

**ROSEMOUNT AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

Board of Directors Meeting

January 10, 2024: 6:30 – 10:00 PM (Room 221)

**BOARD ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Staloch</b>	Present	<b>Williams</b>	Present
<b>Marchese</b>	Present	<b>Olson</b>	Present
<b>Feldhaus</b>	Present	<b>Hanowski</b>	Present
<b>Anderson</b>	Present	<b>Foster</b>	Present
<b>Cline</b>	Present	<b>Pilger</b>	Present
<b>Kovacs</b>	Present	<b>Jacobsen</b>	Present
<b>Rodine</b>	Present	<b>Winecke</b>	Excused
<b>Hanson</b>	Present	<b>Freske</b>	Present

**OTHER ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Greiner</b>	<b>Tobias</b>	<b>Kalata</b>	<b>Freske</b>
<b>Pilger</b>	<b>Kath</b>		

- Freske, Pilger and Kath left the meeting at 6:59 pm
- Tobias left the meeting at 7:00 pm.
- Hanowski left the meeting at 7:23 pm.

**1. Call to Order**

- a. Staloch called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm

**2. Additions or Corrections to Agenda**

- a. Future Meeting Date: February 7, 2024
- b. Approval of Minutes from December 8, 2023 Board Meeting, and December 31, 2023 Special Board Meeting

***Motion: Hanson motioned and Williams seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2023 Board meeting. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0).***

***Motion: Hanowski motioned and Olson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 31, 2023 Board meeting. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0).***

**3. Reports from Non (Voting) Board Members:**

- a. High School Coaches/Programs: No report
- b. Blue Line Club Members
  - Girls Blue Line Club (Williams): The Girls Summer STP information has been posted online. The clinic hours will be the same for 2024. Registration has not yet been opened.
  - Girls Hockey Day: It was another excellent turnout and participation by the girls. It was another great event.

- c. Ice Scheduler (Kalata):
  - The season has been going well from an ice scheduling perspective. Traveling ice has been scheduled to February 17, 2024. The final schedule for traveling programs will be completed based on district seeding. The IP schedule will be finalized shortly based on the anticipated travel team schedules.
  - The brackets for District 8 tournaments have been published online or will be published shortly. The brackets identify the dates of district games, which is used to finalize the ice schedule.
  - Outdoor rinks will be open on Monday, January 15, 2024. Several of the IP teams have already scheduled outdoor ice to be used when available.
- d. RCC Operations Coordinator/Arena Manager (Balvance):
  - Ice will be out for maintenance from 5/6/24 – 6/8/24
  - National guard renovation will replace the white glass in RCC arena
  - There remains no update from the National guard on when the community side of RCC will be renovated.
- e. Concessions Manager (Greiner):
  - A financial comparison between 2022 and 2023 sales was provided to the Board. The Board discussed concession sales and the reasons for improved concession sales.
- f. District 8 Update (Staloch):
  - The District 8 meeting minutes were provided to the Board in advance of the meeting. The Board discussed the recent District 8 meeting minutes.
- g. Accounting: (Ebner)
  - A written report was provided to the Board prior to the meeting.

#### **4. Current Business:**

- a. Gambling:
  - Tobias provided an update regarding gambling operations from December 2023, including actuals, expenses, earnings for December. Tobias also provided an update regarding gambling operation security at Carbones. Finally, Tobias an estimate for January expenses, including for the Girls Blue Line Club, anticipated taxes, and the U-lock storage facility (\$2760) rental costs for 2024 (as compared to monthly payments). A complete report of gambling operations was provided to the Board via a written report, which is incorporated into these Minutes.

***Motion: Tobias motioned and Hanson seconded the motion to approve December actuals, and January expenses, including the U-Lock storage facility expenses for 2024 as presented to the Board. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-0-1).***

#### **b. Partnership with Leprechaun Day Fundraising**

- Leprechaun Days has requested RAHA's assistance to host a bingo fundraising event at RCC on February 17, 2024. Heidi Freske, Melissa Pilger and Steve Kath provided additional information regarding the bingo fundraising event with Leprechaun Days. This is the annual fundraising event for Leprechaun Days and will create a partnership between

Leprechaun Days and RAHA. This event is a fundraiser consisting of bingo, a paddle event, and a 50/50 raffle. RAHA will supply the bingo caller and other operational support for the event and, in exchange, Leprechaun Days will agree to provide a donation to RAHA to cover the costs/expenses limited to RAHA's involvement in the event.

- This issue will be added to the Rosemount City Council Consent Agenda for Tuesday, January 13, 2024.

***Motion: Hanson motioned and Williams seconded the motion to approve the RAHA partnership for the Leprechaun Days 2024 Bingo Event as presented to the Board. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (14-0).***

## **5. New Business:**

### **a. Board Applications**

- Staloch introduced the officer's suggestion to complete Board elections one month earlier. This will allow time for orientation for new Board members and additional time to prepare for the 2024-2025 season.
- Election Dates for 2024-2026 Elections
  - January 26 to February 5 – Applications period
  - February 6 – Nominations Committee meeting
  - February 7 – Candidates Reviewed at Board Meeting
  - February 11 to February 18 –Voting period
  - February 28 – Orientation meeting
  - March 6 – Annual Meeting and Formal Elections of Directors

### **b. Handbook Review**

- A meeting will be scheduled to commence the annual handbook review. This will be completed for final review approval at the April 2024 Board meeting.
- Directors are also requested to review and update duty documents as necessary.

### **c. Mid-Season Survey**

- Kovacs updated the Board regarding the mid-season survey that was recently circulated. There has been a 20% response rate to date.

### **d. Scholarship**

- Scholarship committee meeting will be held in January 2024 for finalization of the 2024 scholarship application, which will be approved at the February meeting. The application period will be completed for approval by the March board meeting.

## **6. Motions:**

### **a. Motion to approve gift card for RCC Staff**

- Staloch proposed providing a gift card to Jon Balvance for RCC staff. RAHA has historically provided a gift card as a thank you for RCC staff's efforts during the hockey season.

**Motion: Staloch motioned and Olson seconded the motion to approve a \$200 gift card for RCC staff. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (12-0-1).**

- b. Motion to approve donation of 10% or up to \$400.00 for Hockey Fights Cancer High School Game.

**Motion: Staloch motioned and Hanson seconded the motion to approve a donation of 10% or up to \$400.00, whichever is greater, from the proceeds of the RHS hockey fights cancer hockey games (boys and girls). Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-0).**

## **7. Committee Reports:**

- a. President's report (Staloch):
  - Several Discipline Committee meetings were held regarding recent disciplinary actions. These actions were discussed by the Board.
- b. VP Report (Marchese):
  - The tryout lessons learned meeting was recently held. A full report will be submitted in advance of next meeting.
  - A Grievance Committee meeting was held regarding a grievance concerning the junior gold tryout process. The grievance was satisfactorily resolved.
- c. Secretary/Treasurer Report (Feldhaus): A written report was provided in advance of the meeting. No additional report.
- d. Operations Manager Report (Anderson): A written report was provided in advance of the meeting. No additional report.
  - Four coaches were removed from rosters at the IP level due to failure to complete coaching requirements.
- e. Committee Reports:
  - IP (Foster)
    - IP Extra: The referee sign-up is working well.
  - Goalie Committee (Olson): A written report was provided in advance of the meeting. No additional report.
  - Tournament Committee (Cline): A written report was provided in advance of the meeting. No additional report.
  - Coaches Committee (Hanson): A written report was provided in advance of the meeting. No additional report.
  - Player Development (Freske)
    - Skill development scheduling is ongoing. There is a challenge with skill development scheduling for the 12UB1 team.
    - No school skills will be hosted for the IP program on Monday, Jan. 15.
    - Coach Saintey has requested coaches to stay in touch with questions and feedback regarding coaching.
  - Communication Committee (Kovacs): A written report was provided in advance of the meeting. No additional report.
  - Tryout Committee (Marchese): A written report was provided in advance of the meeting. No additional report.

- Fundraising Committee (Winecke): No report
- Girls Coordinator (Williams): A written report was provided in advance of the meeting. No additional report.
- Boys Coordinator (Hanowski): No report
- Discipline Committee Report (Marchese): A written report was provided in advance of the meeting. No additional report.
- DIBS (Jacobson): A written report was provided in advance of the meeting. No additional report.
- Boosters (Rodine): A written report was provided in advance of the meeting. No additional report.

## **8. Announcements**

- a. Future Meetings: February 7, 2024; March 6, 2024

## **9. Adjournment**

***Motion: Hanson motioned and Pilger seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the motion was approved (13-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.***