

**Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association  
Board Meeting Minutes: September 2, 2025  
6pm The Tied**

**Board Members:**

Present- Andy Haarklau, Mitch Kellen, Dan Mertes, Shawwna Rude, Brian Anderson, Ryan Deckich, Kyle Figgins, Grant Clifton

*Quorum-* Yes

Members Present: Troy Scott, Cara Scott, Dale Christy, Kendra Mitchel

**Proceedings:**

Meeting Call to order Andy Haarklau 606

GRAHA Business- Andy Haarklau:

- Andy is making a motion to retain an attorney to look at GRAHA employee contracts motion seconded by Mitch Kellin. Motion carried by board vote.
- We need to create 2 invoices for Park State Bank for the pavilion locker rooms project.

Boys PDC- Grant Clifton

- Issue with Squirt International only 2 Grand Rapids Squirt B teams got into the tournament. Need to find additional tournaments for those teams that did not get in.
- Squirt Parent meeting October 9th, possibly having board representative at squirt meeting.
- Coaches training went well with good turnout, Grant would like to see this be mandatory for all coaches next year.

Gambling update- Dale Christy, Kendra Mitchel:

- Motion to approve July tax return, August check register, and September budget made by Ryan Deckich seconded by Dan Mertes. Motion Carried by board vote.
- Gun raffles for gambling sites all guns have been distributed to sites in mid August
- New Site, possibly Applebee's
- Possibly change to gambling site Denny's with Tribe needing to run that site waiting to hear from gambling control board. Dale will update board when he has one
- Motion made to have gambling make \$30,000 donation to community fund for pavilion project balance paydown made by Mitch Kellin, seconded by Kyle Figgins. Motion carried by board vote.
- Current balance on loan for Pavillion project currently at \$270,000
- Gambling compliance review:
  - 9 pages of fixes needed
  - 80-90% of fixes needed are for profit carry over variance
  - Dale has 14 days to respond that we have received this document, and 45 days to respond with fixes.
  - Will possibly need the help of Karen from Blake and Lind
- Kendra cannot be an independent contractor, Dale, Kendra and Andy will work on a solution for next meeting.

Concessions Update- Troy and Cara Scott:

- Will open concessions for gymnastics weekend of September 13th

- Need to make sure that invoices are getting paid promptly as this will hold up deliveries for concessions stand. These will come via email to the treasure.
- Cara and Troy getting a credit for local grocery pick ups
- Shawнна will continue the process for last year as far as picking up payment slips from safe and then will deliver those to Blake and Lind this year.

August Financial report- Kyle Figgins:

- Motion to approve August financials made by Dan Mertes, seconded by Ryan Deckich. Motion carried by board vote.

Secretary's Report- Shawнна Rude:

- Motion to approve August meeting minutes made by Mitch Kellin seconded by Kyle Figgins. Motion carried by board vote.

Fundraising- Ryan Deckich:

- Ryan is working on team sponsors now and will start with the repeats from last year.
- Working on centralized form/list to have interested sponsors information in one spot
- Team sponsorship cost same as last year
- Shawнна will work on getting option added to registration for interested sponsors- Done
- Not many spots open currently for ads on pavilion
- Ryan will order waggle hats and we sell them for \$45
- Need to create some sort of standard as to what sponsors will receive as team sponsors.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 705

Next Meeting will be October 6th At Bear Ridge

Minutes submitted by Secretary Shawнна Rude 09/12/25