

Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes: July 6th, 2026
6pm Yanmar Arena

Board Members:

Andy Haarklau, Shawna Rude, Derek Hawkinson, Mitch Kellin, Dan Mertes, Grant Clifton, Toby Holmgren, Brian Anderson

Member Presents: Cara Scott, Dale Christy, Molly Casey

Quorum- Yes

Proceedings:

Meeting Call to order Andy Haarklau 602

New board member welcome- Toby Holmgren

Admin Update: Molly Carey-

- All board members need to complete safe sport by September, as Molly will have to submit the board roster by October.
- Mite Summit- Would include one hour of ice Kids skating with a parent meeting on what to expect as you move through the different levels of the hockey program. The board agrees to pass this for now.
- Parent Meeting- for all levels Molly, Shawna and Andy will all be at the meetings. Schedule after in person registration and before tryouts. Will have the Peewee and Bantams meetings together. Grant will schedule the squirt meeting. All A level coaches should also be there.
- Social media guidelines discussed- limit posts to GRAHA specific accolades, USA, collegiate, or professional accolades.

Boy's PDC- Grant Clifton

- Grant will hold coaches Meeting/Training
- Will be doing some checking instruction during skills camp for the Peewees and Bantams.

Girl's PDC- Brian Anderson

- Nothing to report

GRAHA Business- Andy Haarklau

- Derek Hawkinson will be looking at insurance policy and contacting Itasca Reliable to see about getting insurance for Directors and officers as well as gambling employees.

DIBS- Shawna Rude

- We will have update on DIBS number in August
- Derek Hawkinson will be writing up the Coaching DIBS information for next meeting to post to our website
- All coaching DIBS will be tracked through PDF located on the GRAHA website and then can be emailed to Shawna

Golf Classic- Andy Haarklau

- July 31st
- Golf event is full
- Volunteers will be needed adults as well as older kids. Bantam/15u, Varsity Boys/Girls

Gambling- Dale Christy

- Motion to approve May tax return, June check register and July budget with the combined tax going up for the month and payroll going back to 2 pay periods in July motion made by Mitch Kellin seconded by Dan Mertes. Motion carried by board vote.
- no donation requests for this month
- Total donation made to Community Foundation \$36,000
- Applebee's started July 2nd
- Denys and Anchor inn must now go through Tribe per new MN rule, so they will no longer be GRAHA gambling sites.

Secretary's Report- Shawwna Rude

- Motion to approve June meeting minutes made by Brian Anderson, seconded by Dan Mertes. Motion carried by board vote
- Motion to approve April, May, June and July Financials made by Mitch Kellin, seconded by Derek Hawkinson. Motion carried by board vote.
- Titan Hockey Gear neck guards
 - Will be going on sale soon through beginning/mid August
 - Will be using our zeffy site for sales
 - GRAHA should make around \$10 per neck guard sold

Concessions- Cara Scott

- Concession will be open for the hockey hall of fame gathering
- Cara and Andy to meet if the Golf Classic would like to use the concessions square for the golf event.
- Cara proposes that we move to go cashless as this would make it much easier for accounting and not having to have change on hand
- Also, will look into making gift card available for concession stand
- Borealis creamery reached out Cara will have more information at the August meeting
- Board will talk about Pepsi contract in August

Motion to Adjourn 6:49- Andy Haarklau

Minutes submitted by Secretary Shawwna Rude 07/07/2026