

Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes: February 9, 2026
6pm Yanmar Arena

Board Members:

Andy Haaklau, Shawnna Rude, Derrick Hawkinson, Mitch Kellen, Ryan Dekich, Brian Anderson, Dan Mertes

Member Presents: Cara Scott, Troy Scott, Dale Christy, Kendra Mitchel

Quorum- Yes

Proceedings:

Meeting Call to order Andy Haaklau 606

Secretary report: Shawnna-

- Motion to approve January meeting minutes made by Ryan Dekich seconded by Brian Anderson. Motion carried by board vote.

Admin update: Molly Casey-

- Home tournament incidents
 - Peewee AA- Coach in box asked to leave without incident STMA
 - Bantam AA- Chaska Chan Player Misconduct in penalty box
 - Squirt A- Grand Forks Parent misconduct
 - How do we deal with this moving forward? We need to have enforceable rules.
 - Any personal attack on refs and or officials including but not limited to abusive spectators, coaches, & players, zero tolerance policy.
 - The information sent to teams in the tournament information will be the one and only warning.
 - Possibly no puck drop till person leaves and team will be assessed penalties for delay of game until their fan leaves.
 - The board will be moving forward and will be putting all policies in the tournament packets and in bylaws.
 - Sponsorship and advertising everyone has been invoiced, and Molly will reinvoice those that have not paid this week.
 - Andy will be filling out an application for the endowment fund grant.

Fundraising: Ryan Dekich-

- Working on BINGO night
- \$670 raised from silent auction in lobby money deposited into pavilion fund still waiting on one check.

Gambling: Dale Christy-

- Motion to approve December tax return, January check book register and February budget same as December with 2 pay periods. Motion made to approve these items made by Dan Mertes Seconded by Derrick Hawkinson. Motion carried by board vote.

- Motion to make donation to general fund for 211,400 which is the profit from the cash raffle made by Mitch Kellin seconded by Derrick Hawkinson. Motion carried by board vote.
- Motion to make a donation to general fund from gambling for \$50,000 made by Mitch Kellin seconded by Brian Anderson. Motion carried by board vote.
- Donation Request from Hayslips for the Marcel Snow Drifters asking for \$2500. Motion made to approve donation by Mitch Kellin Seconded by Dan Mertes. Motion carried by board vote.
- The new owner of unwinded just got liquor license opening March, will start them off slowly.

Financial report: Kyle Figgins -

- Motion made for Kyle to explore new CC options made by Brian Anderson seconded by Dan Mertes. Motion carried by board vote.
- Budgets for teams having overages, probably due to stagnant budgets over the last couple years, will need to adjust for the upcoming season.

Pavilion update: Mitch Kellin

- Mock up for pavilion donor sign quoted at \$10,000

Concession: Troy and Cara Scott-

- We are at about the same sales as this time last year.
- Should we be charging a cc fee? Something to look into or raising prices.
- Spring and summer concession stand events, looking to use DIBS for volunteers for these events.

Other Business:

- Districts- Shawnna
 - Mark has emailed out the game sheet codes and this has been given to the peewee AA team and coaches and will forward to Maggie Skelton and Craig Peirce as well.
 - Trophies for districts are in the office and Shawnna Rude and Maggie Skelton will make sure that they get to where they need to be on the district's weekends.
- New DIBS proposal for next season to include a second assistant coach for teams as well as more DIBS allotted at the 6u,8u, mini mite and mite levels as well as partial DIBS for squirt managers. This would increase the number of DIBS per family but would cover more of the people that are working on the ice.

DIBS update: Shawnna-

- The last call for DIBS will be March 31st. Anything after will go to next season's DIBS.
- One message has already been sent to membership to make sure they are checking their DIBS now.

Motion to adjourn meeting 7:27pm

Minutes submitted by Secretary Shawnna Rude 2/10/2026

