

**Grand Rapids Amature Hockey Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes: November 4th**  
**6pm Yanmar Arena**

**Board Members:**

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

*Quorum- Yes*

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

**Proceedings:**

Meeting Call to order 6:07pm by Jon Toivonen

Scheduling Update- Dale Anderson, Starting to schedule the pavilion, possibly needing volunteers for power washing of the pavilion after boards are installed, Rubber flooring getting installed should be done soon.

Gambling update- Dale Christy, Kendra Mitchel need to approve September tax return, October check register and November budget, Dale states that he upped combined tax receipt for this month. Motion made by Rayn Dekich seconded by Shawwna Rude. Motion carried by board vote.

Donation Request- Dutchroom Request \$250 for swim team Motion made by Mitch kellin to approve the donation, seconded by Andy Haarklau. Motion carried by board vote.

Donation Request- The Grand Rapids Sports Hall of Fame is requesting a donation for \$300, inductees this year include a hockey Team and individual hockey players motion made to approve donation by Jon Toivonen Seconded by Andy Haarklau. Motion carried by board vote.

Discussion- Gambling sites requesting more raffles, and more things that can be done at the sites. "Tip boards" also known as meat raffles some sites are currently doing these. Would possibly need to staff these things with a GRAHA employee. Hayslips expressed interest in hosting BINGO as well as Redeye , Blackberry. Things to consider with bingo would need to have at least one paid employee to be there. Redeye has a plan to run their Bingo with other volunteers. The expense for bingo also can be expensive; the cost for getting the Hoot and Holler up and running was about \$10,000. Kendra stopped at Fish Tales and they would like to switch to GRAHA but they really want to do BINGO and would be a deal breaker for them.

Concession update- Cara Scott, Troy Scott- Needing 2 more chest freezers, one little one for upstairs and one big for downstairs. Motion made by Andy Haarklau for Troy and Cara to spend up to \$1000 on freezers, motion seconded by Ryan Dekich. Motion carried by board vote

Vending- Candy machine is not working, looking to get the machines picked up that are not currently working. Anna is going to help with this.

Cara would like to do some simple training videos for concession stands. All in agreement that would be a good idea and a helpful tool.

What additional items can we bring in to add substance to the menu, possibly pulled pork still looking at possibly doing subs, trying to reach out to Mad Dog's to inquire about this.

Secretary's Report- Shawwna Rude, motion made to approve the October secretary's report motion made by Andy Haarklau seconded by Dan Mertes.

Discussion on DIBS coordinator contract will get duties for position and revisit in December also getting full duties for gambling positions as well.

Financial Report- Anna, Discussion- Bantam B1 proposed budget \$12,000 that would be used for an extra tournament given the fact that they are having more players on that team. Typical budget is \$6000 per team board thinks that they will need a higher budget but feels more comfortable with giving an extra \$4000 for a total of \$10,000 given the extra tournaments that will be needed motion made by Andy Haarklau to approve the additional \$4000 seconded by Ryan Dekich. Motion carries by board vote.

Coaches stipends non parents \$3000 for head coaches peewee/12u and above assistant coaches \$1500 capped at 2 assistant coaches Motion made by Mitch Kellin Seconded by Dan Mertes. Motion carried by board vote. Motion made to amend this amount to \$3500 for non parent head coaches and \$1500 for assistant non parent coaches capped at 2 per team also to include squirts and above motion made by Anna Peters seconded by Shawwna Rude. Motion carried by board vote.

Motion made to approve October Financials by Ryan Dekich seconded by Mitch Kellin

Sponsorship update- Ryan Dekich All sponsors have been invoiced as of 11/1- will resend if not paid by 12/1.

Potential sponsors for pavilion warming house to make locker rooms- Mesabi Metallics and possibly Park State Bank. Ryan will be following up with them as the board agrees that this is very important.

Discussion all members present want to make sure that there is open ice for community members to enjoy on the pavilion once complete

Molly- Universal sports auctions contacted Molly about putting items at the arena, they bring everything, carry liability, and they take responsibility for everything. GRAHA would receive 20% of profit from auctions. Molly has a call into Woodbury to see how this has worked for them. All members present agree that it sounds good and we should give it a chance.

New Locker Room policy- tournament director will collect one set of manager/coaches car keys and then give them the locker room keys and then after the game is completed the tournament director will need to "check out" the team to make sure the locker room is not a mess before giving keys back.

Ryan Making sure that school rinks are going to get flooded so we can get ice in a timely manner for outdoor practices.

Discussion: Possible cutting ties with Live barn as it is glitchy GRAHA does not control the actual livebarn being in the facility but we could offer someone else to come and install a different system possibly working with MNhockey.tv????

Boys PDC- Grant Clifton, Nothing new to report

Motion made to approve 4th tournament for Pee wee B1 orange motion made by Anna Peters seconded by Dan Mertes. Motion carried by board vote.

Motion made to approve \$4500 for Jr Gold coach by Anna Peters Seconded by Jon Toivonen. Motion carried by board vote

15ub would like to rent pads from Jon Toivonen

Request for 12ub to do an extra tournament Moose lake motion made by Jon Toivonen seconded by Dan Mertes. Motion carried by board vote

Pavillion Update- Mitch Kellin, final bill from rink Tech \$67,000 flooding next week.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jon Toivonen at 752 seconded by Andy Haarklau. Motion carried by board vote

Follow up items for December- Zamboni for pavilion ice what time will be the last zam take place. Also Making sure that there is open ice for families and community member to enjoy the pavillion

Minutes Submitted By Secretary Shawna Rude 11/07/24

Additional Items: Votes by email for October:

Melanie Debay Recieve 4 DIBS for Squirt Coordinator and Brett Beckfield receives 4 DIBS for on ice training he will do throughout the squirt season. All board members voted by email and the motion for this has passed on 10/08/2024

Andy Haarklau would like to reopen the motion for the value of \$997 (~50% of net proceeds of \$1,997) to GRGA and also include clarity with this motion that if we have GRAHA volunteers working they can get 25% of the net proceeds, if they have their own volunteers and it is out of season they will get 50% of the net proceeds. All board members voted by email and this motion has passed on 10/08/2024