ROSEVILLE AREA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 20, 2026 | Virtual

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Jake Remitz. A quorum was confirmed.

Motion Updates

No outstanding motion updates were reported.

Gambling Business

Phill Diskerud and Ashlee Horwath presented the June gambling report. June contributions were lower than typical due primarily to startup costs and required operating funds associated with a new gambling location. Overall gambling performance remained strong.

Motion: Approve June Gambling Activities Report.
Moved: Phill Diskerud
Second: Brian George
Result: Passed

Motion: Approve Gambling Fund Check Registers, Account Reconciliations, Monthly Activity Reports, and Tax Returns.
Moved: Phill Diskerud
Second: Candace Mealey
Result: Passed

Motion: Approve allowable gambling expenses for August.
Moved: Phill Diskerud
Second: Chaz Afong
Result: Passed

The Board received an update regarding the association's gambling-related insurance policy. A recent audit initially resulted in an increased premium; after clarification of the appropriate basis for calculating the premium, the association received a significant refund. The policy will be reviewed again at a future meeting.

The Board also reviewed its mortgage strategy. The mortgage was refinanced previously, and the Board agreed to defer any additional principal payment until later in the fiscal year when overall cash availability can be reassessed.

Financial Report

Candace Mealey presented the June financial statements and year-to-date financial results. Registration revenue has begun coming in for the upcoming season, while offseason expenses remain limited. The Board noted that the association's overall financial position and assets remain stable compared with the prior year.

Motion: Approve June 2026 Financial Statements.
Moved: Candace Mealey
Second: Dave Zschokke
Result: Passed

The May financial statements will be handled through a separate online motion.

Unfinished Business

Capital Improvements

Updates were provided regarding ongoing facility improvements. The center-ice logo has been delivered for installation, locker room improvements are underway, and the association continues to fulfill its capital improvement obligations under the current facility agreement.

Ice Scheduler

The Board discussed the urgency of filling the Ice Scheduler position as planning begins for warm-up ice, tryouts, tournament blackouts, and regular-season scheduling.

Chelsey Rosenthal will follow up with the current prospective candidate to confirm interest and obtain a formal commitment. The Board also discussed potential backup options should the position remain vacant.

Tournament Director

The Tournament Director position remains open. The Board discussed the need to identify a candidate soon enough to support tournament registration and planning for association-hosted events.

The Board also discussed increasing recruitment efforts for open association positions through more consistent community outreach and advertising.

Marketing and Community Outreach

The Board discussed expanding recruitment and registration outreach through targeted paid social media advertising. Existing association gift cards may be used to fund an initial advertising campaign. Separate campaigns are expected to focus on player registration and coaching/open positions.

Casey O'Brien proposed a player design contest for association apparel and/or trading pins. Additional details regarding scope, timing, vendors, and costs will be developed before moving forward.

The Board also discussed using existing signage and community events, including Little Canada Days, to promote RAYHA registration and open positions.

New Business

Registration Update

Registration is slightly ahead of the same point last season overall, with approximately 196 registrations compared with 189 at the same time last year. Boys traveling registration is generally tracking near the prior year, girls registration is currently behind last year's pace, and Mite/8U and introductory programs are ahead.

The Board discussed establishing clear registration deadlines to improve season planning and encourage families to register promptly.

The following dates were established:

- **August 9 at 11:59 p.m.** — Early-bird registration ends. Registration by this date will also be tied to eligibility and communication for warm-up ice.
- **August 16** — Registration will be frozen for tryout planning. Players registering after this point may not be eligible to participate in the normal tryout process.

The association will communicate the deadlines along with tentative warm-up ice and tryout dates.

The Board also discussed families who registered during the early-bird period but did not successfully receive the applicable discount. Rather than issuing refunds and incurring additional transaction fees, affected accounts will receive credits applied against upcoming registration payments.

General Board Updates

District 2 Update

No District 2 report was provided.

Operations Update

Justin Brown provided updates regarding:

- Center-ice logo and locker room improvements.
- Installation of the arena dehumidifier.
- Planning for September warm-up ice and tryouts.
- Continued use of SkillShark for player evaluations.
- Tryout/practice jerseys ordered for delivery in early September.
- Game jersey ordering following team formation.

The Board also discussed offering another jersey fitting opportunity before the season.

Boys Hockey Update

Chelsey Rosenthal reported that registration numbers and goalie registrations continue to be monitored across traveling levels.

Most tournament planning is progressing, although additional work remains for the Peewee level following an issue with an originally selected tournament. The association is also evaluating plans for its proposed hosted tournament while the Tournament Director position remains vacant.

The Board emphasized communicating tentative season dates and expected ice commitments to families, particularly those entering Squirt hockey for the first time.

Girls Hockey Update

No report.

Mite / 8U / Intro to Hockey Update

CJ Hanratty reported strong participation in the summer Mite free-skate program, with some sessions approaching 40 participants and continued participation from new players.

Planning will begin for First Skate and Intro to Hockey sessions, including ice scheduling, on-ice assistance, and identifying a volunteer to coordinate program communications.

Coaches Update

Four coaching applications had been received as of the meeting. Follow-up will continue with prospective coaches as planning for the upcoming season progresses.

Community Outreach

The Board discussed continuing its support of the Little Canada Fire Department golf tournament through a donation similar to prior years.

Parent Handbook

Eric Parker is reviewing and updating the Parent Handbook and related association policies to improve consistency across RAYHA's governing documents.

The Board supported reviewing significant changes in manageable sections. Policies will generally remain within the handbook but may be organized into an appendix to make the primary parent-facing material easier to navigate.

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn meeting.
Moved: Dave Zschokke
Second: Brian George
Result: Passed

Meeting adjourned.