

Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes: June 8, 2026
6pm Yanmar Arena

Board Members:

Andy Haaklau, Shawna Rude, Derek Hawkinson, Mitch Kellin, Dan Mertes, Grant Clifton,

Member Presents: Cara Scott, Dale Christy, Molly Casey

Quorum- Yes

Proceedings:

Meeting Call to order Andy Haarklau 602

Gambling Audit- Blake and Lind- Karen:

- Audit is current through June 30th 2025
- No major issues in the auditors report and is the same as every year.
- \$307,000 as of end of June 2025
- 12.4 million gross revenue collect, total profit 1.87 million
- Profit before charitable contributions and income tax \$321,465
- \$200,250 transferred back to general fund with more going to community fund to pay down note on pavilion chiller

Gambling Report- Dale Christy

- Motion to approve April Tax return, May Check book register, June budget, budget going up for the month for the combined receipt tax also to account for 3 payrolls motion made by Mitch Kellin seconded by Dan Mertes. Motion carried by Board vote
- Gambling site audit must be done on July 1st must visit sites morning of July 1st or June 30th in the evening with no boxes closing before July 1st. Derek Hawkinson said he would be able to assist with this
- Donation request:
 - Sammys of Hibbing is requesting \$500 for the Boys and Girls club of Hibbing. Motion to approve donation request as part of the contract that 75% of profit would go to the Hibbing area made by Mitch Kellen, seconded by Derek Hawkinson. Motion carried by board vote
 - GRAHA Donation requests-
 - \$85,000 donation request to GRAHA General fund for \$18,000 training aids, \$47,000 for ice contract, \$20,000 for concessions
 - Donation request for up to \$115,000 to community foundation
 - Motion to approve both GRAHA donation requests made by Mitch Kellin, seconded by Dan Mertes. Motion carried by board vote.

Boys PDC- Grant Clifton:

- Bantam AA coach Craig Peirce motion to approve selection made by Mitch Kellin Seconded by Derek Hawkinson. Motion carried by majority board vote.
- Junior Gold - Board in full support of having a junior gold team, however, there has in the past been a lack of players being interested in playing junior gold
- Rochester coming here to play December 31- Boys high school
- Golf classic is in need of a rep from the girl's side of things, Molly will be working on this.

Misc Association Business- Andy Haarklau

- 1 Board opening for Director position voting will open Friday 6/12/26 and run to -Friday 6/19/2026. Molly will get this organized and out to the membership. Each member will be given one vote, and you must be a member to vote per the bylaws.
- Acceptance of Treasure resignation as of 06/08/2026
- The board will move to combine the Secretary and Treasure position, with the president taking on some duties when needed. Motion made to accept this resolution made by Dan Mertes seconded by Derek Hawkinson. Motion carried by board vote.
- Shawwna will be moving all reimbursements, DIBS payment sheets and coaching stipend and DIBS forms to the website now making all of this digital. This should greatly increase the efficiency of this process.
- July Board meeting will be moved to July 6th at Yanmar arena
- Board also needs to establish parent meeting dates at July meeting
- Skeeter Stich out of Bemidji would like to sponsor a team. They would also like an opportunity to bid for jersey printing.

Secretary Report- Shawwna Rude:

Motion made to approve May meeting minutes made by Mitch Kellin seconded by Derek Hawkinson. Motion carried by board vote

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COncessions

- Nayax account is now set up and all money should be going to Grand Rapids State Bank to GRAHA account
- Finally got last season Nayax money, deposited \$9049.48
- Getting new hot chocolate machines, no cost to GRAHA
- Possibly going cashless? Discussion around this

GRAHA Admin Update

- District Meeting
 - GRAHA hosting 12UB Districts
 - Possibly having to buy new nets for the squirt level for the 27/28 season. MN hockey is trialing this in the cities for this upcoming season. These nets would be a step up from the mites nets but not full size nets.
 - Game sheet is now charging a fee per tournament game registered.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Andy Haarklau at 8:02pm

July Meeting Agenda items need to approve Financials from April, May, & June