

Grand Rapids Amature Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes: May 5th, 2025
6pm Yanmar Arena

Board Members:

Present- Andy Haarklau, Ryan Dekich, Jon Toivonen, Dan Mertes, Shawna Rude, Brian Anderson, Grant Clifton, Mitch Kellin

Quorum- Yes

Members Present: Cara Scott, Molly Casey, Dale Christy, Dale Anderson

Proceedings:

Meeting Call to order 5:57 by Andy Haarklau

Boys PDC: Grant Clifton

- 4check Hockey payment for the year due, working on looking up contract so that we make sure we are paying the correct amount, some concerned that our contact representative with 4check is not as available as they said they would be, Grant will follow up on this next month
- 4check is a great resource/program board and Grant agrees that we need to require coaches to be trained in this before the new season
- Motion to approve the following Boys coaches for the 2025/2026 season:
 - Bantam AA- Craig Peirce
 - Peewee AA- Sam Rendle
 - Squirt A- Luke Fransisco

Motion made by Jon Toivonen seconded by Shawna Rude. Motion carried by board vote.

- Blue line clubs have taken over spring and fall youth clinics and it has been a good fundraiser for them and beneficial for the youth hockey players
- Discussion around golf tournament previously associated with GRAHA
 - Need to make sure that those putting on tournament are no longer using the GRAHA 501C3 number as GRAHA is not associated with this tournament any longer
 - Blue line club was going to take this over but was not able to make it work
 - Board agrees that GRAHA will continue to not be involved in any golf tournament as of now.

Yanmar/City- Dale Anderson

- 3 year agreement for ice as follows:
 - 7/25-6/26- \$169/hr
 - 7/26-6/27- \$173/hr
 - 7/27-6/28- \$179/hr

GRAHA uses around 1400-1450 hours of ice per year

Pavilion- Mitch Kellin

- City and GRAHA need to get contract signed with park state bank for warming house wall
- Park state bank good with sign saying “ Warming House Brought to you by Park State Bank”

- Need to get invoice from A1 concrete, GRAHA will pay invoice, and then get reimbursed from Park State Bank.
- Gambling donated \$50,000 to community fund per the email vote last month
- \$34,000 For an awning on pavilion to protect the ice from the sun on warmer days where the sun is damaging the ice- no action taken just discussion on something that may need to happen

Fundraising/Bing Event: Ryan Dekich/ Mitch Kellin-

- Gambling proportion of Bingo event
 - Gun Raffle- \$4995
 - Bingo- \$2300
 - Horse Racing- \$726
 - Total- \$7951
- Need to get check to Dale Christy to Dale for gambling portion of event
- Ryan Believes that the gun raffle went over well and there was some discussion about giving books out for families to sell
- Bingo and Horse Racing taxed at 33.5% while Gun raffles are taxed at 8.5%
- Motion made to give 3 DIBS per person to those that volunteered for the Bingo event by Jon Toivonen seconded by Brian Anderson. Motion passed by board vote. Ryan will email the list to DIBS coordinator Shawwna to log.

Gambling Update- Dale Christy

- Need to approve March Tax Return, April Check Register, and May Budget. Motion made by Shawwna Rude seconded by Ryan Dekich. Motion carried by board vote
- New Sites opened Unwined , Trailside bar, and Outpost. The Tide opening soon
- Need to establish a budget of what GRAHA donates based on percentage of net proceeds
- These donations should be driven by the sites requests and based on how much the site brings in
- Andy will be putting together a statement about the standard of giving for gambling
- Donation Request from Hoot and Holler for \$10,000 for Black Duck Baseball. Motion made to approve donation in installments with one installment of \$5000 now and then 2 additional installments of \$2500 in consecutive months. Motion made by Brian Anderson seconded by Dan Mertes. Motion carried by board vote.
- Board would like information on what the money is to be spent on

Secretary's report- Shawwna Rude

Motion Made to approve April meeting minutes by Dan Mertes seconded by Jon Toivonen.
Motion carried by board vote.

Financial Report- Anna Peters

Motion made to approve April financials by Dan Mertes seconded by Ryan Dekich. Motion carried by board vote

GRAHA Admin- Molly Casey

- Start of the North Tournaments for 25/26 nearly all sold out, only short 1 bantam B1 team

- Discussion on 3rd tournament for teams that have a hard time finding good competition. Board in agreement that this would be fine, but should be done on a case by case basis. Molly will reach out to boys PDC to see if they may have a recommendation on any boys teams that may benefit from this, since tournaments are currently opening. Girls PDC has already made recommendations
- Motion made to approve a third tournament for 15uA and 12uB based on PDC recommendation by Dan Mertes seconded by Jon Toivonen. Motion carried by board vote
- Need to get elections out Molly will be working on this and board will certify results at next meeting

Concessions- Cara Scott

- Cara has received all equipment
- Pizza ovens were broken upon delivery, but the company sent out new ones and let her keep the old ones. She is going to see if she can fix the broken pizza ovens.
- GRAHA may possibly be in control of Pepsi contract Andy will give update when we have one
- New oven not working Cara is going to try to turn it in with the warranty to try to get it fixed.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Andy Haarklau at 737 motion carried by board vote

Additional Items from email:

04/18/2025- Cara sent an email that there will be an additional fee of \$7.95/month for a cashless operation fee for the card reader on the vending machine that was approved at the April meeting. Cara is just wanting approval for the additional monthly fee. Additional fee carried by board vote with all members in affirmation of approving of the additional monthly fee.

05/07/2025 Motion made to amend bylaws to include:

1. Treasurer position term extension to 3 years
2. Existing board members in good standing that chose to serve another term can be reappointed by majority vote of the current board of directors.

Motion carried by board vote with all executive board members in affirmation of approving of the amendments to the bylaws. Bylaws will be updated and effective 05/07/2025

Minutes submitted by Secretary Shawwna Rude 05/07/2025