



Grand Valley and District Minor Hockey Association Executive

Minutes

March 7, 2023, 7:00pm
Grand Valley Community Centre Boardroom

Executive Present: Jeff Grubb, Ashleigh Milliner-Cowan (virtual), Meaghan Ulla, Amie Zukowski, Shannon Chadwick-Ross, Katie Bryan, Vanessa McDougall, Chris Terry, Joel Ross, Chris Hodgson (virtual), Josh Guest (virtual), Christina Garcia (virtual), Amy Steele and Michelle McFarlane (virtual)

Regrets: Brett Lyons, Kelly Grubb

Guests Present: None

The GVDAMH Executive Board held a meeting at the Grand Valley Community Centre Boardroom on March 7th, 2023, commencing at 7:00pm.

Call To Order: By: Jeff Grubb

Time: 7:06pm

1. Added Items (Late Submissions)

1.1. Osprey Game Concerns

2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None at this time.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1. Minutes from January 22, 2023

Resolution #1

Moved By: Katie Bryan

Seconded by: Amy Steele

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The GVDMHA Executive Board hereby adopts the minutes of the meeting held January 22, 2023.

CARRIED

4. Presentations/ Reports



- 4.1. OMHA/GBTLL Update - Brett - Absent.
 - 4.1.1. The U9 year-end tournament is March 25/26, and the communication hasn't been great. Ashleigh and Brett are frustrated with it. It's been difficult to plan hotels, timing, schedule, etc. Can this be made better in future years? **Ashleigh and Brett**
- 4.2. Tournament/Jamboree Update – Amy and Josh
 - 4.2.1. U7 Jamboree – There is still one team that hasn't submitted payment. They've dropped out. So now there are only two teams (plus us). There might be an Orangeville team interested. Meaghan also suggested contacting Center Wellington. Shelburne and South Grey have been confirmed. This leaves 3 teams confirmed. Honeywood is the team that dropped out. **Amy and Josh**
 - 4.2.2. We need to confirm the final teams, rules and schedule by Thursday, March 9th to OMHA. If we are not able to secure a 4th team, they will split the GV team into two or have an A and a B squad. **Josh**
- 4.3. Sponsorship Update – Katie
 - 4.3.1. We have \$2500 confirmed sponsorship for the nets. The total cost of the nets was roughly \$4000. The net posts will have the logos of the sponsors on them. **Katie to order on March 20th.**

Resolution #2

Moved By: Jeff Grubb

Seconded by: Ashleigh Milliner-Cowan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The GVDMHA Executive Board will move forward with the purchase of the hockey nets around March 20, 2023. GVMH will pay the difference between the total cost of the nets and the money raised through sponsorship.

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- 4.4. Hockey Day in GV Results – Jeff
 - 4.4.1. A total of \$4386.08 was raised! The day was a major success, and you could see how much hard work went toward the day and how smoothly it went. Great job everyone!
 - 4.4.2. It was discussed that next year we could build on the evening by adding a DJ and allowing the party to continue into a dance. It was discussed that this would not change the fees but would increase the total profits raised. **Jeff**
- 4.5. Treasurer's Report – Meaghan
 - 4.5.1. February and March's financials will be delayed as the bookkeeper is on holiday. The \$100 in the team income column in the report is incorrect and will be changed corrected for next month. **Meaghan**
 - 4.5.2. The benevolent account was originally set up incorrectly as a trust account by RBC. They have opened a new one and they are waiting for the transfer of the funds.



- 4.5.3. RBC told us that now we can accept e transfers. Meaghan wants to make sure that we do not use e transfers regularly. But agrees that it could be handy as a backup option. Meaghan will test it out by sending the popcorn machine money to Amy Steele **Meaghan**
- 4.5.4. The hockey day numbers are a rough estimate and will be finalized in the coming months.
- 4.5.5. The 50/50 total amount wasn't correct because some of the cash was double counted. Next year we will either not use square for the 50/50 or only use it for the card purchases.

5. Unfinished Business

5.1. By-Law Updates - Jeff

- 5.1.1. This is on the back burner. We will work on this and get it completed before the AGM. **Jeff**

5.2. GIC's – Meaghan

- 5.2.1. Meaghan presented the GIC rates. We often keep much more money in our account than we use. Meaghan proposed the idea of putting excess amounts in a 1-year GIC so it's still fluid but collecting interest. She suggested that perhaps we lock in some of it a little longer.
- 5.2.2. We currently have \$5432.15 and \$7500 that both need to be reinvested this year. **Meaghan**

Resolution #3

Moved By: Chris Terry
Seconded by: Amy Steele

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The GVDMHA Executive Board gives the Treasurer permission to invest \$7500 plus the interest in a 2-year non-redeemable GIC. The \$5432.15 plus interest will be invested in a 3-year non-redeemable GIC. Some of the excess funds in our bank account, with an amount of up to \$30,000 will be invested in a one year cashable GIC.

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5.3. U5/U7 Program – Ashleigh

- 5.3.1. There was discussion about having two separate groups with shared ice for U5 and U7. This will cause us to have another group on the ice and in turn will cause us to need another coach. It also means that the U8's will have their own ice time. This will affect the cost of all programs. Josh also brought up the idea about having a 6 pm start time instead of 6:30pm as some parents felt that the 6:30pm time slot was too late.
- 5.3.2. It was agreed that we need to have numbers first and then decide ice times and the layout of the programs. **Shannon, Ashleigh and Josh**



6. New Business

6.1. 2023/24 Intent to Play Survey - Ashleigh

6.1.1. It was decided to remove this and open registration instead.

6.2. Continued Skill Development – Christina

6.2.1. Parents loved skills. We will continue it next year.

6.3. Tournament Director Role – Joel

6.3.1. Joel would like to have a home tournament for each age level. He suggested that we need to have an executive member as the administrative contact to submit the paperwork to the OMHA and oversee all tournaments. Amy did this for the tournaments this year and found it to be a lot of work. **Joel and Jeff**

6.3.2. Joel wants to have the teams welcome others to their home ice. Keep it simple like the mount forest tournament. A slice of pizza and a Gatorade and nothing else fancy.

6.3.3. It was discussed about having 2 tournament directors to run these. We are looking at having a potential 6 tournaments per year.

6.3.4. Amy made it clear that she was not interested in this position.

6.4. Duck Day Food Booth - Amy

6.4.1. We don't feel that we have the manpower to run this. Amy will let Randy know that we won't be participating this year. **Amy**

6.5. Fee Waiver Program for Future Events – Amie

6.5.1. Amie let the executive know that we must submit the paperwork for fee waivers to the Town of Grand Valley no later than 6 weeks before future events. This would be for things like the AGM, Jamborees, Year End Socials, Hockey Day, Awards Ceremony. Amie will submit the AGM fee waiver form asap. **Amie**

6.6. 2023/24 Fees and Registration – Amie

6.6.1. When do we set the fees and when does registration start? We should also pick a date for hockey day next year.

6.6.2. Shannon brought up the fact that compared to other centers, our fees are extremely cheap. Erin's U5 program is \$350. They only skate twice a week and it's shared ice. U13 was \$795. Shannon will create a document that outlines our fees and other centers fees to compare. This will allow us to confirm our prices. **Shannon**

6.6.3. It is a goal to have registration open by April or at our AGM! **Shannon**

6.6.4. Christina asked why we have to keep asking for sponsors when we have the money in our account to pay for things like nets, goalie clinics, etc. It was discussed that we have a responsibility to make sure that we keep the club with a safe amount of savings to cover any major costs that could arise. These costs could be boards, Jerseys, etc.

6.6.5. When we do registration, Shannon would like to remove the fundraising fee from the registration time to make it easier for parents.

6.6.6. Skills program needs to be advertised at the time of registration and it's included in our fees. This often puts our kids on the ice 3 times per week. **Shannon and Jeff**

6.6.7. We will hold a special planning and registration meeting as our next executive meeting in April. We will go into detail with this while also comparing other centers. **Jeff**



6.6.8. AGM date – It was decided that Sunday May 7th would be the AGM. Since the time of the meeting, we have learned that the church uses the upstairs room every Sunday. We have switched it to Saturday May 6th. **Jeff and Ashleigh**

6.7. Proposed Meeting with the Town, Board and GVMH – Amie

6.7.1. Should we have this? Talk about the condition of the arena, James' customer service, hockey day fees, the importance of GVMH?

6.7.2. This should be two separate meetings. One with the board and a second presentation to the council. Amie and Jeff will organize this. This might be helpful to do in August or September as hockey starts to fire up again. **Jeff and Amie**

6.8. Osprey Game Concerns – Sunday February 26th at 12pm

6.8.1. The details of the game were discussed, and we talked about having neutral refs on the ice should we play Osprey in the future. We all felt that this should happen with all GVMH teams in the ages of U13 and up.

6.8.2. We need to ensure all complaints are made through the ITC complaints process. This process also needs to be added to our website. GVMH has not received any direct complaints regarding this game but will work with OMHA to come up with a plan to ensure the safety of our kids is protected. **Jeff – to talk with OMHA and see how we can ensure that this doesn't happen again**

6.8.3. It was also discussed that Jeff will write and email to the U13 Black parents letting them know that he knows about the game and that we will be working to ensure this doesn't happen again. It should also be known that a complaint HAS NOT been made to GVMH about this game. **Jeff**

6.9. AGM and Awards date

6.9.1. AGM at 1pm and Awards at 3pm – May 6th

6.9.2. Ashleigh will coordinate with the managers for awards. **Ashleigh**

7. Adopt, Ratify and Confirm

Resolution # 4

Moved By: Amie Zukowski

Seconded by: Shannon Chadwick-Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That all actions of The GVDMHA Executive Board members and officers with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Executive on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified, and confirmed; and

That each motion, resolution, and other action taken by the Executive and officers at the meeting held on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified, and confirmed.

CARRIED



8. Adjournment

Resolution # 5

Moved By: Katie Bryan

Seconded by: Amy Steele

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The GVDMHA Executive do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, April 5th, at 7:00 pm for our registration meeting, or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

GVAMHA President/Chair

GVAMHA Secretary