of Abuse of Officials. Recently two reports were submitted to RYHA regarding this concern during games in Rochester. Updated discipline will increase the number of game suspensions and fines. It was discussed that an

email to team managers could be sent out to remind family members that when working games they are “Off-Ice Officials” and need to act accordingly.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Shawn Hookey  
November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes were approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT & FINANCE COMMITTEE – Josh Fernholz

Mr. Fernholz reported that RYHA is still on track to meet the projected budget. Net pizza sales were down from last year, however pizza buyout and gift card sales were up from previous years. Mr. Fernholz reports the annual 990 audit looks good per the RYHA accountant.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

GAMBLING COMMITTEE – Mark Hickey – Andrew Forliti

Gambling for October 2022 activity summary, tax return, allowable expenses, January 2023 budgets were presented and approved. Mr. Hickey states RYHA is in good standings. RYHA had yet another strong month of gambling. Mr. Hickey updated the board regarding the MN Revenue UBIT Tax Audit. Mr. Hickey states an offer to settle was presented that appealed to our case. Mr. Hickey requests a motion to settle this for \$25,000. Unanimous approval was had.

Mr. Hickey reviewed a new city proposal of ice agreements. This was last updated and signed in 2006 with the completion of Graham 4 rink construction. The city is requesting have no more than 5 monthly ice drops where rinks are not used by teams, any drops of ice after 5 per month would result in a 50% cost charged to RYHA. Mr. Hickey requested motion to amend this agreement with a unanimous approval by the board.

Mr. Hickey discussed the current donation policy in effect by RYHA. It is requested that a % donation policy vs amount. This was tabled and will be reviewed in January 2023.

OPERATIONS UNIT – Tim Gerlesberger

Absent

MAHA – Tom Stewart

Report recorded in presidents report

WEBMASTER - Jeremy McJunkin

Absent

BOYS UNIT – Robb Wiedrich

Absent

GIRLS UNIT- Kasey Cummings

Mr. Cummings discussed that several teams usually receive a paid tournament, however this season teams are requesting to play a different tournament where the level of competition would be matched more evenly. Mr. Cummings requested a motion to approve funds to cover this expense, unanimous approval was had by the board.

MITES/SUPERMITES REPRESENTATIVE – Aaron Getchell  
Absent

HOCKEY ADVISORY - Doug Zmolek  
Absent

#### RECRUITMENT –

TOURNAMENTS – Rob Cothorn

Absent – email topics included needing assistance for B & AA regions tournaments in Rochester. Mr. Stewart stated the girls 15A tournament had 5 teams, now 6. On the January agenda would be discussion of current Rochester teams/levels in tournaments.

BOOSTERS – Patrick Murphy

Mr. Fernholz reviewed aspects of the current fundraiser in the treasurer's report.

BUILDING COMMITTEE - Mark Hickey

Mr. Hickey the bench upgrade in Graham arena rinks are postponed due to supply chain issues. The old sound systems that were replaced will be removed in the summer when the ice is removed from rinks. Mr. Hickey states RYHA should set their sights to have building funds allocated to a new training facility for RYHA.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER

Mr. Langenbrunner was in attendance to review a recent petition sent out to local choold and athletic directors regarding the state of local girls high school teams in the coming year(s). Mr. Langenbrunner is asking for board assistance to help deliver surveys to girls in RYHA which would help gather further data and allow further discussions.

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