

Meeting Minutes
Grand Forks Hockey Association
Board Meeting
Monday April 14, 2025
BLC Board Room, Grand Forks, ND

Call Meeting to Order: President Cassie Scheving called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Members in Attendance: Board members Cassie Scheving (President), Shaun Endres (Vice President), Ryan Kuhl, Chuck Jacobi, and Jeff Groven were all in attendance. Brad Lucke (Executive Director) and Kelly Moreland (Executive Assistant) from the GFYHA Office and member Tanner Lundby were also present.

New Business: None

Financial Report: Brad reviewed the March financials. Shaun motioned to approve the financials, seconded by Ryan. All in favor, none opposed. The gaming tax return has been prepared. A transfer of funds is required to pay the gaming tax return. Chuck motioned to approve the transfer of funds required to pay the tax, seconded by Ryan.

General Funds:

- 3900: \$271,316.02
- 3900 Girls: \$
- Endres Scholarship: \$868.75
- Certificate of Deposit: \$312,565.09
- Other Assets (A/R, Gift Certificates): \$30,308.41

Gaming:

- 3809: \$81,424.75
- 3908 (Trust): \$147,988.46
- Cash Banks: \$29,000.00
- Certificates of Deposit: \$364,659.38

Concessions:

- 0802: \$ 86,114.08

Gaming Update (Brad): A potential new gaming site is in the planning stages. All necessary paperwork is being done.

Park District Update (Brad for Jordan): Locks for the Grand Forks Arenas came in under budget. There is a possibility of the Park District using that money to update the locks for concessions and the Sean Gerzewski classroom. This system will allow for better monitoring of who is coming in and out of these facilities.

BLC Update (Chuck): The BLC golf tournament will be held on June 26th at Kingswalk Golf Course. Benefits will go to Kyle Barton to help with the medical care for his daughter. Work has commenced on the BLC Iceplex.

Hockey Update (Brad for Jason): A request was made for a decision on increasing compensation for coaches. Benefits of better pay will be motivating younger people to coach and be able to retain them for longer. Brad proposed having Jason prepare an outline of the proposed compensation for each parent and non-parent coach to be presented to the board for consideration. This will include current compensation levels to help the board make a decision on how much to increase at each level. New jerseys have been ordered. The final design was shown to the board.

Girls Growth & Development Update (Margot via phone): Margot requested approval to attend a coaching conference in Detroit, MI. Registration was part of the Coaches Site agreement so she was requesting approximately \$800 for airfare and hotel expenses. The request was granted. She will prepare a follow up report of what was discussed at the conference. A Try Hockey for Free Event for the girls was held in conjunction with EGF Youth Hockey and it had a great turn out. A Girls Learn to Play Hockey Event will be held in May at the Icon.

Executive Director Update (Brad): An application for a grant from Buffalo Wild Wings was submitted. We are waiting for a response on that.

Metal Aviators coins were ordered. These coins will serve as a thank you gift for our sponsors and also as a reward for players to recognize excelling in the areas of attitude, leadership, and relationships with teammates. The idea behind this is to focus on rewarding good behavior in an effort to deter bad behavior and recognize kids who go above and beyond. Coaches will be able to distribute these coins when they feel it is appropriate. Cost per coin is about \$3/coin. The idea was well supported and approved.

A modified version of the GFYHA handbook was handed out. This version keeps all of the association documents in one convenient spot. Each member was given a copy to review with the goal of having it approved for next season.

Game Changer Hockey Development Camps opened its own website on the Crossbar platform. We will also be switching to Crossbar for our GFYHA website for next season.

Tournaments for the 2025/2026 season are being planned and all dates are set. Dates are being double checked for any conflicts and will be released to other associations. The idea was discussed of the association taking over tournament apparel sales. Discussion on how that might be achieved was held, including cost and logistics.

The NDAHA district meeting will be held in May. State Tournament dates and locations will be set there.

A request was made for more cabinets to be used for storage to be installed in the GFYHA Office.

The practice schedule for the upcoming season was briefly discussed. There may be a need to utilize the REA more this upcoming season than we did last season.

Administrative Update (Kelly): Kelly is working with Ava (Tournament Director) on building the new website on the Crossbar platform. They are currently in the process of editing what we want to take from the old website and what we want to change.

Adjournment: Shaun motioned to adjourn at 6:31 pm. Motion was seconded by Ryan.