

Grand Rapids Amature Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes: September 2, 2025
6pm Bear Ridge

Board Members:

Present- Andy Haarkla, Dan Mertes, Shawwna Rude, Brian Anderson, Ryan Dekich, Kyle Figgins, Derrick Hawkinson, Grant Clifton

Quorum- Yes

Members Present: Cara Scott, Dale Christy

Proceedings:

Meeting Call to order Andy Haarklau 608

GRAHA Business- Andy Haarkla-

- November 1st ice on the Pavillion or first week
- Food trucks at the arena? Hockey day in January toms and Kona Ice coming for the day, board discussion about having them there for GRAHA tournaments concerns about taking away from concession which is a fundraiser for GRAHA organization, Dan talking to Dale.
- Are we obligated to fill inside ice before we schedule pavilion ice? Dan will also talk to Dale about this.
- Update: Got a hold of Bob Dolan doing contracts for paid GRAHA workers.
- DIBS Subcommittee- Shawwna, Derrick, Brian Anderson meeting in October to discuss how DIBS are allocated for GRAHA. The report will be given to the board at the next meeting.

Secretary Report- Shawwna:

- Motion to approve September meeting minutes made by Brian Anderson seconded by Kyle Figgins. Motion carried by board vote.
- Shawwna also attended the District meeting new rules:
 - Abuse of officials will now be a game misconduct, the refs will warn the coach once and then after that it will be a game misconduct penalty.
 - Out of bound pucks will go back to the zone where the puck left the ice.

Fundraising- Ryan Dekich:

- Team sponsors- almost full
- Pavillion- almost good to go with Park state bank.
- Trying to get a grant from MN Wild for pavilion

Boys PDC- Grant Clifton:

- Squirts parent meeting for Wednesday October 6th, evaluation period starts now through early December.
- Peewee tryout start next week

Girls PDC-

- If a player moves up a level they would not be eligible to play on the A team but can be in the B pool. Ultimately up to the PDC.

Gambling Report- Dale Christy

- Motion to approve August tax return, September check register, and October budget. Bumped up combined receipt tax and rent for October. motion to approve made by Dan Mertes seconded by Derrick Hawkinson. Motion carried by board vote.

- Donation Request- \$500 to be given to Hibbing Hockey, Rent Hockey equipment program. Request per Tony Jerulle. Motion made to approve donation by Ryan Dekich seconded by Brian Anderson. Motion carried by board vote
- Yellow ribbon committee- Motion to approve \$250 donation be given to the Yellow Ribbon Committee made by Derrick Hawkinson seconded by Kyle Figgins
- Mn Wild Special Hockey- Request for donation of 3, 1 hour sessions of ice on Sundays, Motion made to approve made by Brian Anderson seconded by Dan Mertes. Motion carried by Board vote.
- Unwined done with pull tabs
- 70% done with Response to audit.
- We need to reimburse Kendra's meals. Dale is unable to pay her 66.57 for meals
- Site bonus needs to come from GRAHA Dale can pay her but she will have to be on the payroll.
- Need to account for money on site that is not closing games in the correct way
- Hoot and hollar- incorrect award given out

Concessions- Cara Scott

- Opening Monday October 13th
- Oven Fixed texted bill to Kyle
- city needs to rewire oven so it does not melt wire \$494.50
- Has not talked to Mad Dogs about subs, but we will need to raise the price for subs if we do decide to carry these.
- Gymnastics weekend went well, net proceeds \$2454 motion to approve \$1000 share given to gymnastics academy which is the same as last year made by Derrick Hawkinson, Seconded by Dan Mertes. Motion carried by board vote.

Finicials-Kyle Figgins

- looking into fees Bank & CC
- Motion To approve September financials made by Ryan Dekich seconded by Brian Anderson. Motion carried by board vote.
- 49,000 in pavilion expense last year

Motion to adjourn 710 made by Andy Haarklau