

Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes: March 2, 2026
6pm Sammy's Pizza

Board Members:

Andy Haaklau, Shawna Rude, Derek Hawkinson, Mitch Kellin, Ryan Dekich, Dan Mertes, Grant Clifton, Brian Anderson

Member Presents: Cara Scott, Troy Scott

Quorum- Yes

Proceedings:

Meeting Call to order Andy Haarklau 610

Buzzy 1976 Championship team:

- 1976 team GR sports hall of fame ceremony August 8, 2026 would like GRAHA involvement
- Whole 1976 team to be included and inducted into the Grand Rapids sports hall of fame
- would like help planning induction ceremony which will take place 08/08 Saturday at noon
- Possibly needing, donation and kids help (Saturday for sure)
- Would like concessions open- upstairs 11-2 this could possibly be the donation from GRAHA for ceremony
- Buzzy would like Grant and Brad to speak about the program and would possibly like some of the high school boys there as well.

Boys PDC- Grand Clifton:

- Meeting Wednesday morning to decide coaches and numbers for 26/27 season
- Grant will be holding a coach training that will be mandatory
- Need more buy in from coaches in off season so that it is not all falling to Grant
- The board would like to get rid of 4check hockey as it is about \$10,000 per year Shawna will ask Molly to look at the contract to see if that is possible for the upcoming season.
- Still will have coaches use ice hockey systems, but we should be able to just get a subscription to that.
- Peewee and Bantams possibly start using Spiideo to review film
- GRAHA in need of coaching aids for next season. Grant would like sets for both East and West rink. Will add this to the May agenda with estimated cost.

Secretary's Report- Shawna:

- Motion to approve February meeting minutes made by Derek Hawkinson, seconded by Dan Mertes. Motion carried by board vote.
- Motion to approve March meeting minutes made by Ryan Dekich, Seconded by Brian Anderson. Motion carried by board vote.

Board member updates:

- Motion to approve Andy Haarklau for one more term as President made by Grant Clifton seconded by Derek Hawkinson. Motion passed by board vote.

- Ryan Deckich finishing his term and will not look for reelection
- Shawna will contact Molly to get a board application out for 1 director position. Will need to have the membership vote in May so they may be sworn in, in June.

Admin Update- Molly Casey:

- Several Scheduling concerns from this season. Andy is aware and has plans to talk to Dale about this.
- Will be starting to work on SOTN tournament dates as soon as we get projected numbers for the 26/27 season

Golf Classic- Andy Haarklau:

- Getting everything set
- GRAHA will be giving some DIBS for Golf Classic this summer
- Should have a number of how many DIBS to be given out soon, will be splitting these volunteer hours $\frac{1}{3}$ GRAHA, $\frac{1}{3}$ Boys blue line club, $\frac{1}{3}$ Girls blue line club
- Will need to have Molly send out an email about golf classic when all info is set.

Gambling update- Dale Christy not present info given to Andy Haarklau:

- New Site, Applebee's starting May 1st.
- Motion to approve February tax return, March check book register and April Budget Made by Dan Mertes, Seconded Derek Hawkinson. Motion carried by board vote

Concession update- Toy and Cara Scott:

- Troy, Cara, Andy meeting next week to discuss Scott payment and equipment needs.

Financial Report- Kyle Figgins not present info given to Andy Haarklau:

- Motion to approve March financials made by Mitch Kellin seconded by Ryan Dekich. Motion carried by board vot
- The board needs clarification on where the line item is for the money that should be going into our account from the pop machine credit card reader.
- Need to work on getting reimbursements out correctly and more efficiently.
- The Board understands what a big undertaking the Treasures job is and how time consuming the day to day can be during the season but does need to run smoother and more efficiently next season as there was much frustration this year throughout the association.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Andy Haarklau at 7:54

Items for May agenda:

- Voting on equipment budget for training aids
- Looking at getting half ice boards, will need estimate for May meeting
- Voting on Squirt Jersey replacement

Minutes submitted by Secretary Shawna Rude 04/07/2026