

Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes: May 4, 2026
6pm Yanmar Arena

Board Members:

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

Member Presents: Cara Scott, Dale Christy, Kendra Mitchell

Quorum- Yes

Proceedings:

Meeting Call to order Andy Haarklau 603

Boys PDC: Grant Clifton-

- Head Coaches
 - Squirt A- Andy Shermoen
 - Peewee AA- Sam Rendle assistant Patric Moore
 - Bantam AA- TBD- Grant Has a plan in place and will discuss further at a later date.
- A good amount of interest in B level coaches, which is great for the association
- Training aids and Equipment for upcoming season
 - ½ ice boards \$7500 for Kauppi side
 - Foam dividers \$5600 2 sets of pads for both indoor sheets
 - Total for training equipment \$4800
 - \$17,900 total for everything - Motion to approve the purchase of the above listed training/equipment items for a future date prior to the 2026/2027 season made by Derek Hawkinson seconded by Brian Anderson motion carried by board vote.

Girls PDC: Brad Hyduke-

- Head Coaches
 - 10uA Shawn Mitchell
 - 12uA Jerry Johnson
 - 15uA Jake Skelly
 - 15uB Avrielle Schneider
 - Motion to approve all coaches for both boys and girls made by Dan Mertes seconded by Derek Hawkinson. Motion Carried by board vote
- Grand Rapids would like to work with Greenway to see if there is a way we can work on getting the GRG more ice in Greenway- Brad will work with Kenny to see if there is a way to collaborate on this.
- Suggestion for morning ice in starting a rotation for all teams 12u/peewee and above possibly to include squirt A and 10uA will work with Dale to see if he can make this work with scheduling.
- Brad and Girls PDC suggest moving SOTN tournaments to 15min periods given that there were some complaints about long periods and that post season play is 15min periods.

Admin Update: Molly Casey-

- Crossbar and sports engine under the same company now

- All Away tournaments registered for
- Molly will prearrange all hotel blocks for teams for their away tournaments
- Star of the North Tournament Dates set, Molly made sure when booking these that they did not overlap with the post season play for Districts and Regions. Dates are attached to meeting min.

Concession update: Cara Scott-

- Aspire heating and cooling \$400-1500 for fixes to refrigerators.
- Cara is working on getting the vending money from CC reader into GRAHA account

Gambling Update: Dale Christy-

- Motion to approve March tax return, April Checkbook register, and May budget May budget, made by Dan Mertes seconded by Brad Hyduke. Motion carried by board vote.
- Donation requests:
 - Motion was made to approve a donation from gambling to the Community foundation for \$30,000 made by Ryan Dekich seconded by Brian Anderson. Motion carried by board vote.
 - Donation request from Grand Rapids Sports hall of fame for \$300 motion made to approve the donation request by Brian Anderson, seconded by Derek Hawkinson motion carried by board vote.
 - Donation request from Hendrickson foundation following board discussion no motion was made to take action on this item.
- Applebee's gambling will be starting a little later, working on a June 1st date.
- GRAHA tax return presented and signed by Andy Haarklau President and Shawwna Rude Secretary.

Secretary's Report: Shawwna Rude

- Motion to approve April Meeting Minutes made by Dan Mertes seconded by Derek Hawkinson. Motion Carried by board vote.

Other items:

- New Squirt Jerseys are needed as the old cream jerseys are looking pretty bad they have been used for 4 seasons.
- Suggestion by Shawwna and Molly that the new ones we order will be the dark or black jerseys and the ones with the sponsor information the kids keep will be the white.
 - Motion to approve buying new squirt Jerseys made by Ryan Dekich Seconded by Derek Hawkinson motion carried by board vote.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Andy Haarklau at 7:15

Items for June agenda:

- Need to approve April and May Financials



Star of the North Tournaments 2026-27



- **November 13-15, 2026: PWB2**
- **November 20-22, 2026: 15UB**
- **November 27-29, 2026: 15UA**
 - **December 4-6, 2026: 10UA**
- **December 11-13, 2026: BTM B2**
- **December 18-20, 2026: 12UA**
 - **January 1-3, 2027: BTM B1**
- **January 8-10, 2027: BTM AA**
- **January 15-17, 2027: PWB1**
- **January 22-24, 2027: PWAA**
- **January 29-31, 2027: 12UB**
 - **February 5-7, 2027: 10UB2**
- **February 12-14, 2027: Marshall Bader Memorial Squirt A**
 - **February 19-21, 2027: Squirt B2**
 - **February 26-28, 2027: Squirt B1**