## ROCKY RIVER YOUTH HOCKEY INC. MINUTES OF THE MAY 15, 2025 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pam Rice, as President, Chair and Secretary for the meeting called the meeting to order at 6:30pm on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at Hamilton Ice Rink pavilion. Participating Board members all attending in person were Christina Kapler, Rob Coale, Jocelyn Rood, Cat Cook, Colin McHale, Sarah Khan, Shane Rodgers, also present were Advisory Directors Amanda Jurco, Daniel Conway, and Greg Soltes.

Discussion was held on the following matters:

- 1. The minutes of March 12, 2025 Board meeting were approved by Jocelyn Rood and Rob Coale.
- 2. The Board members present motioned by Sarah Khan and Shane Rodgers to accept Cat Cook as Board Secretary.
- 3. The Board members present unanimously agree to accept Paul Harris to the Board replacing Eric Levasseur's open position. Motioned by Rob Coale and Christina Kapler. Pam Rice will notify Paul Harris of our next meeting date.
- 4. The Board discussed the options if legal council is needed in the future.
- 5. The Board members present unanimously approved continuing terms for Pam Rice, Thad Brej, Christina Kapler, Rob Coale and Jocelyn Rood. Motioned by Sarah Khan and Colin McHale.
- 6. Colin McHale is contacting Eric Levasseur on bylaw verbiage regarding Officers and Directors and their terms for future clarification.
- 7. Pam Rice shares a brief 2023-2025 two year summary of RRYH Inc. accomplishments.
- 8. Greg Soltes and Daniel Conway review survey results with questions, discussion and suggestions from the Board members.
- 9. Daniel Conway gives update on the rink and that an outside contractor has been hired to assess the ice rink building for potential improvements. He also discussed his program Infographic. Rob Coale suggests sharing the Infographic information with parents and posting on our program website. The Rec.Dept. will be offering Roller Hockey and Adult drop-in roller hockey this summer.
- 10. Greg Soltes discusses his resignation, the potential opportunity to continue in some capacity in the future, recaps the past 4 years emphasizing the opportunity for players of all skill levels the ability to play hockey, he reviews the registration numbers being consistent with past 2 years, discusses the acceptance of new players in the program, shares his overview of parent surveys and red flags. He explains why we wait 3 weeks after placements to post team assignments as allowing time for the "dust to settle" with other programs and their try outs. He also recommends that the RRYH Inc. Board's main focus be on fundraising and sponsorships.
- 11. Greg Soltes and Amanda Jurco shared that Meg Fristik has resigned as our webmaster, but are hopeful she has someone else to take over.
- 12. Christina Kapler did not have a financial report at this time, but will forward soon.
- 13. Cat Cook provides an update about her and Daniel Conways's discussions with the Cleveland Monsters and the following opportunities in the future... Available Grants, All-Girls Street hockey clinic at Rocky River August 2 1-2pm, Tour with the Monsters in October, Monsters

- front office offering volunteer help in an area rink, RRYH Rink of Dreams for our Mite teams in December.
- 14. Cat Cook also shares ideas for female player representation, a girls and also goalie representative to act as a sounding board, RRYH Girls clinic days in August and January with possible pro female player available for drills and/or off- ice sessions. Also OHP is hosting an All Girls Day on 5/17/25.
- 15. Rob Coale talks about sponsorships and how we hope to improve on the \$11,600 donations we received this year. He has informational letters to forward to potential businesses in the area for sponsorship participation.
- 16. Jocelyn Rood discusses ideas for incorporating the High School with the RRYH program, High School player mentors, Youth Hockey Night, Swag, Skate with the Pirates. Greg Soltes suggests Daniel Conway assign youth teams to High School locker room for practices and games before High School starts their season.
- 17. Board unanimously agrees to cover the tournament fees for Nicholas (\$345) and Jacob (\$290) Christoffers to show our support in the passing of their Mom. Motioned by Shane Rodgers and Colin McHale.
- 18. Sarah Khan shares the options of car magnet and stickers. We agreed to give a sticker to each player and sell magnets as a fundraiser.
- 19. Board needs to be looking for a treasurer with Quick Book experience to replace Christina Kapler in 1 year.
- 20. Old Banners will not be returning to the rink walls, so Pam will begin to locate Head Coaches listed on banners and contact them for pick up with the option of a donation to RRYH Inc.
- 21. Mike Bruckman has volunteered to join the Board when a position becomes available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm Motioned by Colin McHale and Rob Coale.

A brief requested Executive Meeting was held outside the pavilion and adjourned at 8:35pm.

Pam Rice and Cat Cook, Acting Secretary's for the Meeting