

Meeting Minutes
Grand Forks Hockey Association
Board Meeting
Monday December 9th , 2024
BLC Board Room, 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, Jeff Groven 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 were also present.

Approval of November Minutes: Approved. Kyle moved to approve, seconded by Jeff.

New Business:

Kyle discussed pursuing a “tax zone” in support of GFYHA. Kyle explained that many cities or municipalities set up tax zones around arenas and after a proposal to the city, a percentage of tax money can come back to be reinvested in GFYHA. Discussion was held on possible benefits and disadvantages. More research into the idea will be done and details will follow.

Ryan continued the discussion of a Youth Council that would be made up of players from each team to have input on some of the decisions made at GFYHA. He brought with a written proposal for what the Youth Council would entail and how it could be implemented next season. Discussion was held on how best to select/nominate players from each team to sit on the council.

The Board reviewed the 2023 Exempt Organization Return (Form 990). A motion was made by Chuck to approve the Form 990 and seconded by Shaun. All were in favor, none opposed.

Financial Report: The November financial report was sent to Board members prior to the meeting. Jordan reviewed the financial report. Chuck motioned to approve the financial report, Ryan seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

General Funds:

- 3900: \$388,640.00
- 3900 Girls: \$2568.00
- Endres Scholarship: \$868.75
- Spicer Fund: \$0
- Certificate of Deposit: \$316075.53
- Other Assets (A/R, Gift Certificates): \$55811.60

Gaming:

- 3809:
- 3908 (Trust): \$86955.20
- Cash Banks: \$29000.00
- Certificates of Deposit: \$555242.74

Concessions:

- 0802: \$88225.55

Gaming Update: A gaming kiosk was installed at the Dreamer's Bar gaming site. Gun raffle tickets are due back to the GFYHA Offices 12/11/24 with the raffle drawing being held on December 21, 2024 at the Icon. Ticket sales are down from last year's numbers.

BLC Update (Chuck): Chuck discussed some updates that will be happening to the BLC Arena. The plan is for these updates to be done over the summer.

Parkboard Update (Jordan): New Wifi system in the Purpur Arena is now running and available to the public. Pixelot is running at the Gambucci and the BLC Arenas. Outdoor rinks throughout town are being flooded.

Girls Growth & Development Update (Margot): The girls Christmas party will take place on December 18. A girls program coaches meeting was held. Kelsey Adams (Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, coach and parent) spoke with the girls coaches on the cognitive development of children and how understanding it can help with effective communication with youth players.

Hockey Director Update (Jason): The Squirt travel season is now in full swing. Teams and coaches have been assigned and jerseys and socks have been distributed. We were able to bring up a younger goalie for the 7th squirt team. Pins are designed and ordered for the Squirt International Tournament and will be arriving soon. Crary Real Estate has agreed to purchase 4000 pucks and donate them to Grand Forks hockey. There was discussion about the new jerseys for next season and some feedback has been received on the sets of reversible jerseys that are currently being tested out. Jason is still in the process of shopping around and several samples have been ordered.

Executive Director Update (Brad): A proposed fundraiser that sells L&M Meats products and Rhombus pizzas was discussed. Possible idea for individual teams that want to raise money (apparel, Hudl, etc). Concessions have gone to a new "card only" system and the feedback from concessions workers has been positive. The new system seems to be more efficient. GFYHA is looking to hire someone to run concessions operations.

Administrative Update: None

Tournament Update: None

Adjourn: Kyle motioned to adjourn, Shaun seconded, meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.