

Meeting Minutes
Grand Forks Hockey Association
Board Meeting
Monday January 13th, 2025
BLC Board Room, Grand Forks, ND

Call Meeting to Order: President Cassie Scheving called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Members in Attendance: Board members Cassie Scheving (President), Shaun Endres (Vice President), Kyle Kosior (Secretary), Jordan McIntyre (Treasurer), Chuck Jacobi, Ryan Kuhl, Jeff Groven were all in attendance. Brad Lucke (Executive Director), Jason Ulmer (Hockey Director), Kelly Moreland (Executive Assistant) and Margot Miller (Girls Growth & Development Director) from the GFYHA Office were also present.

Approval of November Minutes: Approved. Ryan moved to approve, seconded by Chuck.

New Business: Jordan discussed creating committees for more association sponsored days, "Donut Day", "Hot Coco Day", etc. The idea was well supported for next season.

Financial Report: Jordan reviewed the December financial report. Motion to approve December financials was made by Ryan, seconded by Shaun. All were in favor, none opposed. One of the certificates of deposits (CD) will mature in January. Discussion was held concerning reinvestment. A decision was made to reinvest. Cassie motioned to approve, Ryan seconded. All in favor, none opposed. A draft of the tax return was sent to members prior to the meeting to approve. Chuck motioned to approve the tax return, Jordan seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

General Funds:

- 3900: \$315,036.61
- 3900 Girls: \$2568.06
- Endres Scholarship: \$868.75
- Spicer Fund: \$0
- Certificate of Deposit: \$320,298.15
- Other Assets (A/R, Gift Certificates): \$21,035.43

Gaming:

- 3809: \$86072.57
- 3908 (Trust): \$106,710.14
- Cash Banks: \$28,749.00
- Certificates of Deposit: \$305,242.74

Concessions:

- 0802: \$ 86,114.08

Gaming Update: (Brad) Gaming financials look good as compared to last year at this time. Gun raffle was ultimately a success grossing around \$80,000.

BLC Update: (Chuck) Chuck discussed proposed improvements to be made at the Blue Line Club Arena. This could include improvements to the concessions area and a possible locker room for girls hockey.

Park Board Update: (Jordan) Outdoor rinks are now open to the public.

Girls Growth & Development Update: (Margot) Another girls coaching meeting was held with the focus being on practice planning. Plans are being made for a girls outdoor hockey day. There have been some new registrants to the girls program during the season. An 8u jamboree was held and was a success.

Hockey Director Update: (Jason) Jason spoke on some coaching changes affecting a few of the teams in the program. The Icebreaker Tournament for the termites and mites is coming up in February and is currently being planned. Our termites and mites skaters will have the opportunity to skate with some of the players from the UND men's hockey team. Plans are currently being made for the bantam and 15U players who will be graduating from the program. Looking into dates for games to recognize the players as well as a time and venue for a party for the graduating players and parents. Registration for Mite 2 extended season is now open. Mite 2 extended season will be the two weekends after the Icebreaker tournament. Both weekends for the M2 extended season will be held in Grand Forks. Jason presented some sample options for the new jerseys that will be purchased for next season. Feedback on the reversibles that are being tested out this season by bantam B1 and 15U has been good but some obvious wear and tear from velcro on equipment is apparent. Potential jersey sponsors were also discussed. Discussion was held on how many years each new set of jerseys could/should be used for.

Executive Director Update: (Brad) Coaches have been paid for the 2024/2025 season. Brad gave an update on Traveling Teams which was used for hotel booking for teams coming to our tournaments and it has been a success for the season bringing in about \$25,000 in revenue for the program. Brad discussed implementing a course for coaches on deescalating situations that would be run through the GFD that might be able to be implemented next season. This course would provide skills on interacting with fellow coaches, referees, parents, players, etc.

Administration Update (Kelly): None

Tournament Update: The Squirt Classic Tournament will be run using Game Sheets, a digital score sheet program, in place of paper score sheets. If this is successful, the goal is to use Game Sheets for all of our tournaments going forward.

Adjournment: Jeff motioned to adjourn, Ryan seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.