A lineage of ownership

The Blackhawks are on the third generation of Wirtz family leadership. Arthur Wirtz bought into the team in the 1940s and died in 1983. Arthur’s son, Bill Wirtz, ran the franchise until his death in 2007. Rocky Wirtz, 60, took over from there. As the Wirtz Corp. has passed down, its stakes continue to be divided. The face of the franchise, Rocky, owns about 5 percent.

WIRTZ FAMILY TREE

BLACKHAWKS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wirtz Corp. controls the Blackhawks. As part of a succession planning effort last year, Rocky Wirtz expanded the Wirtz Corp. board from three to eight members. Donald Hunter will step down in the coming months, leaving seven.

Old Wirtz Corp. board of directors:
- Rocky Wirtz
- Donald Hunter
- Kenneth Scranton

Rocky Wirtz
60, chairman

Daniel Wirtz
36, Rocky’s son, executive vice president at Wirtz Beverage

Bruce MacArthur
65, Rocky’s cousin

Arthur Wirtz III
45, Rocky’s cousin, executive vice president at Wirtz Beverage

Ed Callison
58, executive vice president at Wirtz Beverage

John Miller
59, CEO of North American Corp.

Jeffrey Vender
64, Anesthesiologist, friend of Rocky’s

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