

## GRAHA Board Meeting Agenda:

**Meeting Date: Monday, October 2nd, 2022**

**Location: Hayslips**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

Attendees: Jon Toivonen, Andy Haarklau, Mitch Kellin, Brad Hyduke, Ryan Dekich, Dan Mertes, Anna Hussman, Molly Casey, Brian Anderson

Meeting called to order at 6:00 by Jon.

Concessions update: Provided by Jon on behalf of Josh and Angie Berg.

Everything is on order for cabinets and countertops and should arrive in time. The city will be paying for these purchases. Everything is going to plan regarding construction. Contract is in place for this season, and food license has been approved.

Due to the late start to the hockey season, it is likely that October concession DIBS will be lost and DIBS requirements will likely need to be adjusted. This will be decided at a later time.

Scheduling update-Jermey Carlson

Best case ice opening now moved to October 16<sup>th</sup>. Jeremy working hard on alternative plans for Peeewees and Bantams utilizing available ice in Chisholm and Virginia. Barring any further delays Bantams and peeweews to have 5 days of tryouts, 12 u will have 2 days of clinic, 3 days of tryouts. Jeremy to keep the board and affected coaches updated over the next week.

Gambling Update – Brad on behalf of Dale Christy.

Board Reviewed donation requests from several local organizations and fundraisers. Motion to approve \$500 to local cancer fundraiser made by Anna, seconded by Brad, all approved.

Reviewed August Tax return, transaction list, and monthly budget. Brad holding the documents for Dale until they can be delivered to Angie. Motion to approve monthly report, tax return and budget made by Brad, seconded by Brian, all approved.

Financial Report – Anna Hussman

Discussed 4<sup>th</sup> Bantam AA tournament entry that was approved during September meeting. Board still in favor of this move due to lack of Bantam AA games available.

GRAHA granting 10 scholarships this season. Molly granting codes to facilitate these scholarships in sportsengine. Discussion regarding policy on scholarship application review. Board reviewed application process and guidelines.

Board requesting we receive balance sheet updates earlier to ensure visibility prior to monthly meetings. Motion to approve September balance sheet made by Jon, seconded by Dan. All approved.

## Sponsorship Update – Ryan Dekich

All team sponsors are in place for this season. Added 3<sup>rd</sup> 10u team, 6<sup>th</sup> Mite team, and 4<sup>th</sup> 8u team this week. Board is in favor of each of these additions and sponsors are in place. Invoicing process to begin in the next 30 days.

Ryan waiting for master file of all sponsorship logos to use for quotes on sponsorship banners. Plan is to place these banners in East Rink.

Ryan and Anna to look into “Zeffy” as an avenue to auction/sell previous State High School banners as well as older GR hockey jerseys as fundraiser. We need city approval to sell these banners. Board decided to not pursue tournament sponsorship at this time but would like to learn of possibilities for team sponsors to utilize the new West rink “suite” during team tournament.

Girls PDC Update: Coach Brad Hyduke.

This year has record number of registered lighting hockey players. We are at max capacity for 12u and 15u, unable to allow any further additions. Brad and Jon confirmed there will be 3 girls moving up from 8u to 10u to fill the 3<sup>rd</sup> team. 1 goalie, 2 skaters. Molly is facilitating these moves.

Boys PDC update provided by Jon.

Board thanks Coach Wade Choido for his service to our High School team and youth hockey program over the last 4 years. GRAHA board requesting to be included in the high school coach interviewing process. Jon working with ISD318 Athletic director on this. Board agrees that PDC representative should also be included.

Coaches meeting agenda has been sent out. Denny Gibbons is the new referee scheduler and will speak at this week’s coaches meeting, as will Derek Peterson on behalf of the goalie program. PDC requests all coaches inquiries go to Molly this season.

GRAHA Admin update: Molly Casey

Registration nights went very well, ample help, Robert Elkington Middle School was a great sport to host this. We have 462 registered players as of today. Request received to do a 6<sup>th</sup> mite team as previously discussed.

Pictures will be taken by Derek Montgomery Photography this year and will be December 11/12/13 on pavilion. Molly working on scheduling all 36 teams and still finalizing plan.

We still have openings for 10u A tournament and Squirt B1 tournament

We will be hosting Bantam AA State Tournament. Molly working on hotel blocks. Further discussion to occur regarding sponsors, banquet, etc.

Discussed Molly’s responsibility at upcoming coaches meeting so she can prepare her presentation.

#### Other Items Presented by Jon

Discussed Bantam AA weekend swing in thunder bay. There is no additional cost to GRAHA and board approves this trip. Strong Canadian competition along with 2 strong twin cities programs.

Reviewed proposal from Grant Clifton regarding GRAHA use of his training center in LaPrairie as discussed during September meeting. Board agrees that the use of this facility benefits all of our travel teams and willing to invest \$12,000 over the next year. Motion to approve \$5,000 initial investment to allow Grant to finalize program and schedule times for each travel team made by Mitch, seconded by Ryan. All approved. Board requesting Grant now provide detailed plan and program for each team. Remaining payment plan will then be finalized.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40

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