

MEETING MINUTES
Grand Forks Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2024
BLC Board Room, Grand Forks, ND

Call Meeting to Order: 5:30pm 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 February 2024 Minutes: Cassie sent meeting minutes to the Board prior to the meeting. Jeff motioned to approve February meeting minutes, Jordan seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, none opposed, minutes approved.

New Business: approximately 40 members attended meeting, with 10 of those members speaking in support of GFYHA, the board and staff. Those members include: Jay Kleven, Meredith Larson, Miranda Kleven, Jenna Lee, Tim Litzinger, Ryan Kuhl, Brady Wrightsman, Case Rasmussen, Nate Spicer, and Tony Bina.

Discussion regarding moving towards navy helmets, gloves, breezers/covers. Board will not be putting this out to a vote of the membership, the decision was made and the board is looking into ways to offset the cost for members and to make the transition smooth.

Old Business: Hired Margot Miller as Girls Growth and Development Director, started today. Meet and Greet scheduled for Sunday March 24th to meet and watch PWHL game.

Brad met with ICON Sports Marketing to work on thanking sponsors and putting up advertising for supporters/donors/sponsors of GFYHA.

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

General Funds:

- 3900: \$458,270.37
- 3900 Girls: \$10,616.07
- Endres Scholarship: \$5,000
- 4007: \$565.35
- Spicer Fund: \$0
- Certificate of Deposit: \$110,782.38
- Other Assets (A/R, Gift Certificats): \$14,707.05

Gaming:

- 3809: \$304,567.27

- 3908 (Trust): \$0.00
- Cash Banks: \$37,000.00
- Certificates of Deposit: \$117,329.30

Concessions:

- 0802: \$109,102.98

Concessions Current Liabilities:

- Sales Tax and A/P: \$16,772.57

Shaun motioned to approve, Jeff seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Gaming: Renewals are up in June, Brad is working on these. Kiosk at BWW's so staff is not responsible for the bank and the kiosk will push out the winnings once a winning ticket is inserted. BWW's appreciates this so the staff doesn't have the responsibility and the gaming runner does get notification of when cash bank is low. Money counter is on order for the runner to use. Need to review the runner's time and compensation now that counting the kiosk takes more time than other sites. Possible new site – Judy's, they were approached by another group but accountant will try to give GFYHA a meeting. Albatross will be a potential for next year.

Park Board Update: Jordan provided an overview for what projects look like for the rinks. PB is involved in the new indoor facility, getting bids. There is a lot of sponsorship spaces available in the rinks. Update on sponsorship agreement that is up at the end of this year. They are delving into whether to keep them, renew, or go a different direction.

Blue Line Club Update: Last meeting just approved regular donation to legion, golf tourney is June 27th (confirmed) at King's Walk.

Girls Hockey Update: McIntyre had ice for 8u/10u girls and that will roll over to GFYHA and Margot will take that ice time. A weekend in August to get girls together. Get girls together for working in the shooting room in April to springboard that into summer months with a shooting challenge. Working on next year. Lucke and McIntyre met with Margot last week, she is interested in having Hilary Kujawa helping and working with her, and two female high school players have been helping with skates with the girls. Margot currently onboarding – payroll documents and email account completed, GFYHA will need to provide her with a laptop.

Numbers for girls' players for next year

15u: 21 potential (2 goalies)

12u: 23

10u: 29

8u: 15

Margot to work on projections for next year.

Youth Hockey Update: Briefly discussed projected numbers based on this past season for mites, squirts, peewees, bantams.

Hockey Director Update: Coaches close out surveys to get their feedback. Camps starting April (terminals and mites), spring league for Sq, PW, B. Planning with Margot to do together between Jason and Margot. Collecting jerseys, organizing year end equipment. Summer morning camps (2 PW, 2 B twice a week for 7-8 weeks 8:30-9:45am M/W), week camp at the end but Judd Caulfield is now in August so that might interfere.

Executive Director Update: Monte Lund made shooter-tooter's for the small nets. Paid Matt Palmiscno for the last 4-5 years and the number of teams and games have gone up each year. Matt gets paid a coordinating fee \$5k a year, there is a 100+ refs and 900+ games that he does all of the scheduling and coordinating for. Brad will meet with Matt to see what going rate is and/or what he's looking for.

Off-Season Priorities: Evaluate bylaws, policies/procedures, disciplinary process, forms/email, etc, due to fast growth within the association and needing to update these. Website updates (remove Covid info, more squirt teams than what we have, etc), goalie gear, jerseys.

Any member with questions or comments to please reach out as member; the board will not be responding to anonymous emails.

Adjourn: 7:43pm Jeff motioned, Shaun seconded, meeting adjourned.