

## **Grand Rapids Amature Hockey Association**

### **Board Meeting Minutes: August 5, 2024**

**6pm Yanmar Arena**

#### **Board Members:**

*Present-* Jon Toivonen, Andy Haarklau, Ryan Deckich, Anna Peters, Mitch Kellen, Dan Mertes, Brad Hyduke, Brian Anderson, Shawna Rude

*Quorum-* yes

*Members Present-* Dale Christy, Troy Scott, Cara Scott, Danny Gibbon

#### **Proceedings:**

*Meeting call to order* 607 by Jon Toivonen

*Danny Gibbon Referee Official-* 1. Website platform for scheduling and paying refs would cost 3% which would be approximately 300. Does not save any time for Danny Ref R sports. He advises that GRAHA passes on that as it would not save him time and it would cost money.

2. Danny states that we need to do something about referee safety given the situations that came up last year, the current referee room does have a locking door on it, but further safety measures are probably warranted. Discussion about safety measures that could be put in place would include, blocking off access to keep parents and spectators away from refs to keep them safe. Also possibly in future moving ref room away to the other side of the arena depending on logistics.

*Concessions Update-* Troy and Cara Scott, introduction to board. Angie signed all information necessary to Troy and Cara. Troy and Cara will work with Angie to ensure a smooth transition this season. Cara to meet with Anna and Shawna About DIBS payments.

*Gambling Update-* Dale Christy, June Tax Return, July Checkbook information passed out to members for review, August budget Lowered payroll to reflect the normal 2 pay periods as opposed to last month when there were 3. Denny's Resort still waiting on approval from state for pull tab license. All new sites seem to be doing well. Sammy's in Hibbing, going well discussed how the agreement with Sammy's is that a percentage of sales goes to Hibbing youth hockey. Discussion about how much it costs to run pull tab machines per month and if it is worth the cost and labor. Board would like to know how much money you have to make to make the machines worth it. Motion to approve June Tax return, July Checkbook, and August Budget made by Andy Haarklau, seconded by Mitch Kellen, motion carried.

Donation Request for \$250 from the MN Hockey Officials scholarship fund motion made to approve donation made by Ryan Deckich and seconded Brian Anderson, motion carried.

Discussion about Thunderhawk summer scrimmage golf tournament sponsorship of a GRAHA team, with the money benefiting the weight room and other Thunderhawk athletic needs. Motion made by Brad Hyde to sponsor a team for the Golf tournament at the cost of \$500 seconded by Andy Haarklau, motion carried.

Donation to Boys and Girls club general fund tabled

*Scheduling update-* Zoom meeting last week with crossbar.

*Secretary's Report-* Shawna Rude, report provided by email for board members review. Motion to approve July meeting minutes made by Anna Peters and Seconded by Brian Anderson, motion carried.

*Financial Report-* Anna Peters, Ryan working on getting paid from sponsors for last year. Discussion on some issues with getting invoices out last year trying to figure out a more streamlined process on who should be invoicing- accountant, GRAHA admin or treasure? Need to make sure that the sponsors are getting invoices in a timely manner. It would be best if the GRAHA admin and accountant can work together on this.

Discussion about getting Troy and Cara a CC to use to get quick need supplies.

Getting Sean Martenson last check for the Sports engine admin as GRAHA will be switching the the crossbar website.

Motion made to approve July financials made by Shawna Rude seconded by Dan Mertes, motion carried.

*Sponsorship Update-* Ryan Dekich, Handed out information about fundraising for refrigeration project. Packets given to members. Talked about the heaters for benches and penalty box for pavilion ice.

Motion made to approve \$3000 for plexiglass for the advertising on the pavilion motion made by Jon Toivonen seconded by Andy Haarklau, motion carried.

Adds on pavillion renew yearly

*Youth Golf Tournament Update-* Coming Together going to be a great tournament should have around 19 teams. Hole sponsors are in place with a short course 9 hole tournament and a prize for every hole.

*Boys PDC-* Grant Clifton, PDC Members no in place mammembers include Wade Chido, Grant Clifton, Dale Anderson, Sammy Johnson, Bret Beckfield, Mitch Kellen, Guy Clairmont, Corey Jackson, Luke Francisco

*Girls PDC-* Brad Hyduke, Player code of conduct discussed at last meeting is ready to roll out language in code of conduct looked at by Brad, Grant and Molly. Girls High School Hockey Requesting a donation of \$2500. Motion made to approve a \$2500 donation to Girls High School Hockey made by Anna Peters and Seconded by Brian Anderson, motion carried.

Coaches meeting Monday 23th or Wednesday 25th Suggested days

*GRAHA ADMIN-* Molly Casey, Update provided by email

*Pavillion Update-* Mitch Kellen, Sand down, pad poured for chiller, after that rink tech will be up to get started. Working out DIBS shifts will work with Shawwna. Working on getting electrical figured out for the pavilion.

Other Business- MN Wild special hockey needs to schedule ice time for them.

Safe Sport and Background check for all board members in August.

Will look at the current contract for the Gambling Assistant Manager. Motion made to end the current contract with the Assistant gambling manager pending board review of contract. Motion made by Brian Anderson seconded by Brad Hyduke, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Andy Haarklau seconded by Jon Toivonen, motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Shawwna Rude 08/06/2024