

**Grand Rapids Amature Hockey Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes: June 2nd, 2025**  
**6pm Yanmar Arena**

**Board Members:**

Present- Andy Haarklau, Ryan Dekich, Dan Mertes, Shawwna Rude, Brian Anderson, Brad Hyduke, Mitch Kellin, Jon toivonen

*Quorum-* Yes

Members Present: Molly Casey, Dale Christy, Derrick Hawkinson, Kyle Figgins

**Proceedings:**

Meeting Call to order Andy Haarklau 557

Election Certifications- Derek 37% of Vote, Kyle 30% with 311 total votes

Thank you to outgoing board members Treasure Anna Peters and Vice President Jon Toivonen, your service and dedication to the Grand Rapids Amature Hockey Association will be felt for many years to come. Thank you for all the work you have put into this program in service to the youth hockey players.

Hoot and Holler Owner share concerns and some frustrations with the board. Specifically fire damage worries given the number of boxes they carry, worried about the liability that this implies. Board needs to figure out insurance given the amount of boxes that they have on hand. One major frustration for them has been that on boxes of pull tabs the overages are not going back to them, but shortages are coming out. They are also wondering about compensation for doing the first audit of each box as this takes a good deal of time. Board agrees that a plan needs to be put in place for these concerns and that we want to work with them as they are an important site to GRAHA.

GRAHA Ice agreement: Andy Haarklau- Motion made to approve a 3 year Ice agreement with a 4% inflation escalator each year for the next 3 years. Motion made by Jon Toivonen seconded by Dan Mertes motion carried by board vote.

Pavilion Update- Mithc Kellin:

- \$390,000 owed on pavilion with \$70,000 in community foundation
- Estimate for awning to protect the pavilion ice from sun came back at \$35000. Motion made to approve awning project Made by Jon Toivonen seconded by Shawwna Rude. Motion Carried by Board Vote.
- Motion made for a \$60,000 donation from gambling to the pavilion fund. Motion made by Ryan Deckich Seconded Brian Anderson. Motion carried by board vote.

PDC Boys/ Girls- Brad Hyduke:

- Motion made to approve goalie contract with Iron Range Goalie Academy by Dan Mertes seconded Ryan Deckich motion carried by board vote.

Gambling update- Kendra Mitchell:

- The Tide approved today, soft opening this weekend, starting with 12 boxes
- Motion made to approve April Tax return, May checkbook register, June Budget made by Dan Mertes seconded by Brian Anderson. Motion carried by board vote.

Secretary Report- Shawwna Rude: Motion made to approve May meeting minutes made by Jon Toivonen seconded by Ryan Deckich. Motion Carried by board vote.

Financial report- Kyle Figgen reporting in Anna Peters absence:

- Motion made to approve May Financials by Shawwna Rude seconded by Jon Toivonen. Motion Carried by board vote.
- Need to make sure in the next month that all accounts changed so Jon and Anna are taken off and Kyle and Andy are added on.

GRAHA Admin-Molly:

- Tournaments are all full
- increasing 10uB to a 12 team tournament utilizing the pavilion for ice.
- Safe sport needs to be completed for all board members before the start of the season. Please email Molly when done.
- All teams registered for targeted tournaments.
- Body checking clinic possibly put on by MN hockey getting more information to see if this is something that GRAHA would be interested in..

Other Items

- Shawwna and Ryan Working on a new Waggle hat order, Shawwna will reach out to contact from last year's order.
- Possibly giving pull tab vendors recognition out on the pavilion as they add a great deal to GRAHA. Board in agreement that this would be a great idea.
- Agenda Items for July meeting: Registration fees, DIBS numbers, DIBS Checks, making sure the raffles are divisible by 20
- Travel Meetings August September

Meeting adjourned by Andy Haarklau 655pm