

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

Board Members:

Andy Haaklau, Shawwna Rude, Derrick Hawkinson, Mitch Kellen, Ryan Dekich, Grant Clifton, Brian Anderson, Dan Mertes

Member Presents: Cara Scott, Troy Scott, Dale Christy

Quorum- Yes

Proceedings:

Meeting Call to order Andy Haarklau 602

Boys PDC-Grant Clifton

- No Squirt A's going to districts
- concerns about small team sizes making more teams given the ice availability situation we are facing.
- Beginner mini mites- would like to see the schedule at these levels go to one indoor ice session on Sundays and then one additional ice time outdoors during the week.
- Work on how the teams within GRAHA function and what skills they are learning.
- Many things to work on in the off season to benefit development for all players
- Bemidji tournaments for next year, maybe not the best, maybe look into other options.
- Checking/body contact clinics- Grant willing to put them on in spring and August

Secretary's Report- Shawwna Rude

- Motion to approve December meeting minutes made by Derrick Hawkinson seconded by Ryan Dekich. Motion carried by board vote

DIBS questions- Shawwna Rude

- Question about 12uA manager DIBS, Brian Anderson to follow up with Shawwna on this.
- Question about The Great Itasca Give Back golf tournament hole sponsor DIBS. Shawwna will follow up with Jon Toivonen on this as he was present at the tournament.

Other GRAHA Business: Andy Haarklau

- March 30th ice out on the pavilion depending on temperatures. This date is very flexible and weather dependent. The board agrees that it can get very costly if the temperatures are too high, and on the opposite side of that, if it is still cold it does not make sense to pull the ice out unnecessarily.
- Email Votes: Peewee B2 would like to add an extra tournament given all of their tournaments were in the first part of the season. The vote took place on 12/29/2026 via email. Vote passed with all voting members voting in the affirmative.

Concession

- Upper concessions fridge fixed by Justin Crossley
- All boys games have been covered by outside organizations, this has been going very well.
- Up \$6000 from last year at this time.

- Kona taking away some business from concessions and staying all day, when they are meant to be there only during varsity games.
- \$509 cc tips for pavilion
- Possibly adding ice cream to concessions wondering if that may be a good seller.
- Wondering about going cashless in the concessions stand. Something to think about for next season.

Gambling- Dale

- Motion to approve November Tax return, December checkbook register and January Budget, budget same at November motion made to approve all items made by Dan Mertes seconded by Ryan Dekich. Motion carried by board vote.
- New gambling site: Blueberry bowl up and running.
- Looking for someone to run bingo every other week at Blueberry bowl.
- Kendra is looking for a stipend for \$1500 for Blueberry bowl. she gets this for the new sites she brings in.
- Mitch is going to send an email to members looking for people interested in helping Dale with gambling.
- Outpost donation request for Bush Wackers for net amount of cash raffle \$4932 motion made to approve this by Mitch Kellin seconded by Derrick Hawkinson. Motion carried by board vote.
- Spring Bingo - We need to start the planning process. Tentatively planning for April this will serve as the end of the year appreciation gathering as well.
- Drawing for raffle tomorrow, Mitch and Andy will make sure the drum gets to Mad Dogs.
- Need to make sure for the drawing next year the site that holds the drawing is willing to collect tickets.

Motion to adjourn 711 by Andy Haarklau

Minutes submitted by Secretary Shawwna Rude 1/06/2026

