Rock Ridge Youth Hockey Association Meeting Minutes

Monday September 14th, 2026 6 pm at The Rink Sports Bar

In attendance:

- President: Brandon Wudinich
- Vice President: Anita Beckman
- Secretary: Emily Hadrava (phone)
- Treasurer: Kevin Kubat
- Volunteer Coordinator : Hillary Nelson
- Tournament Coordinator Michelle Morrison (absent)
- Equipment Manager: Dani Westling (absent)
- YHD: Tim Christenson
- GYHD: Noel Lind (absent)
- Scheduler : Stefanie Dickinson (absent)
- Gambling Manager: Kristina Koski
- Gambling Secretary: Stephanie Carlson
- Canteen Manager: Carol Stavnes (absent)
- Ref Coordinator: Kevin Tolbert (absent)
- At Large Member: Rebecca Tervo
- At Large Member: Jeff Hunt
- At Large Member: Jen Krause (absent)
- At Large Member: Taylor Wudinich (absent)
- Members Attended:

Gambling Meeting

- Called to order at 6:13 PM
- Membership report for August, motion to approve by Jeff Hunt, 2nd by Anita Beckmen (MC)
- Motion to approve August bills and payments by Rebecca Tervo and 2nd by Anita Beckmen(MC)
    - In conversation with Lakeside at Lake Vermillion about gambling opportunities and horse racing there, that would be a new site and year round.

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Motion to approve meeting minutes from August by Kevin Kubat and Jeff Hunt (MC)

Public Forum

Old Business

- Junior Gold Fundraising
    - Switching Junior Gold to get majority cash calendar and a few car raffles
    - Flip it with the other kids
    - Bump raffles up to 15 tickets per kids

        - 12 car and 3 cash calendar for most
        - 3 car and 12 cash calendar for Junior Gold
    - Registration is down from where it was last year.
    - Motion to raise the number of raffle tickets per athlete from 12 to 15 made by Kristina Koski. Seconded by Anita Beckmen (MC).
        - Discussion – price the same per ticket.
        - Draw cash calendar late so Junior Gold can participate.
        - Discussion about tickets being offered at the car show selling raffle tickets.
        - Every ticket sold comes back to the association.
        - Vehicle will be available for test drives.
        - Motion carries
    - Rock Ridge Pins
        - Next month we can talk about it so we have them before next tournament, need 8 day lead time. Table for next month
    - Grants for ITMECC
        - Table
    - Registration
        - 241 sign-ups
        - HOCs are getting reports routinely
        - 4 members signed up who are not in good standing that will be cancelled who will receive emails.
        - How to do the 1st year for free in the future. Maybe a coupon code so that not everyone can click it.

New Business

- Mini Mite Start Date for Open Ice
        - No HOC here to discuss
        - Why they are starting open ice the first week.
        - Maybe too much for them to start too early
        - Early time that older kids can't probably get to anyone
        - Supposed to be October
        - Mainly for Squirts, Peewees and Bantams
        - Talk to Steph and push it for 6U,8U – talk to Noel
    - End of the week reminder email about open hockey
- Bank Account at Frandsen
    - Kelly Robillard

    - Nancy Andrews
        - Pay it out to RRYHA
    - Steph going to try and get ahold of one of them
- Sponsor
    - Iron trail wants to be better recognized
    - More Iron Trail Motors not Iron Trail Event Center
    - 1500 flyers said Iron Trail Motors
    - Car Show being held by Iron Trail Motors @ Iron Trail Motors
    - Trophies
    - They are doing raffles
    - Would like to see the kids there
    - Food trucks
- Eveleth Hockey Day
    - City Council is announcing a 1st annual hockey day
    - Woody received a letter the city council
    - Would like to host 2 or 3 outdoor hockey games
    - 23rd of January
    - Question is where is the money going to go?
    - Woody will talk to Steph
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President:

At Large Members

- **Rebecca**
- **Jeff**
- **Jen**
- **Taylor**

HOC

- **Tim**
    - Open hockey next week
    - HOC for Skate Up requests
    - At least a dozen after registration – high number
    - Have to wait and see how this affects our numbers and what's most appropriate for the association and the kids.
    - Not against skate-up requests but breeds animosity
    - Skill based skate ups is an option for the future

        - Better plan for next season
        - Parents will be contacted later this week once they have the HOC meeting

- **Noel**
    - Gave a written update

Vice President:

- Sponsorships
    - 5 so far. On par with last year
    - Due date of September 15
    - Trickled in afterwards
    - $150 per year
    - $25 for the Etched glass
    - Trying to get more boards sold
    - 100 flyers mailed out
        - 5 came back
    - Different ideas discussed for ways to gain more sponsorships
- Email from Swedish Youth Exchange
    - Martina Highlar
    - 4 boys from Sweden would like to travel March & April
    - Get on the ice with us
    - 10 days total here
    - Looking for families to billet them
    - Look to us to promote it
    - Ages 14-15
    - Registered with USA Hockey
    - Waivered with us
    - Hope to build this relationship
- Computers
    - No companies that offer discounts
    - Best bet would be like best buy for a refurbished
    - 2 year warranty
    - Most cost effective way to go.
    - Next meeting will come back with price comparisons

Treasurer

- P&L given with monthly report August good month with registration
- Barely any expenses

- 101,000 checking
- 90,000 savings
- One question
  - Any budget in the google drive?
  - Can look at profit and loss each month and ask any questions?

Volunteer Coordinator

- 4 athletes have buy out
- Document needs a few edits
- Define that families more than 2 athletes will work the volunteer hours of the upper two athletes.

Tournament Director

Canteen Manager

Scheduler:

Equipment Director

Secretary

- Will work to get agenda out sooner please send agenda items

Arena Facilitator

Referee Coordinator:

Committees:

1. **Bylaws**
   - Working to set a date
2. **Raffles**
   - Plan to pull together a committee
   - Ready and organized before season
   - October 15th, 2026
   - Rebecca Tervo

Meeting Closed at 7:56pm

Next Meeting Sept 13th @ 6pm