

RAHA Board Meeting
January 21, 2009 – Al Wentz Arena

PRESENT: Steve Brossart, Cherry Gannarelli, Jay McClintock, Sandy Hageness, Tammy Fossum, Chad Armstrong

Gaming report was given by Tammy. July through September, 2008 there was a net profit of \$4,303. October through December, there was a net profit of \$2,310. The profit and loss showed a separation of the Bob's and Crooks accounts. They each show a decrease in activity in the Oct-Dec report.

The meeting was called to discuss holding the State Bantam B1 tournament in Rugby March 13-14-15. The State Association has requested a courtesy review. Bottineau is hosting the B2 the same weekend. This makes the hotel room situation more difficult for traveling teams. Discussion was held on the State proposing we host a state tournament the next two years instead. We are also scheduled to host a Jr Gold tournament in three years. A state tournament brings about \$5,000 into the Association. After discussion, it was decided to host the B1 this year. A ref room needs to be reserved and there aren't any rooms available at the motels in Rugby. Recommendation was made to check with the Johnson Clinic to see if we can use their apartments.

Tammy received a call from the State Association to inform her about an e-mail from Larry Brooks, Bottineau. There has been some discussion on moving a team from B1 Bantam level to the A2 Bantam level. This is because there are an odd number of teams in the bracket. Larry's e-mail was speaking on behalf of RAHA making requests RAHA was unaware of. Clarification was made to Tammy that no one was aware of these requests going to the State on our behalf. She said the NDAHA board will be voting on this via phone Sunday night. The RAHA board does not have a vote on this.

Kitchen coverage was discussed. Cherry has indicated that she would like to finish out the year as started. Discussion was held on a solution for next year. It was suggested to work with Betty Triplet to do the background work; ordering, cooking, etc. and use the parents to continue working and setting up for the games. This will be discussed again at a later time.

Recommendation was made to remind everyone that kids under the age of 16 are not allowed in the kitchen. This can be a safety concern with hot items, etc. moved around.

It was also suggested to consider using school groups for real short times in the kitchen, i.e. tournaments. RAHA could make a donation to them; groups such as FBLA, Science Olympiad.

Letter of resignation was received from Wade Shively. There is interest from a Jr. Gold parent to sit on the Board. Jay will follow-up with him.

An update on the girl's team was given. There are 17 players rostered with Bottineau this year and 13 in Rugby. Recommendation is to co-op the girl's team into a 19U and 14U team. In looking at the numbers, this could be possible. Bottineau is meeting with their girls and parents

on Wed night. They were preparing for a high school team in 09-10, but there is a lack of dedication. Sandy will meet with Helen and Ben, share information and decide on meeting with Rugby players and parents. Board recommended continuing moving forward.

Discussion was also held on boy's high school hockey. It was recommended that after the season is over this be looked into for discussion.

Squirt tournament is scheduled for Feb 28-March 1. There are 6 teams and we would like 8. Nancy Arstein is working on getting two more teams.

The Squirts have requested approval to participate in two additional tournaments out of town. The policy is for RAHA to pay for two sanctioned tournaments. They have registered for two already, therefore, the request will be denied. If the parents wish to go, they will have to pay for it on their own.

Sandy checked on the CA travel permit for Bantam and Pee Wee teams. Bottineau registrar confirmed that these were requested and are in the coaches travel books.

Outstanding registration balances were reviewed: There are two Jr. Gold registrations outstanding. Arrangements are being made. There is a Bantam player that is just starting and will be billed for the season. Discussion was held on whether this should be prorated. In looking back on the records for injured players, or players starting later in the season – prorating was not approved.

We have received a check for \$2700 from the Eagles.

Maintenance items were discussed.

- The sound system needs to be updated. Bid received is \$12,000. Tammy is going to look into some used speakers that may be for sale through Jamestown hockey.
- Back door handle – Tammy is going to check with Wade as to how to order a handle that works under our key-lock system.
- TP & paper holders need to be replaced. Tammy will check on what we need and order.
- Men's bathroom heater upstairs needs to be fixed.
- NDTC needs to be contacted to re-wire the radio station booth.
- Clock keyboard was sent in. A refurbished keyboard was received as replacement. The clock is under a blanket warranty for another 2 years.

It was questioned if the handicap ramp will have a cement drive up and if Longie is still interested in donation. It will need to be cemented and the donation will have to be looked into.

After Sunday night public skate, Shawn is zamming. Shawn collects gate for the city. It was decided to pay him \$10 a night to zam.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Sandy Hageness, Secretary