

## **AUGUST 2023 - First meeting of new year.**

### **Finances:**

- The main reason for increases is an additional 'high usage' fee for electricity.
- The budget was adopted; the anticipated revenues and expenditures amount is \$532,700.
- The levy requested will be \$360,500.
- All user fees (except the fitness room) will be increased by \$10.
- The lease with IDS 316 was increased by \$5000.

### **Other Board Business:**

- IRRRB approved the \$85,000 grant application (requires matching funds) for replacement of the roof's flat portion that extends over the lobby and back area. The work will begin next spring.
- Lighting for the honor board of past and present Greenway Hockey Division I scholars displayed at the arena will be installed--thanks to a donation by the Gibeau family.
- Discussion about hiring a part-time worker will again be on the agenda next month, and the hiree announced.
- The sign over the entrance doors to the arena remains in process this fall designating the building as a recreation center; working with Eck Designs.

### **Fall Activities:**

- Flag Football will begin Monday, September 11.
- Figure Skating registration at the arena will be on September 20, Wednesday from 4-6 pm. Registration may also be accomplished online via [Greenway Emerald Ice Figure Skating Club](#)
- A VFW dedication to honor Vietnam War veterans will be held at the arena on September 23.
- Hockey registration is completely online via [Greenway Amateur Hockey Association](#)

## SEPTEMBER 2023

### Welcome Andy Sertich:

Andy has been hired for the part time position as advertised. He started work immediately with the Flag Football program. About Andy (wikipedia)

### Fall Activities

- Flag Football began September 11 and had a competitive season; the Eagles won the championship.
- Figure Skating and Hockey registration have been completed; based on numbers, there will just be one Bantam A Team.
- Boys and girls basketball registration for grade 3 through grade 6 was scheduled for October 4; registration for grade 1 and grade 2 will be November 28. Nick Porter continues to be the basketball contact.
- A VFW dedication to honor Vietnam War veterans--held on September 23 in the arena--was an exceptional event to remember; the arena as the venue was a success.

### Work in Process:

The projects noted the previous month, i.e. lighting for the honor board of past and present Greenway Hockey Division I scholars, and the sign over the entrance doors to the arena, are in process.

## OCTOBER 2023

### Programs:

- Ice is in for hockey and figure skating.
- Hockey has 125 players.
- Basketball players number 10 girls in 3-4th grades; 11 boys in 3-4th grades; 11 girls in 5-6th grades; 11 boys in 5-6th grades.

### Purchases:

- Upgraded office laptop.
- New tires for utility truck.

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A promotional poster for a Minnesota Warriors Hockey game. The top features the date "OCTOBER 27, 2023" in large white letters. To the right is the "MINNESOTA WARRIORS HOCKEY" logo. The central image shows a hockey game in progress on an ice rink, with a referee in a black and white striped shirt in the foreground. A green starburst graphic on the left contains the text "RAFFLES SPLIT THE POT CONCESSIONS". Below the image, the text reads: "Skate with the Warriors for the kids Starting at 6pm", "MINNESOTA WARRIORS UPPER LEVEL vs GREENWAY HOCKEY COACHES AND ALUMNI", "PUCK DROPS AT 7:15 PM", "THE SNAKEPIT", "HODGINS-BERARDO ARENA", "200 CURLEY AVE, COLERAINE, MN 55722", "ADULTS: \$8", "CHILDREN (10 AND UNDER): FREE", and "TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE DOOR WITH CASH OR CHECK ONLY. NO ONLINE SALES." at the bottom.

**OCTOBER 27, 2023**

**MINNESOTA WARRIORS HOCKEY**

**RAFFLES SPLIT THE POT CONCESSIONS**

Skate with the Warriors for the kids  
Starting at 6pm

**MINNESOTA WARRIORS UPPER LEVEL**  
vs  
**GREENWAY HOCKEY COACHES AND ALUMNI**

PUCK DROPS AT 7:15 PM

**THE SNAKEPIT**  
HODGINS-BERARDO ARENA  
200 CURLEY AVE, COLERAINE, MN 55722

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## NOVEMBER 2023

### Quick Business Meeting

Upgraded the second compressor; now both are up to speed.

Contributed the budgeted amount to Mount Itasca, i.e. \$10,000.

Re-configured the location and lighting for the Honor Board of Past & Present Greenway Hockey Division I Scholars.

### Website Updates:

Revised basketball registration announcement.

Improved dasherboard sponsors'

photos. **ARENA SPONSORS**



## **HOLIDAYS ~ December 2023 to January 2024**

### **Interim President:**

- **Clarissa McIlwain Nelson resigned in January, citing lack of time.**
- **Brian Eckholm was assigned Interim President.**

### **Arena Updates:**

- **Changed signage: the sign over the entrance doors, and freestanding signage at parking lot entrance, was changed from 'arena' to 'recreation center'. The name change was recommended to broaden eligibility for grants.**
- **Installed the Gibeau Honor Sign by the office door, with complementary lighting; project completed.**
- **Acquired new dasherboard sponsorships: Dondelinger Ford will replace Scenic North Properties, and City of LaPrairie will replace Edgewood Care, Inc.**

### **Arena Projects in Process:**

- **IRRRB grants are on track for the next award date.**



- Security cameras for the hallway, concession stand, and lobby are being explored.
- Improved lighting for the parking lot, in conjunction with MN Power, might be feasible.

### Programs:

- Basketball practice for grades 1-2 begins mid January. Players consist of 20 boys and 10 girls. Games start in February.
- Hockey tournaments have been competitive and well attended.
- Ice Figure Skaters passed their skill tests on December 30; more sessions are scheduled for Juniors and Seniors on February 24, at 8 am.

## Greenway Basketball Boosters

# Youth Boys Basketball Tournament

4<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS TEAMS.

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MEDALS FOR 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE

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CONCESSION STAND OPEN

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\$175 REGISTRATION FEE PER TEAM

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GATE FEES -

\$4 STUDENTS

\$6 ADULTS



Greenway Basketball Boosters is hosting a Youth Boys Basketball Tournament on Saturday, January 27th at the Greenway High School.

Please register your team with:

Nick Porter Phone # 218-208-8408  
Email- [porters55775@gmail.com](mailto:porters55775@gmail.com)

Or Austin Koppelman Phone # 218-232-1593  
Email- [austin\\_koppelman@yahoo.com](mailto:austin_koppelman@yahoo.com)

Registration payment can be sent to: P.O Box 82, Coleraine MN 55722

# Jan 27th

# 2024



## **FEBRUARY 2024**

### **Board Decisions:**

- Grand Rapids/Greenway Robotic Team was donated \$500.
- An accounting agreement with Glorvigen | Tierney | & Co was signed.

### **Arena Projects in Process:**

- Security cameras for the hallway, concession stand, and lobby have been purchased and ready to be installed.
- Flood lights (2) for the parking lot, in conjunction with MN Power, are being installed on the nearest pole.

### **Programs:**



- Basketball was an extraordinary year for showing improvements, the coaches reported.
- Hockey tournaments, the PeeWee A District (past), Mini-Mites (Feb 24-25), and PeeWee B (March 1, 2, 3) are on schedule; none of the teams though have advanced to the top level.
- Ice Figure Skaters Spring Show is March 16 and 17.
- Ice goes out after the figure skating show, and baseball nets for school baseball/fastpitch players' go up.
- Little Titan teams are being adjusted to ensure a smoother transition between skill levels; stay tuned for more on that discussion.



## **MARCH 2024**

### **Money Management:**

- **Mandy of Glorvigen | Tierney | & Co conducted the annual review, and presented at the board meeting; there were no surprises as the company submits monthly reports with their accounting service for GJRA.**

### **Arena Projects:**

- **Security cameras - Six have been installed for total coverage of the arena.**
- **Flood lights - Two were installed for the parking lot.**
- **Roof Improvements - Range Cornice & Roofing will be replacing the flat portion of the roof this May-June; in addition, some roof top equipment may be removed (seeking quotes) and upgraded, at the same time.**

### **Programs:**

- **PeeWee Tournament was hosted the first weekend of March (our teams did not play) and had an excellent show of volunteers that made it a successful event.**
- **Ice Figure Skaters Spring Show was March 16 and 17; the shows had good crowds, and the work was done at a professional level.**
- **Baseball nets for school baseball/fastpitch players' are up in the arena, plus the players had a few good weather days to practice outside! New bases and mound will be in place for the season.**
- **Little Titan teams are being adjusted to ensure a smoother transition between skill levels; sign up (just for little league ages 10 - 12) will be March 26, from 5 to 7 pm at the H-B Recreation Center.**





## APRIL 2024

- **CONCESSION STAND** Received and reviewed Concessions Report via Jodi and Molly. They are a good team; the Board renewed their commitment.
- **PLAN-OF-WORK** The board conducted an arena walk around and discussed potential short-term and long-term projects.
- **INVESTMENTS** The zamboni fund and other savings were moved into CDs with higher returns.
- **SUMMER BALL** Registration and skill evaluations were held on March 27 for the Little Titans; four teams were organized: 2 minor and 2 major. All other ball programs will register on April 24 and 25.

**MAY 2024**

### **GREENWAY SPORTS COMPLEX**

- **Green Again** was hired to "feed & weed" the fields. Additional spraying for weeds to cut down on weed-whipping, was applied along the fencing and buildings.
- Grant Troumbly was hired for everyday keep-up.

**SUMMER BALL PROGRAM** - these are the teams for this summer. Note that the Junior Titans are still organizing. Scheduling will go out during the week of June 10.

- T-Ball (ages 5-6) four teams of girls and boys;
- Squirts (ages 7-9) five teams of girls and boys;
- Little Titans (ages 10-12, boys) Minors: two teams, Majors: two teams;
- Fastpitch (ages 6 - 14, girls) two 8U teams, two 10U teams, one 12U team, and one 14U team. Note that Director Pat Guyer is the contact for fastpitch.

### **HODGINS-BERARDO RECREATION CENTER**

- Ice will be put in during the first week of June. The rink is rented for three weeks starting June 10 from the Greenway Emerald Figure Skating Club, and the Sertich Northern Hockey Camp.
- Promotional events for rollerskating are being arranged for July/August.
- Building improvement in process are wiring the security cameras, replacing the rubber flooring (July-August) in the locker rooms/varsity room/hallways, and upgrading the entrance doors.

### **GJRA BOARD**

- A sports management platform, **Crossbar**, is being reviewed for the website.
- An annual donation of \$10,000 to Mt. Itasca was renewed. Mt. Itasca is having a **fundraiser concert** on July 13, 2024 with Troy Castellano

**JUNE 2024**

## **WEBSITE UPGRADE**

The Board approved the sports management platform, **Crossbar**, to host a one-stop site for all of GJRA's programs, to be cost-shared with the Greenway Amateur Hockey Association. Crossbar will be a technological update for registration, money transactions, and notices. The domain name will remain as greenwayrec.org.

## **SUMMER BALL PROGRAM**

Unfortunately, there were not enough sign-ups for a junior league (boys ages 13-14); the few that did will play with the local American Legion junior team.

## **HODGINS-BERARDO RECREATION CENTER**

- **Rentals:** when the ice was in during the month of June, GJRA rented the rink to Camp Hiawatha, Greenway Emerald Ice Figure Skating Club, and Sertich Northern Hockey Camp.
- **Maintenance plans** are to contract for dasherboard cleaning in July, and the flat portion of the roof will be replaced by the end of July.



**Community  
Roller  
Skating**

JULY 12TH  
&  
JULY 19TH

**SKATE FROM 5PM-9PM  
HODGINS-BERARDO ARENA  
200 CURLEY AVE,  
COLERAINE, MN 55722**

Join us at the Hodgins-Berardo Arena for family fun & roller skating. Bring your own inline roller blades, roller skates, or rent from us! All ages welcome!

\*Participants 17 and under must have parent/guardian sign a waiver.

\*All personal inlines/roller skates must be checked at the door prior to use.

Community Roller Rink Nights are brought to you by: The Dirty Ores  
Email: Quadcitiesderby@gmail.com

RENT FROM US OR  
USE YOUR OWN!  
\$3 PER SKATE  
RENTAL

Rollerskating events have been confirmed for two Friday nights, July 12 and 19, from 5-9, sponsored by The Dirty Ores, a roller derby club from Eveleth.



## **JULY 2024**

### **HODGINS-BERARDO RECREATION CENTER**

- **Maintenance plans ~**
  - dasherboard cleaning on July 24th,
  - the flat portion of the roof replaced during the last week in July/1st week in August, by Range Cornice & Roofing
  - locker room flooring installed by Rock
  - the six entryway doors were determined too expensive to replace (>\$60,000) so upgrading the panic bars and hinges is being considered.
  - the trophy displays are being re-thought, and solutions for more storage are needed; more space in the office is necessary.
- **Rental:** Rollerskating events were so successful that August 9th and 16th have been reserved from 5-9, sponsored by The Dirty Ores, a roller derby club from Eveleth.

### **FINANCES**

- The lease with ISD #316 will remain the same.
- The budget committee has been organized; a decision on the levy amount will be made in August after the budget is approved.

### **WEBSITE**

All website administrators will be trained during the first week in August, and ideally, the new site via Crossbar (with online registration, payment, and notices) will be operational prior to flag football registration first week in September.

### **BALL PROGRAMS**

- The batter box was replaced in the Jen Guyer Field, and the pitcher mound rebuilt.
- The final tournament line ups are in process.