ROSEVILLE AREA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 15, 2026
VFW

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Jake Remitz.

Jake noted that the June meeting would serve as the annual budget meeting. A smaller group had met in advance to review the proposed budget and identify discussion items in an effort to make the full Board review more efficient.

Motion Updates

No updates from last month's meeting.

Gambling Business

Phill Diskerud provided an update regarding charitable gambling operations and the recently opened VFW location.

Early results from the new location have been positive and operations have continued to improve during the first several weeks. The Board also received an update regarding the transition of electronic bingo equipment at the location to the same platform used at other association gambling sites.

Motion: Approve May Gambling Activities Report.
Moved: Phill Diskerud
Second: Candace Mealey
Result: Passed

Motion: Approve Gambling Fund Check Registers, Account Reconciliations, Monthly Activity Reports, Tax Returns, and required Schedule C reporting.
Moved: Phill Diskerud

Second: Chaz Afong
Result: Passed

Motion: Approve allowable gambling expenses for July, including expenses associated with operation of the new location and rental of replacement electronic bingo equipment.
Moved: Phill Diskerud
Second: Chelsey Rosenthal
Result: Passed

Financial Report

The regular association financial report was deferred. Candace Mealey will distribute updated financial statements to Board members electronically.

Unfinished Business

Capital Improvements

The Board reviewed the status of ongoing facility improvement projects.

Discussion included:

- The planned dehumidification project remains pending, with installation anticipated when equipment and scheduling allow.
- The association has an existing financial commitment toward the dehumidification project.
- Initial locker room renovations have begun as the City evaluates potential improvements to additional locker rooms.
- The City has indicated a preference for future association capital improvement contributions to support larger facility projects.
- The Board discussed continuing to ensure that association capital contributions are directed toward improvements benefiting hockey participants and the facilities used by RAYHA.

Jersey Program

Brian George presented jersey samples and information from a new vendor as a potential replacement for the association's existing jersey suppliers.

Discussion included:

- Jersey quality and available weights.
- Pricing compared with existing suppliers.
- Expected turnaround times.

- Availability of local support and replacement jerseys.
- Jersey and sock sizing.
- Practice and tryout jerseys.
- Number assignment and jersey replacement processes.
- Creating a more consistent jersey program across association levels.

The proposed supplier is expected to provide pricing generally comparable to the current program while allowing more flexibility with design, fulfillment, and replacement jerseys.

The Board also discussed forming a small group to finalize jersey designs and specifications before orders are placed.

Motion: Transition to the new vendor for association jerseys for the 2026-2027 season across all levels from Intro through Bantam.
Moved: Brian George
Second: Phill Diskerud
Result: Passed

Tournament Director

The Board reviewed the open Tournament Director position. No applications had been received.

Potential candidates were discussed, and direct outreach will be made regarding the position.

The Board continues to view association-hosted tournaments as an opportunity to generate revenue while building experience hosting larger hockey events.

Ice Scheduler

No applications had been received for the open Ice Scheduler position.

The Board discussed how scheduling responsibilities will be covered if a candidate is not identified before upcoming scheduling deadlines.

New Business

2026-2027 Budget

Candace Mealey presented the proposed 2026-2027 association budget.

The budget was developed using conservative revenue projections, including anticipated charitable gambling contributions from the association's expanded operations.

The Board reviewed registration revenue, tournaments, coaching expenses, goalie equipment, player development, facility improvements, legal expenses, association staffing, and other anticipated operating expenses.

Registration Fees and Mite Hockey

The Board discussed registration fees for the upcoming season.

Consensus supported maintaining registration rates at approximately their existing levels while using available association resources to improve affordability.

The proposed budget includes **free registration for Mite 1 through Mite 3 players** for the 2026-2027 season.

The Board also agreed to continue the existing early-registration incentive to encourage families to register sooner and improve planning for team counts, ice scheduling, and programming.

Tournament Revenue

The Board reviewed projected revenue from association-hosted tournaments.

Revenue estimates were intentionally kept conservative because the Tournament Director position remains open. The Board believes tournament revenue could exceed the amount included in the budget if planned events are successfully filled and operated.

The Board discussed continuing with plans for association-hosted tournaments, including a Mite event and a travel-level event.

Preliminary travel tournament planning also included:

- Peewee teams participating in a Thanksgiving tournament, Anoka Classic, and Breezy Point.
- Squirt tournament planning already substantially completed.
- Bantam tournament planning already substantially completed.
- Additional tournament opportunities remaining under consideration for specific teams.

Mortgage Reduction

The Board discussed the remaining mortgage associated with the association's gambling property and the potential benefit of making an additional principal payment.

The proposed budget includes funds for a mortgage principal reduction. Rather than immediately making the payment, the Board agreed to retain the allocation in the budget and reevaluate the association's financial position later in the calendar year.

The Board expects to revisit the potential payment in approximately December.

Coaching

The coaching budget was reviewed based on actual expenses from the previous season and anticipated needs for the upcoming season.

The budget provides flexibility for paid coaches and other coaching-related expenses as needed.

Goalie Development and Equipment

The Board discussed goalie recruitment, registration fees, and equipment support.

Directors reviewed approaches used by neighboring associations, including reduced registration costs and equipment programs designed to encourage players to become goaltenders.

The Board agreed to increase available funding for goalie equipment, with particular emphasis on maintaining and replacing association-owned equipment used by Mite-level goalies.

The budget includes approximately **$2,500 for Mite goalie equipment support**.

The Board also discussed expectations for players registering at the reduced goalie registration rate. Players registering specifically as goalies are expected to play that position rather than routinely participating as skaters at the reduced registration rate.

The Board recognized that younger players may still be exploring positions and discussed the possibility of addressing hybrid situations separately when appropriate.

Jersey Equity

The Board discussed differences between the boys and girls programs regarding jersey costs.

Boys participating in the association's current jersey program have generally had jersey costs subsidized by the association, while Roseville players participating in the girls cooperative have continued to incur jersey expenses.

The Board agreed that association support should be more equitable between the programs.

The budget was adjusted to provide approximately **$1,500 in additional support toward Roseville girls' jersey expenses**.

Registration and jersey ordering processes will be coordinated to ensure the subsidy is applied appropriately to Roseville participants.

Arena Improvements

The Board added a dedicated budget allocation for improvements at Roseville Ice Arena and Oscar Johnson Arena.

Potential uses discussed included:

- Previously approved scoreboard improvements.
- Improvements to the women's restroom at Roseville Ice Arena.
- Center-ice or facility branding at Oscar Johnson Arena.
- Other improvements that directly benefit association players and families.

The Board intends for arena improvement funding to remain an identifiable budget item so future Boards can more easily track association investments in local facilities.

Legal Expenses

The Board reviewed the association's existing legal retainer and anticipated legal expenses.

Additional funds were included in the annual budget to maintain an appropriate legal reserve. The Board acknowledged that actual expenses may vary depending upon future legal needs.

Player Development

The Board discussed continued investment in player development programming.

Planned programming includes:

- Continuing the Bantam checking clinic.
- Maintaining dedicated development ice for travel players.
- Providing additional skating and development opportunities through outside instructors.
- Continuing goalie-specific development sessions when scheduling permits.

The Board also discussed expectations for outside development vendors, including preparedness, punctuality, and providing appropriate value for association expenditures.

Budget Approval

Following discussion and amendments, the Board reviewed the overall financial position of the association and the proposed budget.

The Board noted that the association maintains healthy cash reserves and that revenue assumptions used in the budget remain intentionally conservative.

Motion: Approve the 2026-2027 association budget as amended during the meeting.
Moved: Phill Diskerud
Second: Joel Millard
Result: Passed

Registration

Following approval of the annual budget, the Board directed that registration for the 2026-2027 season be prepared for opening as soon as possible.

Jake Remitz will configure registration based on the approved budget and distribute the setup to Board members for review prior to sending registration information to association families.

The Board discussed registration marketing efforts including:

- QR codes linking directly to registration.
- Yard signs placed throughout the community.
- Flyers and parade materials.
- Social media promotion.
- Direct communication to association families.

The goal is to make registration easy to access while increasing visibility throughout the community.

General Board Updates

District 2 Update

No report.

Operations Update

No additional report.

Boys Hockey Update

No additional report.

Girls Hockey Update

No report.

Mite Hockey Update

CJ Hanratty provided an update regarding upcoming Mite activities and ice needs.

A sufficient number of qualified volunteers have been identified to assist with upcoming activities, avoiding the need for additional paid staffing.

Secretary Update

Jake Remitz will complete the registration setup and circulate it to the Board for review before registration is publicly announced.

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn meeting.
Moved: Phill Diskerud
Second: CJ Hanratty
Result: Passed

Meeting adjourned.