
Grand Forks Youth Hockey Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of Grand Forks Youth Hockey was held at Icon Board Room on February 3rd, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Attendees included Erik Fabian, Kelly Kilgore, Brad Lucke, Jeremiah Neubert, Jay Panzer, and John Spicer. Members not in attendance included Josh Kunz.

Old Business

Minutes approved from 1/13/20 unanimously.

New Business

Coach Harassment

Several members of the board were contacted by parents on the 10u girls team regarding a series of text messages that were hostile to the coach. The board discussed the messages and determined that they were a violation of the parent code of conduct. In response to this violation the motion below was passed.

The parent is not to have contact with the 10u coaches for the remainder of the hockey season. In addition, they will not be allowed in and Grand Forks Park District arena from 2/10/2020-2/17/2020 due to conduct unbecoming of a GFYHA parent and violating the GFYHA Parent Code of Conduct.

Motion was made by Jeremiah Neubert and seconded by Erik Fabian and it passed unanimously.

Peewee A State Tournament

At the request of North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association, the board discussed the possibility of having the GFYHA Peewee A teams participate in a North Dakota Peewee AA tournament. Minot has already decided to participate so currently the Peewee AA state tournament will include three teams: Minot, West Fargo, and Fargo.

The board was concerned about the precedent this set due to the fact that GFHYA was not made aware of the move to Peewee AA by Fargo and West Fargo until late August preventing us from fielding AA teams.

The board also discussed where the teams would get the most competitive games and what is best for the players. The general consensus was that each tournament offers an opportunity for player development.

The following motion was passed based on the information the board had.

At the request of the North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association, the board will allow each Peewee A coach to determine whether their team will participate in the A or AA state tournament.

The motion was made by Erik Fabian and seconded by Brad Lucke. The motions passed with 4 yay 0 nay and 1 abstain.

Steve Johnson's Departure

Steve Johnson has accepted a coaching position at the University of Minnesota – Crookston and will be leaving the Hockey Director position at the end of March. The board has started the process of identifying a replacement. The board has obtained a copy of an ad placed recently for a similar position in West Fargo. Based on this and the current division of labor between Steve Johnson and Jessie Close, a new job description will be created. This will be used to identify a fair compensation package to ensure that we attract quality candidates. Once a complete job description and compensation package has been identified the position will be advertised and a replacement will be identified.

Adjournment

Kelly Kilgore made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Brad Lucke and passed unanimously.