Meeting Minutes

Grand Forks Hockey Association
Board Meeting
Monday February 10th, 2025
Sean Gerszewski Classroom, Grand Forks, ND

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

Members in Attendance: Board members Cassie Scheving (President), Shaun Endres (Vice President), Kyle Kosior (Secretary), Jordan McIntyre (Treasurer), Chuck Jacobi, Ryan Kuhl, 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 and Tanner Lundby were also present.

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

New Business: The need for possible additional staff for the association was discussed. Kyle discussed bringing in additional staff as a way of building the organization. Chuck pointed out a need for scheduling.

Financial Report: Jordan reviewed the January financial report. Motion to approve January financials was made by Shaun, seconded by Ryan. All were in favor, none opposed. The CD's that were discussed in the January meeting were purchased.

General Funds:

3900: \$272,186.153900 Girls: \$2748.14

• Endres Scholarship: \$868.75

• Spicer Fund: \$0

• Certificate of Deposit: \$320,298.15

• Other Assets (A/R, Gift Certificates): \$15,152.72

<u>Gaming</u>

• 3809: \$101,964.41

3908 (Trust): \$106,751.07Cash Banks: \$28,636.00

• Certificates of Deposit: \$306,445.26

Concessions:

• 0802: \$113,796.54

Gaming Update: Buffalo Wild Wings is looking into the possibility of adding in more E-tab machines. Discussion was held on the potential impact to charitable gaming if the new casino that is being proposed were to be built in Grand Forks.

Park Board Update: (Jordan) Renderings of the BLC Complex were shown at the most recent Park Board meeting. Parking lots are being done/re-done this spring and summer at some of the GF Parks facilities.

BLC Update: (Chuck) A donation to Legion Baseball was approved. There was discussion of the improvements to the BLC Arena which will include new boards, glass, and benches.

Girls Growth & Development Update: (Margot) The girl's program Outdoor Skate Day was a success with a good turnout. Another coaches meeting was held for the girl's teams. The focus of the meeting was on tough conversations with parents and players. Flyers were posted in the arenas encouraging girls hockey and we gained some new skaters as a result of those flyers. Margot is looking at some new programs for the younger girls next season since the registration numbers have been good. Margot would like to host some more Learn To Play programs over the summer.

Hockey Director Update: (Jason) The Ice Breaker Tournament will be held this weekend marking the end of the Mite and Termite seasons. Sponsorships for the Ice Breaker Tournament was a great success. Funds will be used to provide t-shirts and gift bags for tournament participants. Those bags will be put together this week. Mite extended season will begin next weekend and will consist of two weekends, both in Grand Forks. The end of the year games where graduating players will be recognized will begin this week. Year end skates for teams are starting to be requested. Jason discussed how we want to handle the scheduling of these skates (availability of ice, conflicts with practices that are still going on). A proposed solution was to schedule on a first come, first served basis, based on what is available at the time of the request.

Executive Director Update: (Brad) Website was having some issues with domain renewal this week. The issue has now been resolved. The Icon expanded the rubber areas for skaters to walk on in the arena and installed white boards for coaches to write on. Key fobs were updated throughout the arena as well. Brad proposed adding those same key fobs to the doors of the classroom, equipment room, and concessions area. This would make access to these areas more convenient and easier to monitor. The board will discuss and consider due to cost. The Gamesheets app that has been implemented for our tournaments has been a success and has received positive feedback from members.

Administrative Update: (Kelly) Plans have been made for graduating player recognition games. Dates and locations have been set, gifts (pucks and photos) will be picked up by team managers, and an announcer has been arranged for all games. Plans are being made for the two State Tournaments that will be hosted in Grand Forks (BAA/BA & PWB Gold and Silver). Kelly has been coordinating with Tournament Director Ava Nickel on plans for the

tournaments. DIBS for the tournament are being built and will be sent out to association members.

Adjournment: Kyle motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jordan. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.