

Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes: October 5th, 2026
6pm Yanmar Arena

Board Members:

Andy Haaklau, Shawna Rude, Toby Holmgren, Derek Hawkinson, Dan Mertes, Grant Clifton, Brad Hyduke, Brian Anderson

Member Presents: Molly Casey, Adam Dick, Jon Toivonen

Quorum- yes

Proceedings:

Meeting Call to order by Andy Haarklau 6:00

Misc Business items- Andy Haarklau

- 6u/8u- Requesting 31 dark jerseys to use at Jamborees. Motion to approve up to \$400 for ordering dark jerseys to use at the 8u/6u level made by Grant Clifton seconded by Dan Mertes Motion carried by board vote.
- 8u/6u coordinator will be in charge of handing out and collecting jerseys each year.
- Totes of old jerseys were brought back to rink 9 total totes, Molly and Grant will be going through these for future use. The board will also help if needed.
- Veo cases ordered and received. Derek Hawkinson will be submitting for reimbursement
- Veo cameras ready to go, Molly and Derek still working on logistics for checking these out.
- Cameras will need to be checked back in and plugged on the back counter of the office.
- We currently have 4 cameras. There was a suggestion from Craig to mount one permanently in Kauppi. We need to make sure it is secure on the ceiling and it will need a cord to make sure that it is plugged in and on all the time.
- Molly- suggestion to have a rotation to pick the games that each team would like to check out the cameras.
- Molly looking for Outpost logo Adam Dick will work on getting that.
- Reminder that votes by email have to be 100% participation and 100% of members in affirmation of motions.

Concession-

- Pepsi contract up October 31, we will no longer be exclusive with Pepsi
- Andy will work on what the situation is with the fridges and Pepsi branded items
- Pink the Rink Gymnastics weekend- As in years past they have run the concessions and we split the net proceeds. For this year the amount is \$1800. Motion made to approve the profit share of \$1800 made by Toby Holmgren, seconded by Brian Anderson. Motion carried by board vote.

Director of Hockey-

- Dedicated to the Hockey program side of GRAHA.
- Will be for both Boys and Girls side of GRAHA
- Annual salary of \$40,000
- Molly Casey will still be in charge of Admin items
- Grant Clifton will be taking on this role
- Position contract will go from Oct 1- Sept 31

- Motion to approve the Director of hockey position with the understanding that this will be a working year refining duties made by Toby Holmgren, seconded by Derek Hawkinson motion carried by board vote.

PDC- Brad Hyduke

- There is a 12u player with some medical issues who wants to play this year, but is currently unable to play. She would still like to be involved and they would like to sign her up. It is unclear whether or not she will be able to play, but if she does we will prorate her cost when she is able to come back. Will roster her on a team. Motion made to approve this made by Shawwna Rude, seconded by Dan Mertes. Motion carried by board vote.
- Bantam suggestion by Toby- the pre season seems to long with fall fire up and first skates suggestion to push fall fire up back 2 weeks and make pre season only 3 weeks.

Admin- Molly Casey

- 492 registered
- Jeff Boyd contract set and waiting to be signed. Will move forward with only having medics on site for Pee wee/12u and above.

Secretary Reports- Shawwna Rude

- Motion to approve September meeting minutes made by Dan Mertes, Derek Hawkinson. Motion carried by board vote.

Financial Report- Andy Haarklau/ Shawwna Rude

- Wrote off some non paid sponsorship money.
- Team budgets have been set and increased by 30%.
- Shawwna will submit budget to Blake and Lind
- Motion to approve September Financials made by Brian Anderson , Seconded by Dan Mertes. Motion carried by board vote

Gambling-

- Welcome Adam Dick- Customer service for gambling sites will be at sites 2 times per month and will attend monthly board meetings.
- will be getting gambling license in December.
- Donations Request
 - GRALA is requesting a donation to their scholarship fund. Board in agreement that we would be happy to donate by having them work concession for a varsity game. And that this would be the standard moving forward for outside organizations.

Sponsorship- Toby Holmgren

- Hoot and Hollar will be getting a mite team sponsorship.
- Sponsorship is going well with only 6 teams left to find sponsorship for.

Motion to adjourn 707.

Votes by Email

Motion made to approve tryout jerseys for the bantam level given the large number of players.

Motion passed by unanimous board affirmation on 10/02/26.

Items for November meeting:
Need to approve October Gambling items.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Shawwna Rude on 10/07/2026