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# Grand Forks Youth Hockey Meeting Minutes

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## Call to order

A meeting of Grand Forks Youth Hockey was held at Icon Board Room on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:15 pm. Attendees included Erik Fabian, Kelly Kilgore, Jeremiah Neubert, and Jay Panzer. Members not in attendance included Josh Kunz, Brad Lucke, and John Spicer.

## Reports

### Girls Update

Kelly Kilgore updated the board on the current status of the girls' hockey program. Currently there appears to be enough girls for two 10U teams, and two 12U teams, and one 14U team.

Mr. Kilgore also brought a proposal forward for the hiring of a girls' goalie coach to increase interest among the girls in goaltending. The board thought that the proposal looked promising and suggested that the Angel's funds be used to cover the cost.

Mr. Kilgore indicated that the free try hockey event for the girls went well. There were more than twenty participants. There was also great feedback from the parents.

### Termites and Mites Update

Erik Fabian provided the update of the mites and termites program. He indicated that he has identified coordinators for all in-house levels and is prepared for the start of the season.

Mr. Fabian also indicated that several pieces of new equipment were purchased for the program. This included smaller nets, stick handling obstacles, cones and quick change goalie pads. These items will be placed at the Blue Line Club and Eagles Arena for the use by the program.

## Registration

Jesse Close indicated that the mite and termite program enrollment has declined slightly from previous years.

Squirts, Peewees, and Bantams has seen growth. Steve Johnson indicated that it may be a possibility that some players may not make a travel team. These kids will have an opportunity to play in an in-house U12 league that will focus on player development and games. The objective will be making it the best possible experience for all kids.

## Golf Tournament

Jesse Close indicated that the golf tournament was a success again this year and is still working on the final numbers. There are still some items out there so we will wait to hear the final numbers.

## True North Tournament

The board asked for a financial update on the True North Tournament. Jesse Close indicated that while all the bills related to the event have not arrived, the event should end up making Grand Forks Youth Hockey money.

The general feeling of the board is that the event brought a great number of the nation's best players to Grand Forks and more should be done to market the event to the families in the program in future years.

## New Business

### Player Safety at Tryouts

An issue of player safety during tryouts was discussed. Specifically, the lack of supervision in the changing areas and use of phones in the locker rooms. The board chose to adopt the following measures:

- Doors of the locker rooms will remain open during the tryouts so that they may be monitored by an adult at all times.
- A player code of conduct has been adopted. This code is in line with current USA hockey locker room policy. Violation of the code may end the player's participation in tryouts and result in a suspension from the hockey program. All decisions regarding penalties related to a player's conduct will be at the discretion of Steve Johnson.
  1. Participants are not to have phones in the locker rooms. Participants are strongly encouraged to leave their phones at home during tryouts. If the participant requires a phone, then they must give the phone to a coach/locker room monitor prior to entering the locker room. Phones may be retrieved after the tryout session.
  2. Participants are not allowed to engage in activity that may result in the injury of another participant. This includes punching, kicking, or "locker" boxing.
  3. Participants are not to harass or bully others.

### Gun Rifle Alternative

The Board discussed a couple of letters from concerned members who did not want to sell raffle tickets because there are guns involved and were very disappointed with the Boards' decision. The Board discussed the comments and still believes that this raffle is in the best interests of the overall membership. They also decided that individuals who were adamantly against selling the raffle tickets would have two other options:

1. Pay \$200 for the value of one book of raffle tickets or
2. Complete 8 dibs in addition to the standard dibs requirement. (Eight dibs represents a \$200 value to the association, which is identical to the value of the raffle tickets.)

Motion made to accept this policy by Jeremiah Neubert and seconded by Erik Fabian. It passed unanimously.

### Adjournment

Kelly Kilgore made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Erik Fabian and passed unanimously.