

**GVMHA Executive Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday October 15, 2020**  
**Zoom Meeting - 6:30pm**

**Attendees:** Kara Blazek, Gord Sitter, Rocio Alejandre, Jodi Tung, Katie Reid, Les Hobenshield, Erik Locke, Michelle McCrea, Jodi Peshko, Bryan Ford

**Regrets:** Conni Damini

**Approval of Agenda**

-Approved by Rocio A, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erik L

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

-Approved by Bryan F, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erik L

**Approval of Financial Report**

-Approved by Gord S, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bryan F

-Jodi P reports that registration is down approximately \$45-50,000

- current rinkboards are on final year of 3yr commitment. GVMHA may need to do a blitz for advertising for next year

-It was noted that minor sports will likely not receive a gaming grant next season so GVMHA may need to adjust budget accordingly. It was noted that there will be some cost savings given the delay in hiring a new DHO

-there was a discussion about families receiving FULL refunds if players had not participated in any evaluations or tryouts, regardless of circumstances. Board approved this decision

**Update from the President:**

Tryout Process- clarification was made about involving Ross Jewel on the interim. Kara involved Rocio to show transparency and to address concerns. Kara reported that overall everything went well, despite a small blip involving the Independent evaluators.

-Clarity was given regarding Covid Safety rules. City of Vernon took this weeks ice times from two GVMHA teams for not following Covid rules. Kara will be requesting names of all ambassadors from coaches this week as the first step to ensure safety rules are being adhered to throughout the entire membership.

-Kara would like disposable masks to be added to all First aid kits. This will be retroactive as kits have already been handed out for the most part. Discussion around making it mandatory to have players walk into arena dressing rooms with masks on. Rob Spraggs has contact for teams wishing to purchase masks with GVMHA logos. Masks are \$6/mask. Discussion also about parents wearing masks while inside rink for practice or otherwise.

-Kara noted that players no longer need to social distance on the bench. Referees for game play do not need to wear masks (except for face offs), linesmen do however.

Vacant DHO position- as recommended by the Board last meeting, a committee has been formed and met once to review job description and strategic plan for this position moving forward. Committee is made up of President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice and Secretary/Treasurer. Administrator Michelle M noted she appreciated Kara's willingness/openess to the GVMHA membership, given the unique situation we are in.

**Update from Development Manager**

Bryan has been actively looking into live streaming games for parents this season. It appears that Facebook /Instagram Live seem to be the best options thus far as GVMHA coaching Ipads do not have data packages. Bryan to ensure each of three City of Vernon Arenas have wifi.

-GVMHA board approved \$300 damage deposit (made out to GVMHA) for teams using coaching Ipads. Hockey Canada codes have been purchased however the Hudl program will not be purchased as there is no DHO to monitor its usage.

### **Update from Administrator**

-No Team Sponsor boards this year as parents are not permitted in the stands for games

-Discussion was had about how AAA Photography would do individual pics and photoshop them into a team photo. Michelle to look into length of time required and what procedures would be given regarding Covid safety requirements. Board agreed we should try to go forward with pictures if still fiscally responsible to do so.

-Michelle and Jodi P looked at carding fees (normally \$250/player). She recommended this be reduced to \$150/player this season only. Board unanimously approved

-OMAHA sent out rep division cohorts today. Michelle to forward email to Board. Discussion was had about terms of game play. Rocio/Gord to create document to send to GVMHA about conduct of parents during game play. Concern of tailgating in parking lots was mentioned.

-Discussion was had on Coaching staff just taking the online HCSP course to get on the ice/bench, instead of actual Coach certifications. Kara will be ensuring proper HC coaching requirements are obtained by all coaches this season.

### **Update from 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice**

Rocio noted that the 2018 GVMHA Strategic Plan needs to be revised. Recommendation by President was to review this in January.

### **Discussion**

A concern was raised about emails sent to U13 players from Lumby advising them they were not able to try out for GVMHA rep teams this season. Michelle confirmed that based on our own numbers. The DHO and Administrator made this decision which was supported by the President.

Administrator reminded everyone in attendance at GVMHA board meeting that given these unique times, to be mindful of how we conduct our business as board members within our association.

**Adjourned - 8:57PM**