ROSEVILLE AREA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 17, 2026
Rosetown American Legion

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jake Remitz.

Motion Updates

No updates.

Gambling Business

Phill Diskerud and Ashlee presented the July gambling reports.

Motion: Approve July gambling activities and expenses.
Moved: Phill Diskerud
Second: Candace Mealey
Result: Passed

Motion: Approve gambling expenditures and check registers (C&F).
Moved: Phill Diskerud
Second: Chaz Afong
Result: Passed

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

The Board reviewed ongoing gift card bingo operations at the VFW. Discussion included recurring prize expenses and opportunities to negotiate improved gift card pricing with local vendors.

Financial Report

Candace Mealey presented July financial statements and year-to-date financial results.

- July financial activity was relatively limited, with registration revenue beginning to increase.
- The association remains in a strong financial position compared to the prior year, supported in part by increased gambling revenue.
- The annual Ramsey County contractual payment of approximately $10,000 is expected in September, with funds designated toward the arena dehumidifier project.
- Tournament registration and player development expenses were reviewed, with most payments completed.

Motion: Approve July 2026 financial statements.
Moved: Candace Mealey
Second: Brian George
Result: Passed

Unfinished Business

Capital Improvements

The Board reviewed ongoing arena improvement projects, including:

- Center-ice logo installation and proposed Mite crease markings.
- Locker room improvements and the dehumidifier project.
- Other previously approved arena enhancements.

Ice Scheduler

The Board reviewed the Ice Scheduler position and ongoing scheduling needs for the upcoming season.

Tournament Director / Hosted Tournaments

- The proposed Tournament Director position will not move forward at this time.
- Planning continues for the Thanksgiving Mite tournament, including Advanced Mite, Mite 3, and 8U divisions.
- The Peewee tournament is being targeted for December 28 through January 3, pending District 2 referee availability.
- Squirt and Bantam tournament preparations remain ongoing.

Closed Session – Parent Handbook / Policy Review

Motion: Enter closed session.
Moved: Joel Millard
Second: CJ Hanratty
Result: Passed

The Board reviewed proposed Parent Handbook and association policy updates, including their status and implementation considerations.

The Board subsequently returned to open session following a motion by Chaz Afong, seconded by Winny Brown.

New Business

Registration and Team Projections

The Board reviewed current registration totals and anticipated team formation needs.

- **Boys:** Squirt – 37 (32 skaters, 5 goalies); Peewee – 35 (32 skaters, 3 goalies); Bantam – 34 (30 skaters, 4 goalies).
- **Roseville Girls:** 10U – 29 (25 skaters, 4 goalies); 12U – 19 (17 skaters, 2 goalies); 15U – 19 (17 skaters, 2 goalies).
- **Marauders:** 10U – 42 (37 skaters, 5 goalies); 12U – 53 (50 skaters, 3 goalies); 15U – 39 (36 skaters, 3 goalies).

Squirt participation remains a focus, with the association targeting four teams pending final registration numbers and player movement.

Player Waivers

The Board reviewed incoming and outgoing waiver requests and discussed Minnesota Hockey and District 2 requirements.

Discussion focused on school-based versus discretionary waivers, verification of player eligibility, and the need for a consistent association approval process. Individual requests will continue to be evaluated according to applicable requirements.

Tryout Readiness

The Board reviewed September tryout schedules, evaluator readiness, and team formation timelines.

- Goalie evaluations are scheduled to begin September 20.
- Peewee and Bantam tryouts will follow, with Squirt and girls' tryouts scheduled later in September.
- Approximately seven warm-up opportunities are planned for traveling players.
- Mite evaluations will use multiple sessions to manage participation and appropriate skill groupings.

Coaching Appointments

Dave Zschokke presented coaching recommendations following candidate interviews.

Motion: Approve the following Bantam head coaches:

- Mike Nelson – Bantam A
- Nick Leech – Bantam B1
- Ryan Capan – Bantam C

Moved: Dave Zschokke
Second: Brian George
Result: Passed

Motion: Approve Justin Brown as Peewee A head coach.
Moved: Brian George
Second: Chaz Afong
Result: Passed

The Board discussed proposed increases to coaching compensation. Consideration was tabled pending additional coaching appointments and development of a more consistent, structured compensation plan.

Feedback from prior parent surveys was also discussed, including opportunities to improve player development and coaching communication.

Jersey Program

Practice jerseys, tryout jerseys, and socks have been ordered. The Board discussed the need for clearer communications regarding game jersey sizing and numbering.

A process will be developed to use tryout jersey sizing as a reference, with additional inventory available to address fit concerns.

Mite / 8U / Intro to Hockey

CJ Hanratty provided an update on program planning and staffing.

- First Skate registration currently includes approximately 31 participants.
- Coaching and volunteer assignments will be finalized as registration numbers become clearer.
- Equipment rental registration is available.
- Ice scheduling and participant groupings will be adjusted based on enrollment.

Marketing and Community Outreach

Brian George provided an update on registration and recruiting efforts.

Approximately 40 yard signs were distributed throughout Little Canada, with additional promotional banners displayed at Roseville Ice Arena. The Board discussed continued outreach through social media and community events.

General Board Updates

District 2 Update

Joel Millard discussed upcoming team declarations and potential future changes to hockey net requirements. Implementation timelines and funding considerations remain under review.

Operations Update

Justin Brown confirmed that tryout ice arrangements are in place. Additional scheduling coordination will continue as team numbers are finalized.

Boys Hockey / Player Development Update

Chelsey Rosenthal reviewed player development programming and vendor coordination.

- Planning continues for a Bantam checking clinic, tentatively November 1.
- Mite skill development sessions are being coordinated with outside instructors.
- Final Sunday ice schedules and vendor commitments depend on registration totals and team configurations.
- Coaches will continue to assist with warm-up sessions, helping reduce association expenses.

The Board emphasized establishing clear expectations for contracted instructors and maintaining communication regarding schedule changes and shared ice arrangements.

Girls Hockey Update

No additional updates.

Secretary / Registration Update

The Board discussed establishing a firm registration deadline to support team formation, tryout planning, and ice scheduling.

Motion: Close registration at the end of Monday, August 31, 2026, with a $200 late registration fee applied thereafter and no early-bird discount.
Moved: Chelsey Rosenthal
Second: Brian George
Result: Passed

Registration communications will be distributed to families ahead of the deadline.

The Board also discussed Mite registration incentives and supported prioritizing promotional merchandise within the approved budget rather than offering additional free-registration incentives.

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn meeting.
Moved: Dave Zschokke
Second: Joel Millard
Result: Passed

Meeting adjourned.