

**Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes: September 8th, 2026
6pm Yanmar Arena**

Board Members:

Andy Haaklau, Shawwna Rude, Grant Clafton, Toby Holmgren, Brian Anderson, Derek Hawkinson, Mitch Kellin, Brian Anderson, Dan Mertes

Member Presents: Cara Scott, Troy Scott, Molly Casey, Jeff Boyd

Quorum- yes

Proceedings:

Meeting Call to order by Andy Haarklau 604

Concessions: Cara & Troy Scott

- Testing Options for extra concession items
- Everyone agrees that there are some great options that should be offered.

MISC votes from August meeting

- Motion to approve June tax return, July checkbook register and August budget made by Dan Mertes, seconded by Toby Homgren. Motion carried by board vote.
- Motion to approve July Financial Report made by Dan Mertes, Seconded by Brian Anderson. Motion carried by board vote.
- Motion to approve July Secretary's Report made Mitch Kellin, Seconded by Toby Holmgren. Motion carried by board vote.
- Motion to approve the extra 12u/15u skills ice sessions made by Brian Anderson, Seconded by Derek Hawkinson. Motion carried by board vote.

Medic contract: Jeff Boyd

- The amount of usage for medics per tournament depends on level of play.
- States there is usually at least one incident per weekend sending someone to a higher level of care at all levels.
- Discussion- Possibly no needing medics at the squirt/10u level
- Molly would communicate the change to incoming teams
- Suggestion Squirt/10u and below not having EMT on site
- Motion to approve The requested raise from \$50 to \$55 per hour and cut the Squirt/10u and below tournament weekends made by Dan Mertes, seconded by Brad Hyduke. Motion carried by board vote.

Goalie Contract

- The request contract amount is \$12,000. Last year's contract was \$10,000
- GRAHA does have a high number of goalies.
- Would like to add goal tending instruction for coaches to contract.
- Motion to approve \$12000 contract, with the addition of 2 total 1hour sessions for goalie training for coaches split into Bantam/15u/Peewee/12u and Squirt/10u and below made by Derek Hawkinson, seconded by Brian Anderson. Motion carried by board vote.

Misc. Business: Andy Haarklau

- Pavilion Note Sits at \$28,000
- Scholarships have been awarded 6 total
- Veo Cameras Here 4 total to be used mostly at the PeeWee/12u and above level.
 - Derek Taking Charge of camera protocol for checking out and how they will be divided
 - He will also take charge with Molly of the checkout system.
 - Board believes we should try to keep at least 2 cameras here
- Possible Director of Hockey Position
 - Grant and Molly cover this position currently and would likely continue to do so. With Molly covering the admin position and Grant taking on more of the Director of Hockey operations position.
 - Would help with having more congruency through the program on both girls and boys side.
 - Grant and Brad would work together for both boys and girls
 - Grant and board need to set expectations and have coaches follow them
 - Grant would still like to see more coaches participate outside of season
 - number one problem GRAHA faces is ice time
 - Grant would like a budget to be able to pay people out of.
 - Motion for GRAHA to pursue Director of Hockey operations position made by Derek Hawkinson, seconded by Brian Anderson. Motion carried by board vote.
- This year the board will move to make 1 hour of Goalie Training with Petey mandatory by December 31st to be able to be on the ice.

GRAHA Admin- Molly Casey

- Safe sport for board, most members have completed this.
- Registration night 09/14 & 09/16 5-7
- Tickets must be picked up at registration night or will be forfeited.

PDC Girls- Brad Hyduke

- Will meet in September

PDC Boys- Grant Clifton

- The number for PeeWees will be enough for-3 teams PDC will discuss further.
- Checking clinic went well

Secretary's report- Shawna Rude

- Motion to approve August's meeting minutes made by Dan Mertes Seconded by Toby Holmgren. Motion carried by board vote.

Financial Report

- Motion made to approve August's Financial Report made by Dan Mertes, seconded by Toby Holmgren. Motion carried by board vote.

Sponsorship Update- Toby

- Payments now can be made through zeffy
- Businesses can still write a check if needed
- Molly can send an invoice if a business requests and needs one.
- Toby is working on filling teams

Gambling- Brad Hyduke filling in for Dale Christy

- Adding Adam Dick as assistant gambling manager. He will get the necessary manager license and will be working on a monthly stipend for now.
- Donation Requests
 - Hoot and Hollar request \$5000 for the Alvwood ATV club culvert project motion to approve donation request made by Mitch Kellin seconded by Derek Hawkinson. Motion carried by board vote.
- Motion to approve July Tax Return, August Checkbook register and September budget made by Dan Mertes, Seconded by Toby Holmgren. Motion carried by board vote
- Motion made for gambling to make a \$40,000 donation to the Community Foundation made by Brian Anderson, seconded by Derek Hawkinson. Motion carried by board vote.

Motion to Adjourn made at 7:47

Email vote: Vote to approve a 3rd away tournament for 15uB received approval by all voting board members vote taken on 08/26/2026.