

Meeting Minutes
Grand Forks Hockey Association
Annual Board Meeting
Monday August 11th, 2025
BLC Board Room ICON Sports Center, Grand Forks, ND

Call Meeting to Order: Cassie Scheving called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

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

Approval of June Minutes: Approved. Jordan moved to approve, seconded by Ryan. All in favor, none opposed.

Financial Report: Peggy Lucke came to the meeting to give a more thorough walk through of the financial report. The GFYHA financial report has four separate activities- operations, gaming, gaming trust, and concessions. The complete monthly financial report includes a more detailed view of all four of these activities. The consolidated balance sheet is what is included in the monthly minutes and gives a more condensed version of the complete financial report. Peggy also discussed CD's. GFYHA has \$402,000.00 in CD's maturing in August. Peggy recommended reinvesting this amount as well as adding an additional \$123,000.00 in CD's. Ryan made a motion to approve the decision to reinvest the CD's and add the additional amount. This motion was seconded by Jordan. All in favor, none opposed, decision was approved.

July 31, 2025

General Funds:

- 3900: \$214,187.90
- 3900 Girls: \$ 3,438.00
- Endres Scholarship: \$868.75
- Certificate of Deposit: \$472,529.98
- Other Assets (A/R Gift Certificates): 15,684.59

Gaming:

- 3809: \$99,337.87
- 3908 (Trust): \$149,049.97
- Cash Banks: \$32,000.00
- Certificates of Deposit: \$305,300.00

Concessions:

- 0802: \$106,692.14

July financials were sent to the board ahead of the meeting. Jordan motioned to approve the July financial report. Shaun seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion was approved.

The board was sent a draft of the gaming tax return to review and approve. The tax for the quarter is \$7,235.81 and the required transfer to the Gaming Trust Account is \$39,558.36. The board voted to proceed with the tax return filing and to transfer the required funds to the gaming trust account. Jeff motioned to approve, seconded by Jordan. All in favor, none opposed.

New Business: With this being the first meeting of the new board, elections were held for cabinet positions. After a vote was taken among members the results are as follows:

President: Cassie Scheving
Vice President: Kyle Kosior
Treasurer: Ryan Kuhl
Secretary: Jacques Lamoureux

Jordan brought up the idea of expense accounts for our hockey directors, Jason and Margot. This enables them to make purchases for items that they may need throughout the season. They would be required to submit reports on the funds used and the purpose they were used for. The idea was well supported.

Gaming: (Brad) We are in the beginning stages of looking into a potential new gaming site for charitable gaming. Little Bangkok's e-tab machines are in and running. Brad discussed if we should or should not have the cash raffle at this year's Season Kick-off Event. Discussion was held on the pros and cons of the cash raffle. A decision was made to forgo the raffle for this event. Instead, the event will be more of a member appreciation event with door prizes throughout the evening. The idea of a cash raffle at the State Tournament will be revisited later.

Park Board Update: (Jordan) The indoor aquatics facility is underway.

BLC Update: (Chuck) Renovations are ongoing at the BLC Iceplex.

Girls Growth & Development Update: (Margot) The girls Game Changer Camps, speed and scoring and body positioning, are wrapping up. The girls will be having a pool party this month held at Riverside Pool. All girls in the program will be invited. As in years past, the girls program will participate in the Potato Bowl parade, with girls walking or rollerblading and handing out flyers and candy. Try Hockey for Free and Learn to Play Hockey will be held in September. Scheels plans to offer a discount again this year for new girl hockey players. Details on that will be worked out.

Hockey Director Update: (Jason) Game Changer Camps wrapped up last week. The turn out for camps was good, groups were full for the Skills Camp as well as the August Half-day Camp. Learn to Play, Fall Camps, and Try Hockey for Free registrations will be out some time this week. We will require some new pieces and sets for our goalie equipment this season. An outline is being made for the upcoming season for all age groups. It will give parents an idea of what to expect each season. The new jerseys have arrived and Jason brought them to present to the board.

Executive Director Update: (Brad) Registration for the 25/26 season will be open soon. Discussion was held on whether or not there would be an increase in registration fees for this season. Pros and cons were discussed. Those in favor argued that there could be risks in not increasing income for the association. Those against increasing fees argued that it makes hockey less accessible. After much discussion, the decision was made that fees for the 25/26 season would not increase; however, processing fees would be the responsibility of members.

Discussion was held on adding navy hockey pants covers, purchased by the association, to the uniform for this upcoming season. Association members would check them out at the beginning of the season along with jerseys and then return them at the end of the season. With the new jerseys coming out this season, it would be a good time to add this to the uniforms to give the players a more cohesive look. Players that have already purchased navy hockey pants would not be required to wear the covers. Discussion was held on what age levels this should apply to and feasibility of getting enough of the covers. Prices and availability are being looked into.

Brad brought up increasing non-parent coaches' salaries for the upcoming season. Discussion was held. This would help with attracting higher quality coaches and a higher retention rate. The idea of raising these salaries was well supported by members of the board.

Our older jersey sets were offered for sale to our association members. Approximately 100 sets were sold. It was discussed on what to do with the jerseys that are remaining. The decision was made to offer old jerseys for sale at the Season Kick-off Event for those who would still like to purchase them. After that, disposal options for all remaining jerseys will be looked into.

Brittany Johnson reached out to our association regarding a creation of a scholarship in memory of Tanner Johnson. The Tanner Johnson Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to one boy and one girl in the program each year covering full registration costs. Eligibility information as well as how to apply will be added to the registration page of the GFYHA website.

Brad proposed installing fences in the area under the bleachers outside of the locker rooms as a way to create more storage space. These would be locked areas that would be used for equipment storage. Bids have been received and cost is looking like it will be \$5000-\$7000 per bay. Discussion was held, and the decision was made to install fencing in one rink to begin with and revisit the second rink later if needed.

GFYHA will be utilizing [Engine.com](https://www.engine.com/) for booking hotel blocks for our out of town tournaments (does not apply to stay-to-play tournaments). The goal is to negotiate better rates for families and to take the burden of arranging hotel blocks off of our team managers when possible.

Plans are beginning for the improvements to the concessions area at the Purpur Arena. The GF Park Board will match dollars \$2 to \$1 with a maximum of \$10,000.

Administrative Update: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Chuck, seconded by Jordan. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.