

**MEETING MINUTES**  
Grand Forks Youth Hockey Association  
Board Meeting  
Monday, February 12, 2024  
BLC Board Room, Grand Forks, ND

**Call Meeting to Order:** 5:31pm President Erik Fabian called meeting to order.

**Members in Attendance:** Erik Fabian (President), Jordan McIntyre (Treasurer), Chuck Jacobi, Jeff Groven, Shaun Endres (Vice President), Jen Schultz, and Cassie Scheving (Secretary). Brad Lucke, Executive Director and Jason Ulmer, Hockey Director, were also in attendance. Jessie Close, Tournament Director and Scheduler was absent.

**Approval of January 2024 Minutes:** Cassie sent meeting minutes to the Board prior to the meeting. Shaun motioned to approve January meeting minutes, Jeff seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, none opposed, minutes approved.

**New Business:** Ryan Bacsikai (member) addressed the board with ideas on improving association as a whole as it relates to player development. Discussed teaching kids at each level consistently across the board, i.e. standards for each level of what the measurable goal is for that level for the players to learn. Player development “blueprint” for developing GFYHA players. Lean heavy on ADM, standardize on approach to make all players better across the association.

**Financial Report:** Jordan sent the Board January financials by email prior to the meeting.

General Funds:

- 3900: \$536,817.43
- 3900 Girls: \$10,616.07
- Endres Scholarship: \$5,000
- 4007: \$565.13
- Spicer Fund: \$0
- Certificate of Deposit: \$110,782.38
- Other Assets (A/R, Gift Certificats): \$11,116.45

Gaming:

- 3809: \$264,630.04
- 3908 (Trust): \$110,609.39
- Cash Banks: \$34,000.00
- Certificates of Deposit: \$117,329.30

Gaming Current Liabilities

- A/P: \$435.00

Concessions:

- 0802: \$82,555.07

Concessions Current Liabilities:

- Sales Tax and A/P: \$15,800.92

Jordan provided a high-level report of the financials to the Board during the meeting and discussed that year over year the association has brought in a little more money than last year due to tournament registrations; expenses have increased due to personnel wages, payroll taxes, tournament expenses; decreased in revenue for state tournaments as GFYHA is not host for state tournaments this year. Expenses for the season kickoff event were \$11,316.02 and the event brought in \$15,000 with the raffle, which that money went into the gaming account. Discussed covering the expenses for the event with the proceeds received. Jordan motioned to move \$11,316.02 from gaming account to general fund to pay expenses for the season kickoff event, Shaun seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Concessions \$88,555.07, liabilities to pay but looking good for concessions. EDC coming up this weekend and after that will just be home games and some spring events. Jr Gold and 19U tournament the first week in March. NDAHA HP camps in April and May so would like to have concessions run those weekend(s). Sales are up \$20,000 and expenses up \$20,000 as well so roughly the same year over year. Gaming fund is up compared to this time last year. Jeff motioned to approve the financials, Jen seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**Gaming:** Wild Wings is back up and running after the remodel. Advertising with GF Park District \$5,130 but possible restrictions. Jordan will talk to Wes/Park District to see what can be done with advertising. Radio advertising for tournament sponsors and “thank you” to the gaming partners.

**Park Board Update:** Update on indoor facility, RFP going out now. Hockey rinks – trying to get 2-3 open this week for outdoor rinks – trying to get ICON outdoor rink up and going first.

**Blue Line Club Update:** Approved donations to youth baseball, Icebreaker hockey donation, approved \$31,000. BLC golf scramble date tentatively scheduled for June 27, 2024. GFYHA asked for a spot for the scramble to put a team together.

**Girls Hockey Update:** 8U playing Fargo at the Icebreaker Tournament. 10UA placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at White Bear Lake tournament.

**Girls Hockey Growth and Development Director Position:** Discussed and reviewed job description and duties, reviewed and discussed application form. Discussed exempt vs. non-exempt status and how that affects this position. Jen motioned to approve this position, Jeff seconded, no further discussion, all in favor (Shaun had to leave meeting early and was not present for this vote), none opposed, motion carried.

**Youth Hockey Update:**

White Bear Lake arena locker room damage \$450, GFYHA will pay and the team responsible will volunteer at Icebreaker Tournament or other GFYHA event.

**Graduating Bantam and 15U Recognition Games and Event Update:**

Organized and ready to go for the two weekends. Team managers/parents helped with the recognition games and event at The Office.

**Hockey Director Update:**

Jersey discussion, samples dropped off to look at. Icebreaker Tournament is coming together, sponsors on the shirt, program, and boards. 270 kids total for the tournament. Water bottles will have kids' names and the GF logo sticker on each. In-house program will be done after this upcoming weekend, except Mite 2 extended.

**Executive Director Update:**

Brad had to leave the meeting early so no updates were provided.

**Email Concern – “John Smith”:**

Board received an “anonymous” email, discussed, reviewed game counts for each level, all teams meet or exceed minimums for game count. GFYHA does not own the facility and does not have the ability to have a locker room dedicated to one or more teams and GFYHA board has never discussed this as a possibility. Feedback is welcome, and all members are welcome to any and all board meetings to address any questions or concerns. The person that sent the email unfortunately doesn't have all of the facts and is making extreme assumptions, but this is hard to address when there aren't specifics in the email, just generalities and the board is unsure if this “person” is a member so the board decided it will not be addressing anonymous emails such as the one received by “John Smith” and that members are welcome to send emails from their accounts that are associated with their registration emails and/or come to board meetings or set up a time to meet and discuss with staff or the board.

**Adjourn:** 7:22pm