

Grand Rapids Amature Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes: October 8, 2024
6pm Yanmar Arena

Board Members:

Present-Ryan Deckich, Jon Toivonen, Brian Anderson, Dan Mertes, Anna Peters, Andy Haarklau, Shawna Rude

Quorum- Yes

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

Proceedings:

Meeting Call to order 6:02pm by Jon Toivonen

Scheduling update-Dale Anderson- Squirts almost scheduled. Scheduling is going well, getting new software working for the family calendars on the new crossbar website.

Pavilion Locker rooms \$20,000 approximate to make 2 locker rooms. Dale states that these would have to be GRAHA funded.

Working on getting the tunnel rubberized so players are able to get from the inner rink to the pavilion. Clty Paid for rubber material and GRAHA is paying to have material installed at the cost of \$9000.

Discussion on a possible ½ hour buffer between games to account for teams changing clothes in the pavilion warming area as this would be the locker room area for now.

Discussion that something needs to be done for the safety of the players to be able to get dressed out in the pavilion warming area.

Concessions update- Cara and Troy- So far so good.

Vending machines are not working and Troy and Cara are going to be getting rid of the ones that are not working. Candy machines not working, will call to see if we own the machine and try to get it fixed.

Not doing Subs this year, discussion on other items that could be brought in

Gambling Update – Dale Christy, Kendra Mitchell

Need to approve August tax return, September checkbook register, and October budget. Motion to approve all items made by Ryan Deckich, Second by Brian Anderson, motion carried by board vote.

Question asked, a pull tab site is looking for a statement as to what their establishment is selling. Dale states that a statement/report comes with all info with the monthly rent checks to each site.

Donation request - Hayslips is requesting a donation to the MN Deer Hunters Association of \$500 motion made to make donation to MDHA by Jon Toivonen seconded by Dan Mertes, motion carried by board vote.

Gun Raffles- Tickets for Hayslips, Reilly's, Sure Game Resort raffle will be November 27th and November 20th for Dutch room, Florios, Red eye,

Football boards in GRAHA gambling sites doing football boards ok but need to be purchased through us just like a pull tab box, will speak to sites to make sure this is happening

Kendra has visited all current sites and left her information. She also has completed gambling her seminar.

Secretary's Report – Shawwna Rude

Motion mad to approve September 2024 Meeting Minutes made by Andy Haarklau seconded by Dan Mertes motion carried by board vote

Meeting minutes up to date on the website, missing a couple months will be looking for those, may have been months the previous secretary was unable to attend. Will update the website when those become available.

6. Financial Report – Anna Peters

The 15u Budget was made with only one team but there will now be a 15uB team as well , but we are not having bantam B2 so the bantam B2 budget will be allocated to the 15uB team.

Concession stipends Will pay Cara and Troy first half \$2000

Working on getting 2024 payments from businesses

Motion made to approve September financials motion made by Shawwna Rude seconded by Jon Toivonen, motion carried by board vote

Sponsorship Update – Ryan Dekich

Team Sponsor hand out with team sponsorship list

Trying to get the city to help with advertising wraps on boards for the pavilion at least to show us how they go on.

Hawkinson- looking for what they would like to do as far as advertising out at the Pavilion rink.

Minnesota Power would like to do something for pavilion as well

Looking to doing a concert possibly at pavilion maybe one inside in December

Thermometer board for fundraising for pavilion coming this week- Molly

Tournament sponsors not doing tournament sponsors this year.

Boys/Girls PDC Updates – Grant C/Brad H.- 15u, 2 players moved up from 12 with their grade.

1 goalie for 15u, 15uB will pass pads and have players take turns.

15u asking for a 3rd tournament to fill in gaps as far as games Super chill tournament 15uA 1st Motion made to approve a 3rd tournament for both 15uA and 15uB as well as an additional 2500 to cover tournament costs by Jon Toivonen seconded by Anna Peters Motion carried by board vote.

The Coaches Meeting went well.

Bantams working with MN hockey to get approval to roster 2 additional players on the Bantam B team

GRAHA Admin- Molly Casey

Registration nights went well with no issues.

Doing pictures with the same photographer as last year dates will be 9th and 10th of December.

Goalie reimbursements for gear and training going well.

Tournaments are almost full Peewee B2 need one bantam B2 need one

Waiting for a rough estimate for signage for NHL players looking for something like maple grove has.

Other Items-

Board member Dibs- this is an all volunteer board DIBS not covered we do this for the benefit of GRAHA as volunteers. Many Board members going above and beyond for volunteer hours possibly looking at giving DIBS hours for those. Board needs to address and look at the amount of DIBS going out and what they are being given for.

Board Vote By Email on October 6, 2024 To approve the contract renewal of Molly Casey as GRAHA admin approved by all board members by email vote.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 810 By Andy Haarklau, seconded By Jon Toivonen

Minutes submitted By Secretary Shawnna Rude 10/15/2024