

**Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes: February 3rd
6pm Yanmar Arena**

Board Members:

Present-Ryan Dekich, Jon Toivonen, Dan Mertes, Anna Peters, Andy Haarklau, Shawwna Rude, Mitch Kellin, Brian Anderson

Quorum- Yes

Members Present: Molly Casey, Kendra Mitchel, Dale Christy, Cara Scott, Troy Scott, Grant Clifton

Proceedings:

Meeting Call to order 6:00pm by Andy Haarklau

Park State Bank: Dan Foster-Pavilion Proposal Park State Bank Sponsoring Warming shack/ locker room area for Pavilion. Will work on getting details figured out and would like to move forward with this partnership. Proposed length of contract 7 years.

GRAHA insurance update: Dan Drennen- GRAHA has purchased general liability coverage through Itasca reliable insurance policy through West Bend Mutual \$1 million policy. USA Hockey does carry some liability coverage for sanctioned events but would not cover events outside of sanctioned events such as fundraisers. Chiller not covered under current policy but could be added. Dan would like to see GRAHA's contract with City to make sure that we are not missing anything that should be covered.

Pavilion Fund update- Mitch Kellin, Andy Haarklau- Currently we still owe \$500,000 will be about a \$6600 a month payment when those start.

PDC Update: Required EMT at any invitational tournament per MN hockey rules.

Boys PDC: Grant Clifton- Locker room concern Grant has spoken to the coach of this team and the coach of the team will be taking care of issues.

Gambling update: Dale Christy- Motion to approve December tax return, January check register, and February budget made by Shawwna Rude seconded by Dan Mertes motion carried by board vote.

Donation Request- Reilly's Requesting donation for 2 snowmobile clubs \$1500 for each Deer River and Marcel clubs. Motion Made to make both donations by Mitch Kellin, seconded by Andy Haarklau Motion Carried by board vote.

Donation to GRAHA from Gambling for registration raffle tickets \$200,250.00 Motion made to approve donation by Jon Toivonen seconded by Brian Anderson. Motion carried by board vote.

Donation to Grand Rapids Area Community foundation for Pavilion for \$50,000 motion made to approve donation by Mitch Kellin seconded by Ryan Dekich

Secretary report: Shawwna Rude - Motion to approve made by Jon Toivonen seconded by Ryan Dekich.

Treasure Report: Anna Peters- Concession revenue up \$40,000 from last year at this time. Board in agreement that we should Probably up the fees to home tournaments \$1895 as our fees are low compared to other tournaments. Motion made to approve January financials by Dan Mertes, Seconded by Ryan Dekich.

DIBS update: Shawwna- Will get a report together at the end of season to evaluate the number of DIBS given out vs the number of families in the association. Will also possibly need to evaluate the value of DIBS for the work that is being done. We could change the number of DIBS for the concession stand but that does not change the number of volunteers needed per season. Outside organizations working in concession stands seem to be working well. Will work on that again for next season

GRAHA Admin: Molly Casey - Winding down auctions, has gone well. The Bid came back for D1/NHL wall \$3500 for wall plaque and 1100 for NHL stickers. Board in agreement that this should be taken care of before next season. Will work with the City and Blueline club to figure out funding.

IRA complaints- Talking to Dale about keeping up with snow removal and garbages

Concessions update: Cara Scott- Tip button \$824 so far all going to the Pavilion fund. Concessions going well. Cara is wondering about outside of season concession stand opening. Cara and Troy may choose to open concessions, but will need to staff it.

Motion to adjourn Meeting by Andy Haarklau 7:45pm

Minutes submitted by Secretary Shawwna Rude 2/05/25