

Meeting Minutes
Grand Forks Hockey Association
Board Meeting
Monday May 12, 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, Ryan Kuhl, Chuck Jacobi, and Jeff Groven were all in attendance. Brad Lucke (Executive Director), Jason Ulmer (Hockey Director), Margot Miller (Girls Hockey Growth and Development Director) and Kelly Moreland (Executive Assistant) from the GFYHA Office were also in attendance.

New Business: Brad sent out the revised GFYHA handbook last meeting for the board to review. Members were able to make notes/suggestions. There will also be an update to the bylaws at the annual meeting.

Brad discussed the need for updating the concessions area at the Purpur Arena. Specifically the area off to the one side which creates a lot of wasted space. Brad proposed creating a budget to have improvements made. The board was in support of making plans to make these improvements possible.

Brad prepared a budget for the upcoming hockey season (2025/2026). With the increase in cost of ice, tournament registrations, coaching pay, etc, a potential for loss exists. Possible solutions to help off-set costs are being looked into.

Cassie spoke on the NDAHA meeting that was held in May in Minot, ND. Here are some of the key points discussed: SafeSport information was reviewed at the meeting. There will be an education piece going out in August/September to help affiliates. USA Hockey allows for associations to approve or deny membership based on the interests of the association as a whole. Player development was discussed, with plans of adding camps/summits to help focus on player development. The possibility of adding a B2/C League to ND hockey was discussed. State tournament dates were set. Grand Forks will host the PWAA/PWA State Tournament. At the Bantam level, there will be a waiver to allow icing on penalty kills and eliminating automatic off-sides. All travel-aged leagues will have a 5 minute 3 on 3 overtime for tied games. A decision will be made at the fall meeting on setting a "standard" on period length for all levels of bantams.

Financial Report: Chuck reviewed the financials from April. A few CD's will expire at the end of the month. A decision was made to roll these CD's. Motion to approve financials was made by Jeff and seconded by Ryan. All in favor, none opposed.

Gaming Report: (Brad) Paperwork is in process for the new gaming facility.

Park Board Update: None

BLC Update: A flyer for the BLC Gold Tournament is ready. Tournament will be on June 26th at Kingswalk Golf Course with tournament benefits going to the Kyle Barton family.

Girls Growth and Development Director Update: (Margot) The girls program is currently running a Learn to Play Hockey program that is going well. There are about 40 girls on the ice. The girls program is using a new logo that they created to try at the LTP camp. Margot would like to perhaps use the logo on apparel throughout the season. The board was supportive of the logo.

Hockey Director Update: (Jason) Spring camps just finished. Numbers were good at all levels with the lowest number of players at the bantam level. Game Changer Camps will begin in June. Jerseys and socks will be coming in, with some small tariffs issued being encountered (socks only). The Shooting/Rollerblading Challenge is in the process of being planned. Prizes for the challenge are being looked at and a final decision will be made. The August Game Changer Camp is being planned. This camp will be held earlier in August than last year due to ice availability.

Executive Director Update: (Brad) The grant that we applied for to the Buffalo Wild Wings Foundation was approved and GFYHA will receive \$5000. Registration for our Grand Forks hosted tournaments is now open. We have had a good start on teams signing up. Brad brought up the need to purchase additional Ipads for next season as we try to transition to using Gamesheets for all of our home games.

Administrative Update: (Kelly) Scheduling for out of town tournaments for all travel-aged teams is ongoing. Looking at tournaments available, cost, and feedback from last year to select which tournaments we will register for. There will be a May newsletter going out with important updates for the summer and significant dates for next season. The newsletter will also announce our new website on the Crossbar Sports Management platform.

The date for the annual meeting will be June 9th, 2025

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm. Cassie motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ryan.