

GRAHA Meeting Minutes

10/4/2021

IRA Civic Center

Members present: Dave K, Andy H, Mark S, Colleen B, Dale C. Sam J, Jon T, Wade C, Toni P, Anna H. Not present: Angie B

Members present: Craig Pierce and Corey Jackson

Call meeting to order at 6:00pm

Member Craig Pierce came to discuss concession dibs for Coaches of Mites/Minis/8U. The concession dibs are 2 dibs per child. One dib consists of a 3 hour shift in the concession stand. Craig was concerned that on-ice coaches should not have to do the concession dibs due to the time they already put in to the program on-ice. There was a lot of discussion on this, both for and against. The proposal was for 4-beginner, 4-intermediate, 6-Mite and 6-8U/6U coaches to be exempt from doing the concession dibs. Approximately 8% of the 8u dibs would be waived (according to Sam J) and the cost to the program would be about \$5,000 according to John T. The cost/buyout of the dibs is \$100 or 2dibs at \$50/ea. The board discussed the fact that these coaches do put in a lot of time for these younger ages and that it is fair to say that they put in ample time in the program. We discussed that dibs at this level have never been done in the program and that this is the first year we have required parents of the younger children (non-traveling) to participate in Dibs. We also discussed that due to the fact that this is the first year of the concession being run by GRAHA, we have no data on what the P/L will look like after one year of operation and the impact that these coaches not having to do dibs would be on the operation.

Colleen asked the board to not make a motion and to run the concession stand for one season as set forth and revisit this at the Spring planning meeting and review our policy on concession dibs. Colleen also volunteered her family to take these dib hours from coaches that would/could not perform these concession dibs. No motion was passed.

Gambling Update – Dale gave the gambling update and it is still going strong. We have lost Boulder Taphouse to the VFW and that will change hands in October. Wagon Wheel is doing well and Sammy's has not taken their first boxes yet. A question was asked about Bemidji Hockey having pull tabs at Hoot and Holler and Dale confirmed that this is not the case as establishments can only have one gambling license (GRAHA). The Hoot and Holler has 21 pull tab boxes at their location.

Review of Financials, Budget, Checkbook. Motion by Anna and second by Brad to approve. Motion carried.

Dale – Riley's asked for a donation to the Deer River Snowmobile Club for \$5,000 to help improve the trail system to connect the trail system to other areas. Brad made a motion to approve, John T second. Motion passed

Secretaries report – Angie B was not in attendance. Review of last months meeting minutes. Mark made motion to approve, Sammy second. Motion to approve meeting minutes carried.

Financial Report – Anna gave an update that all but 6 sponsors have paid and they have been contacted and are aware. One check refund was resent to a member that had lost the original refund check.

A question regarding registration revenue of \$188,790 and the budget of \$234,000 was brought up. The registration revenue seems to be right on but we were unsure where the budget number came from.

AH made a motion to approve the financials with a review of the budget number at next months meeting, Mark Second. Motion carried

Sponsorship update – Toni, Nothing new to report on here.

Boys PDC – Wade discussed the grade move-ups that we will have. We will have a handful of 4th graders moving up to Squirts, one 6th grader moving to Peewees and one bantam to HS. Wade will send the list to Colleen to update and address the changes in registration expenses. It was communicated to the families about the moves and the changes in cost. All coaches meeting Tuesday October 5th

Girls PDC – Brad had a similar situation with move ups from 8u to 10u impacting 9 families total.

Summer Ice – We discussed summer ice potential in Greenway for the 22-23 season but we tabled the discussion for a later date.

Colleen items

Registration went well. We have a few families that did not pick up their raffle tickets during the designated times and we discussed having 1 more night that parents could pick up raffle tickets or make other arrangements. Dave K volunteered to be at the arena to hand out tickets. Colleen and Dave to get this message out to members by weeks end.

Refund Request – Jade Shuler, refund was accepted

Raffle ticket request – See above

PWB2 to play in Duluth league – District 12 makes our Peewee B's play everyone in the district twice including our own B1 teams which makes it very hard for the B2's to be competitive. Hibbing, Duluth teams and GR B2's would play in their own league and have more competitive games. This would not hinder the B2's from playing other teams in the area (Eveleth, Greenway, etc) as non-district games. Mark made a motion to approve the B2's playing in the Duluth league, John T second, motion passed.

Dr Mueller has requested to provide hats again for 21-22. Approved

Locker Room Monitors – We will again need to provide locker room monitors now that the kids are back in the locker rooms. We will discuss this at the Coaches meeting and repost the policy to our website.

COVID – Currently MN Hockey is not doing anything on this at this time according to Rabideau. We discussed and thought it was pertinent to re-state on our website best practices if a player or family is impacted by COVID. Simplified version is: 1. If you are sick, don't come to hockey. 2. If you have a positive in your household, stay home. 3. If you have a pending test, stay home.

Motion to adjourn at 8:04 pm by Jon T, seconded by Mark. Adjourn.