

## GRAHA Board Meeting 1/2/2023

### Meeting at the IRA Civic Center

Attendees: Brad Hyduke, Jon T., Anna H, Mitch K., Andy H., Sammy J. and Wade Chido. Also present: Dale Christy, Colleen Brennen, Shawna Rudd, Shannon Sweeny and Grant Clifton.

1. Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm
2. Dibs Update: Shawna was verifying that the amount of dibs payout was at a “normal level” and Colleen confirmed that these were normal at this point in the season.
  - a. Shawna asked about providing a potential “dibs incentive” to get more people to sign up for dib shifts. It was discussed that there are amount of people that just don’t do dibs and it is expected we cash their checks each year. The girls HSS team has worked the boys HS games in the past and received \$250 for this. It is not anticipated that the girls would do this again but other teams/sports may want to participate (e.g. wrestling, baseball, dance, etc.)
  - b. Shawna will be made an admin on the website so that she can send out notifications to entire groups. Jon T to get her access.
3. Tournaments – Shannon Sweeny discussed challenges that new parents are having with gamesheet and working the ipads in general. Asked if we could have better communication to the tournament directors at the start of the day to get logins going and to get the codes on the back of all the ipads for login. (currently 3 of 4 have the codes on back)
4. Dibs for Bantam AA tournaments require 2 penalty box dibs and no chuck-a-puck dibs. Those dibs will be updated online to reflect this.
5. AAA Hockey during the GRAHA Season
  - a. Grant Clifton was in attendance to discuss how we can communicate with the association that these teams are not affiliated with GRAHA and that these teams activities have no association or bearing on GRAHA teams or related activities. The PDC was going to look into clarifying this both in the Coaches Code of Conduct and the GRAHA PDC bylaws.
6. Gambling – Dale provided the Tax Return, December Checkbook register and January Budget for review and to make a motion to approve. A motion was made by Jon, second by Brad and motion carried to approve.
7. Secretary’s report – Angie was not in attendance. We reviewed the December meeting minutes. Mitch made a motion to approve, second by Brad. Motion carried.
8. Financial Report – There was no financials for the month as Blake and Lind were off and will have to review at our next meeting.
9. Sponsorship update – Toni was not in attendance but sent a note to the board:
  - a. to have Colleen start promoting the tournament sponsors. Mad Dogs for the Bantam AA tournament and Rapids Brewing for the Squirt B1/B2 tournament. Their names should be included on the program and mentioned in all correspondence with teams.
  - b. Banner with Team sponsors is done and just needs to be picked up and hung. Planned on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Toni has started to promote sponsors on FB and will do 1 per day.
  - d. The board decided to wait until the end of the season for the newspaper ad thanking all of the GRAHA sponsors for the 22-23 season.

- e. Team pictures are in for the sponsors but they are 5x7 with no team name or sponsors name. It was undecided if we have them reprinted or what to do with these.
10. Boys PDC –
- a. Wade is looking to get HS team to the youth teams practices.
  - b. PDC trying to get a complete list of alum that have played hockey at the college level. The new arena will have a “wall” for recognizing these players.
11. Ice Contract
- a. The ice contract was reviewed by a focus group of board members and the group feels that we cannot sign a 5 year deal at this time. The group feels that we could increase the overall ice cap to 3% over this year but feels that 11% is too much. The basis for this thought process is based on the current registration revenue not covering the ice alone and that we do not know how the concessions revenue will look until we have a year under our belt. The group is supposed to meet again with the city in January to discuss this.
  - b. Tournaments were discussed as well. We may have to look at limiting or reducing our tournaments to provide more weekend ice for our program members.
12. Second EMT at Bantam AA tournament. It was requested we have a second EMT on staff for a bantam AA tournament. Andy made motion to approve, Anna second, motion passed.
13. Pee wee B1 Fundraising- It appears there was a miscommunication on going to sponsors for additional fundraising. This was clearly drafted prior to the years start on how/when/what could be fundraised, what it can be used for and where it goes. This was created for the benefit of our sponsors so that they are not continually asked for additional funds by individual teams. It was discussed that we need to clarify this further for the next year.
14. Concessions – The concession managers for 22-23 (Bergs) are to be paid a fixed annual stipend out of the GRAHA general fund in addition to a percentage of the proceeds.
15. Squirt Complaint – Decided that this was an executive committee topic.
16. Locker Room Monitors – Need a good description of this in the new bylaws that follows MN Hockey. We did discuss that kids at the squirt level and below should not be in the locker rooms at all until 30 mins prior to ice time.
17. JG suspension – It was discussed that we had a JG player suspended for 3 games. If it happens again, the player will be out for the season.
18. Colleen Updates – None

Adjourn at 7:29 pm

Next meeting: Monday, February 6th at 6 pm