

Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes: November 3, 2025
6pm Yanmar Arena

Board Members:

Andy Haaklau, Gant Clafton, Shawna Rude, Derrick Hawkinson, Mitch Kellen, Dan Mertes, Brian Anderson, Kyle Figgins, Ryan Dekich, Brad Hyduke
Member Presents: Denny Gibbons, Dale Christy

Proceedings:

Meeting Call to order Andy Haarklau 602

Denny Gibbins- Ref scheduling

- Denny brought forward that as a contractor probably not following guidelines, should not be contacting older high school refs without also including parents this may be a grey area as far as safe sport is concerned.
- Not as many High school girls reffing
- Refs numbers do look good for the year, with some still getting certified.

Boys PDC- Grant Clafton

- Tryouts over went well
- Pee wee B2 canceled Deer opener tournament, Molly found a replacement tournament may or may not get refund for tournament.
- Junior Gold- going to gage interest Wednesday 11/5, would need to find a coach

Girls PDC- Brad Hyduke

- Tryouts went well
- Shawn Mitchel- Bemidji tournament 10uB tournament Molly working on if we can get our fee back as this may not be quality competition, if not the girls will go since it is a day trip. Shawn Mitchel did find a different tournament in Two Harbours for both B teams needing approval \$775 per team. Motion to approve additional tournament for 10uB teams Made by Andy Haarklau seconded by Ryan Dekich motion carried by board vote.

Secretary Report- Shawna

- Motion to approve October meeting minutes made by Brian Anderson seconded by Derrick Hawkinson

GRAHA Business

- Team Budget Dollars- acceptable use Kyle will hold a meeting to discuss this with coaches.
- GRAHA paid for a portion of Zambonie trailer in partnership with the city of Grand Rapids
- at high school games Kona ice and Tom's coffee will be allowed to park outside - blue line club will be getting a portion of the profits as a donation.
- Pavillion Ice by Friday, ready to flood Wednesday.

- May have to pay time and travel for the staff coming up and helping turning on the chiller. Mitch and Brian will be there.
- We need to get a run down of start-up and shut down the chiller system.

Gambling update- Dale Christy

- Motion to approve September Tax return, October check register, November Budget combined receipt tax up from last month motion made by Dan Mertes, seconded by Ryan Dekich. Motion carried by board vote.
- Blueberry bowl interested in becoming a site
- Kendra is not wanting to be an employee, but this is not going to be an option moving forward per the state regulations.
- Donation request Rielly's 1500 ATV club in Marcell motion to approve donation made by Mitch Kellin, seconded by Kyle Figgins. Motion carried by board vote.
- Talking about standard giving amounts for gambling sites. Further discussion needed.
- Compliance review with state and yearly audit:
 - profit carry over variance has to do with electronic gaming and software.
 - Had a good conversation with the compliance officer and told her we are switching companies due to these issues.
 - Waited to change till the variance was back to zero, but finally have moved over since it was still not back to zero.
 - Hold on compliance review till we switch to the new company. Should make the process much easier. The new company will be helping to help figure everything out for us.
- Flagged any site that had shortages over the amount that was acceptable (.03%) Bear ridge off a significant amount if they do not come more in to compliance the state will no longer allow gambling at this site Dale is working with them to help rectify situation must be no more than .03% off per state regulations.

Concession- Cara not present

- Profit sheet passed around
- Looking for organizations to work boys varsity games, Shawanna to work with Cara to get a flyer out.

Treasure report- Kyle Figgins

- Misc expenses higher than normal Kyle looking into this, possibly equipment that was purchased preseason.
- Motion to approve October Financials made by Dan Mertes, seconded by Derrick Hawkinson

Fundraising-

- 6u missing sponsor- Hoot and Hollar Ryan will reach out to them
- need to find replacement for sponsorship director as Ryan will not seek re-election

DIBS Sub Committee - Brian, Derrick and Shawanna

- .5 DIB for penalty box
- 2 DIBS for lead coached of mini 6u mite 8u

Motion to adjourn made by Andy Haarklau 730

Email Vote:

- a. If player who has already registered chooses not to play GRAHA Hockey prior to the start of their age-specific October Pre-Season Hockey start date, a refund of 100% registration amount less any MN/USA Hockey fees will be refunded and less a \$25.00 GRAHA administrative fee will be given. If said player is a mini mite/mite/6U/8U, a refund of 100% registration amount less any MN/USA Hockey fees and less a \$25.00 GRAHA administrative fee will be given until 1 day prior to start of the season.*
- b. After October Pre-Season Hockey begins, but before December 15th, if a player cannot play because of a season ending injury, family relocation, playing high school hockey or any other reason, 50% of the registration fee will be refunded.*
- c. After December 15th, no refunds.*

I propose the following changes:

- **Strike the verbiage "*any other reason*" towards the end of bullet point "b"**
- **Add another bullet point that states: "*After October Tryouts conclude and players are rostered, if a player chooses not to play GRAHA Hockey, no refunds.*"**

Motion to approve changes to GRAHA bylaws passed by unanimous email vote on 10/23/2025.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Shawwna Rude 11/04/2025