



## Grand Valley and District Minor Hockey Association Executive

### Annual General Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2023, 1:00pm

Grand Valley Community Centre – Grand River Room

Executive Present: Jeff Grubb, Ashleigh Milliner-Cowan, Meaghan Ulla, Amie Zukowski, Shannon Chadwick-Ross, Vanessa MacDougall, Chris Terry, Joel Ross, Josh Guest, Christina Garcia, Michelle McFarlane, Brett Lyons, Kelly Grubb, Katie Bryan, Chris Hodgson

Regrets: Amy Steele

Members Present:

The GVDAMH Executive Board held an annual general meeting at the Grand Valley Community Centre in the Grand River Room on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, commencing at 1:00pm.

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**Call To Order:** By: Jeff Grubb

Time: 1:06pm

#### 1. Added Items (Late Submissions)

1.1. None at this time.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

2.1. Minutes from April 5, 2022

##### Resolution #1

Moved By: Jeff Grubb

Seconded by: Chris Terry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The GVDMHA Executive Board hereby adopts the minutes of the last annual general meeting held April 5, 2022.

**CARRIED**

#### 3. Presentations/ Reports

3.1. President – Jeff Grubb

Let me start off by saying how proud I am of the season for all our players, families, our wonderful volunteers, and this great executive team. The season has come and gone, and everyone has poured



their heart into the season. I want to personally thank all members of this executive committee for their contributions to delivering a fun, engaging and safe environment for kids to play hockey in.

This was my first full season in the role of the president. I am thankful for the guidance and expertise from our trusted executive team who have helped me, and our organization navigate some challenges and move us forward towards our ultimate goal of a thriving hockey organization in Grand Valley. I continue to learn with the overall operations of our hockey organization, and I look forward to continuing to support this organization in the future.

For the second straight season, our registration numbers have increased. Even with the loss of our U18 team from the previous season, we continue to see growth in hockey numbers year over year. We were thrilled this season to be able to operate under normal rules and regulations with covid mandates and restrictions hopefully behind us now.

As for my specific president responsibilities, there has not been too many outside of running the meetings, and ensuring we are delivering on our commitments made to each other and to the organization for delivering a successful season, the awards banquet, and Hockey Day in Grand Valley. I want to celebrate the accomplishments of another fantastic fundraising and sponsorship season.

We also continued our efforts to give back. Building on the donations to pond inlet, we partnered with Indigenous Hockey Equipment Drive organization to provide hockey equipment to Indigenous youth via our Equipment drive facilitated at Hockey Day in Grand Valley. I would like to thank all who provided support for that initiative.

I look forward to continuing my support for the executive team to provide more skills, more ice time, and great fun hockey in Grand Valley.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as President for Grand Valley Minor Hockey! I will be returning to this position for the upcoming 2023-2024 season.

### 3.2. Vice President – Ashleigh Millner-Cowan

As Vice President of the Grand Valley Minor Hockey Association for the 2022-23 Season, I would like to thank all families and players for an incredible season of great hockey, a ton of fun and lasting memories! Our accomplishments as a new Executive are something that I am really proud of, and as we collaborate with our community, we know Hockey in Grand Valley is very much thriving! Thank you to each player, their families, and each Executive Member who dedicates time and energy into making the Grand Valley Twisters an amazing organization to be a part of! This year, as Vice President I assisted many Executive Members with their transitions into their new positions. I also filled in for both Secretary and Treasurer when the positions required temporary coverage. Transitioning from the Sponsorship Director in 2021-22 Season, I assisted Sponsorship Director Katie Bryan with learning about the position, and engaging local businesses into the Zamboni Project which was completed early in this season. This project is very exciting, and we are proud to have the support of many local businesses in this longer-term Sponsorship initiative. I am very proud of our Sponsorship Program this year and thank you to all the local businesses and organizations for your support. We are continually developing our player development, equipment, and programs due to the incredible support of our generous sponsors. I also assisted with various events throughout the season including the bottle drive and coordinating the Pizza Party Award for the most hours of volunteers from the teams. This was a Sponsored Prize, which we are grateful to Win Mar for their ongoing support in our organization. Additionally, Shannon Chadwick and I oversaw organizing the Raffle Table at hockey day with donations totaling approximately \$6675! Also, in preparation for Hockey Day I assisted Michelle McFarlane, Volunteer Director, with meeting with each team's families to coordinate the volunteer coverage on various areas for Hockey Day! I am also incredibly proud to continue to support the development of the Benevolent Fund for our organization, this is a passion of mine to have funds readily available for our families in their time of need. We approached the Lion's Club this year and they provided a donation for this initiative through a Krispy Kreme Fundraiser which was coordinated with Fundraising Director Kelly Grubb and was a great success. This is my second year on the Grand Valley Minor Hockey Executive, and I truly appreciate the experiences, and dedication of all members of the



association, from Players and Parents to Bench Staff, Referees and all volunteers. It takes an incredible amount of dedication, hard work, and time to make all the wheels turn! I am looking forward to serving on the Grand Valley Minor Hockey Executive for the upcoming season, and in closing, I am incredibly proud of our organization this term, and would like to thank each Executive Member for their collaboration, time and energy with making our 2022-23 Season a success.

Call for Nominees:

Seeing none – Ashleigh will continue to serve as the vice president.

### 3.3. Treasurer – Meaghan Ulla

My name is Meaghan Ulla and I have been the Treasurer for Grand Valley Minor Hockey for the 2002/2023 year. Soon after moving to Grand Valley, I was quick to notice that the local sports organizations were reliant solely on the volunteerism of the community, and it was often the same members of the community stepping up to the plate. I saw the opportunity to use my extensive experience in both National and International level sports administration and my day job of bookkeeping for a non-profit to assist the organization. I was appointed by the Executive Board in September 2022 to fill the vacant role of Treasurer. I knew that being a first year “hockey mom”, relatively new to the community, and being brand new to the Executive would come with many challenges and learning opportunities, but I was eager and determined. While I was not elected at the 2022 AGM, I understood my responsibility to not only the organization but also to the membership. With the financial scrutiny of Hockey Canada being front and center in the media as well as my mind, my number one priority was to ensure transparency and accountability for Grand Valley Minor Hockey. This included a review and implementation of new expense claim procedure. Moving forward, I would like to see clear written policies for the Treasurer to guide their work. This would include, but not be limited to: recorded motions for all organization expenditures, a clear and written breakdown of team vs. organization expense (eg: who is responsible for the payment of player assessments, Velcro vs. name bar expenditures, and which teams have tournaments paid for as part of their registration fees etc.). I was lucky to have some experienced team managers help guide me through this occasionally murky area. My first major hurdle was getting the previous fiscal year in order. Unfortunately, due to the long-term vacancy and turnover in the Treasurer role, there were various loose ends to tie up. After many hours spent inputting expenses and receivables from the previous fiscal year, a thorough review revealed an inability to reconcile the bank account resulting in a write-off of \$2039.62. Before my arrival, the organization made the wise decision to hire Violet Bromley of BBS Bookkeeping to assist the Treasurer with their duties. While this does incur a monthly service fee, the value of her service exceeds the expense. I cannot express enough gratitude for her assistance this year. The closure of the Grand Valley RBC branch added another challenge for the role this year. As a commuting, working mom of three, getting to a bank during business hours was a struggle. If it wasn't for my lunch break during my work from home days, I'm not sure how I would have accomplished the cash deposits. The GVMH bank account also has many limitations regarding e-transfers and cash withdrawals. While these are both options that I normally wouldn't recommend, I am also sensitive to the consideration that volunteers must be out of pocket to pay tournament fees and produce floats. It is my understanding that this has been an ongoing issue with lack of resolution despite many attempts. A review of banking features, requirements and account cost analysis may be required. In March 2023, GVMH had two GIC's come up for renewal. With the direction of the Executive, these were both renewed, with interest reinvested and laddered for 2- and 3- year maturities. In addition to the renewals, a new, 1-year cashable GIC was purchased. While these may seem like unnecessary investments for the organization, it is important to realize the need to have access to funds to address unexpected expenses and ensure that the organization is able to fulfill its contractual obligations. The total income reported by Grand Valley Minor Hockey in the 2022/2023 fiscal year is \$121,199.07. Highlights of this income would include registration income of \$48,816.68, sponsorship income of \$25,900, and fundraising income of \$28,074.57. GVMH had a very successful year in terms of sponsorship and fundraising events. I would be remiss in not acknowledging the importance of both the monetary and time commitments of our parents and community members! The Grand Valley Lion's Club also ran a Krispy Kreme fundraiser that resulted in a donation of \$634 that went directly to the Benevolent Fund which assists players in need of financial support. Thank you all for ensuring the success of the organization. In comparison, the total expenses reported by Grand Valley Minor Hockey in the 2022/2023 fiscal year is \$118,027.01. Highlights of the expenditures include ice rental expense of \$43,436.12, insurance expense of \$6,122.72, referee and



timekeeper expense of \$6,905.00, equipment purchases of \$6,015.29, and training expenses (which includes the numerous skills sessions) of \$4,206.94. The 2022/2023-year-end result is a net profit of \$3,172.06. Looking ahead to next year, we should expect a slight increase in our ice rental expenses as well as consider an increase to referee expenses should mileage and hourly rates be increased. I have also made a recommendation to the Executive to be mindful of money spent on unused ice-time. A monthly review of unused ice should be completed, and available ice times should be offered up to teams or given back to the community center as permitted in the contract. I have provided the organization's Profit/Loss statement for this fiscal year for your review, and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. When I accepted the appointment, my intent was to offer longevity and consistency in the role of Treasurer. After much reflection, and with disappointment, I will not be seeking election for the 2023-2024 year. I wish the incoming Treasurer success and I am happy to offer support if needed.

Call for Nominees:

– Lindsay Guest (self-nominated); seconded by Amanda Martin

## **Resolution #2**

**Moved By: Ashleigh Millner-Cowan**

**Seconded by: Carrie Molson**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The GVDMHA Executive Board hereby adopts Lindsay Guest as the role of Treasurer for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 hockey season.

## **CARRIED**

### **3.4. Secretary – Amie Zukowski**

This was my first year as secretary for GVMH and I'm grateful for the opportunity. I was brought on board in September and had to play a bit of catch up with the inner workings of the executive. I am responsible for planning the meetings, booking the facilities and preparing and posting the agenda. I kept detailed notes and posted the minutes in a timely manner. I tried to implement a meeting calendar at the beginning of the season so that all executive members could plan accordingly. It kind of worked, but we will relook at the idea for next season. I also organized picture day for the first time. Although it ran very smoothly, I didn't like the format of the photos and will be looking into new options for next season if I remain in this position. I also worked with Arena and Town staff to book all event spaces. I have learned a little bit about how to get the fees waived for some of our bookings, but I'd like to investigate this more in the coming season. I think we can lean on the arena a little more for hockey day. I plan on having some face time in front of Grand Valley Council, Amaranth and East Garfaraxa to let them know what we do for the community and how we could use their help. I look forward to the opportunity to remain in this position for the upcoming season and have many new ideas and ways to make hockey even better in Grand Valley.

Call for Nominees:

Seeing none – Amie will continue to serve as the secretary.

### **3.5. Registrar – Shannon Chadwick-Ross**

Grand Valley Minor Hockey had a very successful year this season (2022/2023). We registered 86 kids. This is up from our previous year (2021/2022: 85 players) considering we had no U18 team this year, which consisted of 15 players. Very exciting to see the growth in the community. We are planning on handing out flyers again to gain registration numbers for next season. Our hopes are that registration numbers will rise with new subdivisions being built.

FULLY REGISTERED PLAYERS WITH GRAND VALLEY MINOR HOCKEY 2022/2023 SEASON:

U7- 23 players registered.



U8- 9 players registered.

U9- 13 players registered.

U11- 16 players registered.

U13- 22 players registered.

U15- 2 players registered.

REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE 2022/2023 SEASON:

U7- \$300.00 plus fundraising fee

U8- \$450.00 plus fundraising fee

U9 - \$625.00 plus fundraising fee

U11- \$650.00 plus fundraising fee

U13- \$675.00 plus fundraising fee

U15- \$700.00 plus fundraising fee

Fundraising fee applied to each registration; this was \$125.00. A discount was given to 3<sup>rd</sup> child of each family with more than 2 children playing hockey.

Insert a bit about the position

Call for Nominees:

Seeing none – Shannon will continue to serve as the registrar.

### 3.6. Prevention Services - Shannon Chadwick-Ross

This year all vulnerable sector checks (VSC) were submitted online. No paper copies were approved.

We had to change our letter this year to make it more detailed than in previous years. I will attach a copy of the letter below so that everyone can see the letter that we handed out to our volunteers to submit. I had to take this letter to OPP Orangeville for approval before handing it out to our volunteers. Next hockey season, the same process is to follow unless other changes are made in upcoming months. All executive members, bench staff (including coaches, assistant coaches, trainer, managers on ice helper) all need an up-to-date vulnerable sector check to be part of Grand Valley Minor Hockey. At the beginning of the season everyone is required to sign our addendum stating, "I hereby certify that I have not, to the best of my knowledge, been charged or convicted of any criminal activities in the past year". I will attach a copy below for everyone to see. This is done since as of now we only require a vulnerable sector check every 3 years. Going forward I believe this has worked very well with the Registrar position as everything must be submitted to HCR and the registrar has access to this.

Call for Nominees:

Seeing none – Shannon will continue to serve as the prevention services officer.

### 3.7. GBTL and OMHA Representative – Brett Lyons

The role of the League Convenor has many responsibilities. The main responsibility is the direct contact between governing bodies, hockey organizations, Georgian Bay Local League (GBTL) board of directors along with the Regional Manager of OMHA area H. Administer and enforce the operating rules set out by Hockey Canada (HC), Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) and the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) along with Georgian Bay Local rules and regulations pertaining to player movement, player/bench staff discipline, scheduling conflicts, Game sheet inc, inclement weather events, permitting of play, tournament permitting and external complaints along with attending the monthly GBTL meetings in Collingwood. Grand Valley Minor Hockey Association is classified as a local league center under OMHA with no Representative programming. Hockey Canada is the sanctioning body for all minor hockey played in Canada. Hockey Canada (HC) develops and publishes rules and regulations that each provincial/territorial affiliated association adheres with. In Ontario, there are 3 Hockey Canada Ontario members, Hockey Eastern Ontario (HEO), Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) and Hockey Northern Ontario (HNO). The Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) is the provincial governing body that has 7 Ontario Hockey Federation members, Alliance, GTHL Canada (GTHL),



Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA), Ontario Hockey Association (OHA), Ontario Hockey League (OHL), Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) and the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA). Grand Valley Minor Hockey Organization falls under the jurisdiction of OMHA.

**Player Movement Overage/Underage:** During the 22/23 GVMHA hockey season applications were submitted to the GBTLL board for evaluation of 2 overage players at the U13 level and 1 underage evaluation for the U9 level. At the U13 level the players were evaluated internally by the Technical Director then evaluated by 2 members of the GBTLL executive during exhibition games scheduled for this evaluation. Approval was granted, fees assessed at \$100.00 per evaluation then sent to OMHA regional Manager for approval and update in Hockey Canada Registry. U9 evaluation was conducted for the GVMHA to provide U9 programming. Under 9 programming is exempt from the Affiliated Player regulation, all other movements being approved by OMHA Regional Manager. 1 player was granted underage play and placed on the U9 roster only for the 22/23 season. This process ran smoothly following applicable regulations through the Technical Director (Joel) and Registrar (Shannon).

**Affiliated Player:** Under OMHA manual of operations regulation 7.0 we had 4 players at the U11 age group affiliated to the U13 teams. This process requires the players added to the Hockey Canada Registry as (AP) players to the U13 roster and approved by the OMHA Region Manager. U9 and below programming is exempt from using affiliated players as per Hockey Canada program model. AP players were assessed by the Technical Director on ability to play at a higher level. The President's and parents' approval was granted. Hockey Canada Registry: Hockey Canada Registry is the database in which all player registration and movement occurs. Transfers between organizations due to familial move occur from time to time, players opt to try out at different centers. This process requires background work and approvals for the Registrar (Shannon), OMHA Convenor and OMHA regional Manager. Residency proof is required for these processes. The convenor ensures the move is compliant with Hockey Canada and OMHA residency move regulations. Permission to skate forms (PTS) are issued to players who meet residency restrictive programming at a higher-level division such as AAA and below. 3 PTS forms were issued for the start of the 2023 season. 2 PTS forms have been approved and issued for the 23/24 season. Non-Residency Passports (NRP) are issued to individual players based on residency restrictions to register with another center. The accepting center allows 3 NRP players per team. 2 NRP's were issued at the start of the 22/23 season. 1 NRP is pending for 23/24 season. No releases were submitted to GVMHA for the 22/23 season. Player/Bench GBTLL Disciplinary Process GBTLL regulations have a disciplinary process for player penalty minutes. A 3 step process with 40-90-120 rule. The 1st threshold is an internal executive meet with player/coach and parent, 2nd threshold is a meeting including GBTLL executive and the 3rd meeting also includes OMHA regional Manager. NO disciplinary action needed to be conducted for the 22/23 season. Highest GBTLL was 150 PIM, Highest in GVMH was 38 PIM. One U18 player has suspensions still to be served from the 20/21 season however has now aged out of hockey. If the player decided to coach/referee in the future, then the suspension would still be served at that point. GVM Fines: No fines were assessed by GBTLL to GVMH for late game sheets, missed monthly GBTLL meetings

Scheduling GBTLL conducts scheduling meetings to schedule all regular season games for our organization in October. Over 70 games required scheduling in the OneDB. Minor time changes occurred over the season; very minimal game reschedules were conducted along with a few inclement weather cancellations late in the season. This task is no easy feat, thanks to the organization of our scheduler (Vanessa) it was a smooth process this year. Thanks to our Referee In Chief (Chris) which required the scheduling of timekeepers and over 140 referee time slots in a climate where there is a severe shortage of referees. Permitting of Play OMHA requires all games outside of regular Georgian Bay Local League games to have a travel permit before playing. This process is to ensure that there is proper insurance coverage, teams are playing Hockey Canada sanctioned teams and teams are of like skill and divisions. 32 travel permits were submitted and approved by OMHA. 14 travel permits were submitted for tournaments and jamboree. Thanks to Tournament Director (Amy), no issues were encountered with the jamborees held in Grand Valley this year. Complaints GVMH had 2 complaints brought forward for the 22/23 season. These complaints were from our internal membership. The complaints were against other organizations belonging to GBTLL membership that pertained to on ice game play. One complaint was taken to Regional Manager OMHA, the 2nd complaint was put through the new sports complaint system under Hockey Canada. All disciplinary matters are confidential to the individuals directly involved. We can only hope that these matters are or will be addressed for the safety of our children playing hockey. Playoff Chair Playoffs in GBTLL are structured to have division chairs that make up the GBTLL playoff committee and enforce the playoff rules. As all positions within





GVMH and GBTL are all voluntary, we still want to provide hockey to our children. I was the playoff chair for the U15 division. This division saw 3 formal protests launched, 1 team refusal to complete their series all together and received the \$1000.00 fine accordingly which was appealed and granted to nullify the fine. As playoff chair, I was required to attend potential final games to hand out awards. This year, we looked at geographical areas where we could assist in all age divisions to reduce mileage for award ceremonies. In closing, I want to thank all members of the current executive for their volunteer time, effort, and dedication to providing hockey programming to our kids in the greater Grand Valley area. The role of OMHA/LL Convenor is a role that requires years of hockey understanding. A genuine understanding of the hockey governance within Canada, the structural affiliation within the province and a solid understanding of the OMHA rules of operation along with applying these regulations within the scope of local league hockey and GVMH. Having over 45 yrs experience as a player, coach, referee, and executive in 2 organizations, I will stand for re-election for the 23/24 season as OMHA/LL Convenor.

Call for Nominees:

Seeing none – Brett will continue to serve as the GBTL and OMHA Representative.

### 3.8. Ice Scheduler – Vanessa MacDougal

The 2022-2023 season was my first season with the organization.

The arena was still undergoing renovations at the beginning of the season, so we had to secure ice time with another arena for the month of October as our arena wasn't ready until November. We were able to have the players on the ice once a week in Honeywood in October, which was paid for by a sponsor.

Once our arena was ready in November, the players resumed their regular two-practice-a-week schedule, with additional skills sessions on Sundays for the first six weeks of the season. After the six weeks, the coaches ran shinny on Sundays. We received great feedback about the skills sessions and will be continuing them next season.

Once the season was underway, my role was to schedule/reschedule games as necessary and, once playoffs began, I worked with other centers' schedulers to schedule the playoff games for our U9, U11, and two U13 teams. When our teams were away for their games, we made every effort to have another team take their ice time, so it didn't go to waste. For next season, we will try to be more proactive and reorganize practices when teams are away so we can sell blocks of unused time back to the arena.

We had a few communication issues with the arena throughout the season as there were times when we booked rooms at the arena, which ended up being double booked. There were also issues with insufficient changing rooms for the players, and when the parents and coaches tried to find staff to open additional changing rooms, they were unable to find staff to help. These issues have been brought up with the arena manager, James.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve as the GVMH Ice Scheduler and look forward to returning to this position for the 2023-2024 season.

Call for Nominees:

Seeing none – Vanessa will continue to serve as the Ice Scheduler.

### 3.9. Sponsorship – Katie Bryan

As Sponsorship Director for the 2022-2023 season, I had the task of reaching out to our local community groups, businesses, and organizations. I was floored by the amount of support we received despite the multiple shutdowns in the previous years that so many organizations and businesses experienced. Grand Valley Minor Hockey has been supported by many of the same organizations and businesses over the years. My goal was to continue to reach out to as many new potential supporters as possible. This year I had the responsibility of finding sponsors to wrap the Zamboni and coming to the closing of our season, with the support of the technical director, I reached out to all sponsors to purchase new nets for the U7/U8 hockey teams. The response was incredible, and I am proud to say we had an outstanding year for Sponsorship! In total, \$25,900 was collected in funds that also included self-sustained Skills Nights



sponsors for all divisions which ranged from U7 to U13 players. My position entailed a dedicated commitment to emails, phone calls, follow ups in the first part of the season, and once payments were collected the time dedication continued, with ongoing check-ins with potential sponsors for next season. Spreadsheets, letters and forms and emails are organized into folders to ensure that the processes are streamlined and easy to follow for seasons to come. It was a pleasure to be able to participate in fundraising initiatives and I would like to thank all Sponsors for the 2022-23 season for the amazing support in our organization and am looking forward to their support again next year. This year was my first year on the Executive, and in all I had a wonderful experience. The Executive Team works hard behind the scenes to ensure Grand Valley Minor Hockey runs as smoothly and efficiently as possible. I encourage anyone who is interested to speak to a member of the Executive about how they can help! Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Sponsorship Director with Grand Valley Minor Hockey! I look forward to sitting on the Executive again next year, and plan on returning to Sponsorship Director for the upcoming 2023-24 term.

Call for Nominees:

Seeing none – Katie will continue to serve as the Sponsorship Director.

3.10. Equipment Director – Chris Hodgson

**GVMH made the following purchases in 2022/2023**

- **First aid supplies**
- **Socks**
- **Jersey logo print**

**Improvements we made during 2022/2023 season:**

- **Jersey inventory tracked and recorded**
- **New goalie equipment acquired to better suit player size**

**Possible improvements/notes for future years:**

- **Order more twister jerseys in larger sizes Home/away**
- **Storage locker for each team with practice equipment and pucks, to eliminate missing equipment**
- **Order more items in bulk where possible, to better prepare for start of next season**

Call for Nominees:

Seeing none – Chris will continue to serve as the Equipment Director.

3.11. Fundraising Director – Kelly Grubb

This year I had the pleasure of being able to continue my role as fundraising director for a 2nd term with GVMH.

My responsibilities for the season included:





- Presenting costs of fundraising options to executive team members, making decisions on the best financial opportunities for our organization
- Applying for lottery licensing and following up with the town, finalizing and closing reports with the town once the raffles were complete
- Purchasing posters and signs to get word out for the bottle drive, working the entire day of bottle drive
- Sourced out a local printing company and arranged to have our fall raffle tickets printed
- Worked with Amy Steele to organize the food preparation and distribution for hockey day. Worked in the kitchen for most of the day.

Event/Fundraiser	Cost	Prizes	Amount Collected	Total
Bottle Drive	\$723.82			approx \$3200
Chocolate Bars	\$6000		\$7380 + approx \$1500	\$2880
Fall Lottery	\$293.82	\$1250	\$3990	2446.18
Hockey Day Food (partly my responsibility)				\$1424.44
Total Exec Team Hockey Day Fundraising				\$4343.53
Total				\$14294.15

In closing, I feel that we have had a very successful season for GVMH. The executive team has worked hard to provide our kids and hockey families with memorable experiences and opportunities. Our efforts to provide skills, equipment, jamboree's, events, and tournaments has accelerated over the years, as well as our kindhearted efforts to give back to our own community, and our neighboring indigenous communities. We should all be proud of how far we have come as a hockey family, and I look forward to what our organization can do in the future.

I am happy to return for the 2023-2024 season as fundraising director, however if there is another interested party looking to volunteer and become part of an amazing executive team, I will happily support the transition of someone new coming in.

Thanks for another great season GVMH.

Call for Nominees:

Seeing none – Kelly will continue to serve as the Fundraising Director.

### 3.12. Bond Director/Volunteer Coordinator – Michelle McFarlane

This was my first year with GVMH as the volunteer director.

With the COVID restrictions being lifted this season we were able to host many of the family favorite events. My responsibilities were to coordinate volunteers to make sure our GVMH events ran smoothly. I'd like to personally thank those here today who were able to volunteer their time this season making all events successful.

Early this season we organized a bottle drive. The team who had the most recorded volunteer hours won a pizza party sponsored by a local business. We had such a great response from our teams' volunteers that we were able to host 2 separate age category pizza parties.

Hockey Day in the Valley is a major fundraiser for GVMH. It would not be possible to run such an important event without the support of our families. I was responsible for coordinating all the volunteers to cover all posts during Hockey Day.

I'd like to remain in my role as Volunteer coordinator for the upcoming hockey season.



Call for Nominees:

Seeing none – Michelle will continue to serve as the Volunteer Director.

3.13. Social Media Director – Christina García

This year I have had the pleasure of returning as the social media director for the second year. My Role as such, consisted of managing and maintaining our Grand Valley & District Minor Hockey website using MB Sports Web. On the website, I posted relevant articles and communicated any important information with our families- including but not limited to our monthly meeting minutes. In addition to our website, I also managed and monitored all social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram and our website). I was able to promote and advertise our organization events on social media channels to help spread the word to our community. I also recognized and promoted all of our sponsors for the season on Facebook- thanking them for their contributions. I was also in charge of monitoring Facebook messenger and Instagram direct messages for inquiries, and responding to those in a timely manner, as well as monitoring and responding to emails from our social media email account. For next season, to make what is posted on social media more equitable- I was hoping that team managers or a designated person could snap pics of their team weekly, bi-weekly whatever they are comfortable with so that there is more of a spread of what is seen. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the social media Director with Grand Valley Minor Hockey, I look forward to sitting on the executive board again next year, and plan on returning as Social Media Director for the upcoming season.

Call for Nominees:

Seeing none – Christina will continue to serve as the Social Media Director.

3.14. Technical Director – Joel Ross

First off, I would like to thank all the parents/guardians for bringing your children to the organization to play minor hockey, without your commitment there would be no Twisters. Thank you for putting your trust in the executive, I want you to know that we really do take that responsibility seriously. I would also like to thank the sponsors, executives, coaches, trainers, managers and all the other volunteers who helped organize hockey in our town this year. Without your support and dedication to our organization, we couldn't have had such a successful season. My position on the board is technical director, I organize coaches for the teams, skill sessions and roster moves.

During this season we provided skill for all age groups, U7-U13. Skills we proved during the season were Energy Hockey, Power Skating, Goalie clinic with Ryan Cocker and goalie coach Matt Gregley. I know I have the support from our executive for keeping the skills sessions going next year. I am always open to suggestions. Something new we can offer for the 2023/2024 season is the Bauer first shift program, I just received confirmation the other day, it's about introducing new players to hockey. Also, next year there will be mini nets for the younger age group. This was provided through sponsorship and the executive.

Call for Nominees:

Seeing none – Joel will continue to serve as the Technical Director.

3.15. Referee in Chief – Chris Terry

My activities during the 2022/23 season included the following:

- At the beginning of the year I helped on-board the new equipment director as I vacated that role
- On-boarded one new local official, providing guidance and training throughout the season
- Provided training for six timekeepers, including the onboarding of two new



timekeepers. Currently, there are also three new prospective timekeepers who I have placed on a list should the association require additional resources going forward.

- Scheduled referees and timekeepers for all required games. Eg. Of a non required game would be U8 and below.

- I dealt with two on-ice incidents this season, both in away games and as such only in a consultation on procedure and rule clarification.

- Assisted in the operation of Hockey Day in GV; largely focusing on the Alumni element  
The increase in costs for referees/timekeepers for this year was significant compared to previous years and there were several contributing factors. These include two mandated increases by the OMHA:

- \$5.00 per game raise (as per OMHA Regulation 18.5 resolution passed at the 2022 OMHA AGM) Total Cost: \$715.00

- Mileage increase from \$0.48 to CRA rate which is currently \$0.68 (as per OMHA Regulation 18.6 resolution passed at the 2022 OMHA AGM) Total Cost: \$580.42

Other factors include:

- I presented a motion to increase timekeeper compensation from \$14.00 per game to \$17.00 for full ice and \$15.00 for half ice games. This was made to somewhat mirror the minimum wage increases since the last raise to this compensation, which was in 2016, as well as noting the differing responsibilities for the position during half-ice games. This motion was discussed and carried by the executive board. Total Cost: \$187.00

- Lack of local officials. Obviously, the mileage costs, \$1393.00 for 2022, are a direct result of the lack of eligible local officials. If you are aware of anyone who may be interested please go to OMHA.net under the Referees tab to "Education" you can see what the requirements are. You must be a minimum of 14 years of age. However, there is a greater need for officials greater than 16 years of age this is due the leveling system hockey Canada uses for officials.

As you may have noticed through the postings, I am vacating my position effective today as my family responsibilities and career have experienced significant changes in the last couple years. As such I cannot contribute the hours necessary to remain in this position at this time.

I would like to remain available as a resource for GVMH as I understand my previous time spent as an OMHA convenor and board experience may be an asset. I will also assist in onboarding my replacement or replacements.

I would like to thank this board and the past boards I've sat on for their support in my role. I would like to thank the players, parents and coaches for making the job enjoyable. I started refereeing because I thoroughly enjoy the game and over the years it has shaped my life in so many different ways. I'm glad that my decision to leave my position is not because I've grown tired or pushed out of it.

I'd like to remind everyone that refereeing is a difficult job, you are highly scrutinized by everyone in the rink. We all make mistakes, myself included, some are more critical than others but I want to remind everyone that this is local league hockey, the stakes are low in the big picture. Realize that you may not know the entirety of the rules or rule and that the NHL has different ones.

That being said, the general respect level amongst parents, players and coaches in Grand Valley has been excellent. I'm proud to say that in my 7 years of officiating here I never had to toss a Grand Valley parent, or a player or coach for abuse of an official. That says something about the organization as a whole.

In conclusion, for Grand Valley Minor Hockey to thrive we need volunteers, coaches and referees to step up. If you or anyone you know can fill these roles, do some research, ask some questions, and consider doing so. Thank you.

Referee in Chief –

Call for Nominees:

Seeing none – Position will remain vacant.

Time Keeper Scheduler/Game official scheduler –



Call for Nominees:

– Amanda Martin (self-nominated); seconded by Kaye Martin

### **Resolution #3**

**Moved By: Joe McKenzie**

**Seconded by: Kaye Martin**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The GVDMHA Executive Board hereby adopts Amanda Martin as the role of Time Keeper and Game Official Scheduler for the 2023/24 hockey season.

**CARRIED**

#### **3.16. Tournament Director – Amy Steele**

2022-2023 Season we picked back up hosting tournaments/jamborees after a break during Covid. We hosted 3 Jamborees during the season for our U7, U8 and U9 teams. The U7 was a mini jamboree which was 1 hour in length organized by our IP director. The focus for the jamborees this season was to establish our reputation as a center that runs organized and fun Jamborees. We achieved this and although we did not run our Jamborees at a large profit, we covered our costs and the U8/U9 teams were very successful at the Jamborees with their fundraising efforts.

Part of my personal goal in taking on the tournament director role this season was to establish forms and templates that could be used in years to come and would make the role easier for the next executive member who steps into it. I also wanted to ensure the Jamborees had a great reputation and the feedback that was formally collected in addition to the verbal comments from participating teams seem to point in that direction.

I will not be running again for the tournament director position.

Thank you to the other members of the executive for all of their efforts and contributions this season and to all the parents and players who help keep minor hockey alive and well in our community.

Call for Nominees:

– Amanda Foster (nominated by Joel Ross); seconded by Jay Warren

### **Resolution #4**

**Moved By: Kelly Grubb**

**Seconded by: Joe McKenzie**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The GVDMHA Executive Board hereby adopts Amanda Foster as the role of Tournament Director for the 2023/24 hockey season.

**CARRIED**



3.17. IP Director – Josh Guest

This year I fulfilled the role of IP Director for the U7 age group. I was also an on-ice helper for practices and games. My main responsibility was to keep the player's parents updated with league info and requirements, schedule exhibition games for the U7 team, and to attend as many practices as possible and help on the ice.

This year saw some really impressive growth within our U7 players; with the reduced restrictions we were able to schedule many more games against other centers than we were last year, and I feel this inspired some competitiveness in some of our younger players, and really got some feet moving out there!

As I'm sure you'll all agree, Hockey Day was a huge success this year at all levels of the GVMH programs, and the IPs were no exception. The players really enjoyed hearing their names called and playing in front of a huge local crowd, with many players sticking around for a while after our game and playing together in the arena, resulting in some great team bonding. And to have all that on top of a solid fundraiser with the basket raffles, food & drink sales, and others, I don't think we could have asked for a better community event.

We also managed to pull together a U7 Jamboree, despite some last minute participant changes and playoff ice time needed by other GVMH age groups. Nevertheless, we had a successful jamboree, our kids had a great time, and I received lots of positive feedback from Shelburne and Arthur parents. Looking forward, I hope to see more time allotted for future U7 Jamborees, and potentially a larger and/or multiple jamborees could be scheduled for the IPs to increase their competitive play time.

Although this will be my last season serving as the IP Director, I look forward to continuing to help out with GVMH in a different capacity as my two daughters continue to play in the IP Program. Our players and program has seen lots of positive improvement in the last two years, and I look forward to seeing what it can continue to develop into. Specifically, I hope to see continued development of a separate U5 Program, full ice given to the U5/U7 group to make it realistic to split them into separate skill groups, and perhaps an earlier weeknight slot which would allow more of the younger players to attend, and nearly double both their amount of on-ice time and development rates.

Call for Nominees:

– Dylan MacDougall (self-nominated); Seconded by Lindsay Guest

**Resolution #5**

**Moved By: Drew Clinton**

**Seconded by: Ashleigh Millner-Cowan**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The GVDMA Executive Board hereby adopts Dylan MacDougall as the role of I.P. Director for the 2023/24 hockey season.



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### 4. Official Executive for the 2023/24 Season:

- 4.1. President – Jeff Grubb – Two Year Term
- 4.2. Vice President – Ashleigh Millner-Cowan
- 4.3. Treasurer – Lindsay Guest
- 4.4. Secretary – Amie Zukowski
- 4.5. Registrar – Shannon Chadwick-Ross
- 4.6. Prevention Services - Shannon Chadwick-Ross
- 4.7. GBTLL and OMHA Representative – Brett Lyons
- 4.8. Ice Scheduler – Vanessa MacDougal
- 4.9. Sponsorship – Katie Bryan
- 4.10. Equipment Director – Chris Hodgson
- 4.11. Fundraising Director – Kelly Grubb
- 4.12. Bond Director/Volunteer Coordinator – Michelle McFarlane
- 4.13. Social Media Director – Christina García
- 4.14. Technical Director – Joel Ross
- 4.15. Referee in Chief – Vacant
- 4.16. Time Keeper and Official Scheduler – Amanda Martin
- 4.17. Tournament Director – Amanda Foster
- 4.18. IP Director – Dylan MacDougal

### 5. New Business

- 5.1. Hockey Season Start Date
  - 5.1.1. October Again –
    - 5.1.1.1. Continue to investigate with the board and town council to allow us to have the ice in earlier and still allow the fair to happen. Brett confirmed that it was discussed at the board.
    - 5.1.1.2. Drew and Joe will be happy to take the lead or attend the meeting with the town, board and other councils to make this happen. It was suggested that a separate committee be developed for this. It could be added to the list of things that need discussed.
- 5.2. Removal of the fundraising fee at the time of registration.
  - 5.2.1. A parent asked about the Bond Hours – We explained why we did not bring them back. We brought in the volunteer coordinator to replace the bond position.
  - 5.2.2. It was discussed that a flyer would help broadcast our programs and what we offer.
  - 5.2.3. We also discussed the difference between bond hours and fundraising fees.
- 5.3. Bigger and Better Hockey Day in Grand Valley
  - 5.3.1. Date TBD
  - 5.3.2. A lot of people would love to play in the alumni game – better advertising and more of a diverse age difference.
  - 5.3.3. A lot of the younger players would like to see their coaches play... maybe a coach's game and an alumni game.
- 5.4. There is a Jersey fitting day on Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> – 10am-2pm. There will also be openings for team sponsorships on the jerseys!





6. Closing Remarks – Welcome to all new members of the Executive

7. Adjournment

Resolution # 6

Moved By: Jeff Grubb

Seconded by: Amie Zukowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The GVDMHA Executive now adjourns the meeting at 2:00pm.

**CARRIED**

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GVAMHA President/Chair

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GVAMHA Secretary