



GVMHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM, August 26, 2021, GVMHA Office

Present: Sam, Rocio, Brendon, Curt, Erik, Bryan, Jodi

1. **Approval of Agenda** (Motioned by Bryan, Seconded by Curt)
2. **Approval of Minutes** (Motioned by Brendon, Seconded by Curt)
3. **Financial Report from Jodi Peshko**

We reviewed the financials from May to July. The federal loan of \$60,000. was approved and in the bank. \$40,000. needs to be paid back in 2022, which leaves us with a net of \$20,000. We will hear about the gaming grant in a few days. We are on track for Team Sponsors, which will bring in approximately \$15,000. Arena advertising has been slow this year. There are five sponsors confirmed at \$1500. each. \$1950. received from Lee Holland as a donation on her behalf. It was suggested that the money goes towards Team Snap as that will benefit all of the teams. Expenses are on par. We will be getting new pinnies for tryouts from Source for Sports. Motion: To approve financials for months ending May 31, 2021, June 30, 2021 and July 31, 2021. (Motioned by Bryan, Seconded by Lynn).

4. Administrator Update by Michelle McCrea

As of today, there are 498 registered with GVMHA. Players from other associations are yet to be technically registered but are included in our numbers, which bring our numbers up to approximately 515. We had 568 players in 2019 and 498 players in 2020. The goal for this season was 500 players, which was achieved.

It was agreed to leave registration open. Registration will close at the end of this week.

5. Director of Hockey Update by Sam Mowat

Summer camp: There was a net gain from the GVMHA Summer Hockey Camp. Going forward, we need to have information regarding hockey camps out in February/March 2022 to reach players before other camps are advertised.

GVMHA and Vernon Vipers Partnership: There has been discussion between the board and Vernon Vipers regarding this partnership. Director of Hockey will continue talks with Todd Miller regarding summer camp. The 50/50 program is booked for six Saturday night games on the assumption that games will have spectators.

Prep Camp: There are 70 players registered with high quality instructors, including Jason Podollan, Gerald Bouchard and Max Mowat.

If we are competing with private hockey programs like HPL and HSL, GVMHA's development programs need to be strong.

Rep declarations: We have declared rep teams.

Female teams: There is a meeting tomorrow night to talk about U13 female hockey. We have declared a U15 A rep team which will be based out of GVMHA. The numbers look strong and interest looks good. Most of the feedback among the families of U13 female group is to go rep.

Teams: Priorities for the teams are to finalize rep coaches. We need U18 and U15 coach applications. There are a lot of applications for recreation teams. Another priority is to secure division managers.

Coaches are key. A good coach can keep kids in hockey. There are lots of experienced hockey people in our community. GVMHA will work on developing mentoring for coaches and helping them with skill development while maintaining proper protocol.

Tryouts:

Put the evaluation process on line for evaluators to input info on ipads. This way they will have real time info and be able to organize information. Chris Calder, Trevor Seibel and Sam are discussing this and having it ready for tryouts. There will be a backup plan.

6. Updates by Board Members

Equipment Manager, Curt: Everything will be counted and organized this week. Curt will set times and coaches will need to come down to pick up equipment. We will need to buy some pucks and safety bags. Jerseys have been taken to Sun Valley to get sponsorships taken off. The equipment room looks great.

2nd Vice President, Bryan: Meet with Chris, RIC, about RAMP and sign in programs.

Female Director, Brendon: U15 team needs a coach. There are only 3 U11 girls. At U7 and U9, there are enough players to make teams. We need to find a coach for the younger group. There is a gap at U11. The board will work on building a flagship novice program.

7. Strategic Plan by Rocio Alejandre: Strategic Plan sessions will be in October. The goal is to make our association a better place.

8. OMAHA Meeting, Sept 11/12, 2021: Morning sessions will be attended by Chris Ashburn. Brendon, Sam and Rocio will attend the meeting about female hockey. Michelle and Sam will attend the administrator meeting. Head coaches, Rocio and Sam will attend afternoon sessions. September 12th will be a general meeting from 10-3:00. Rocio and Gord will attend. Let Rocio know if you are interested in attending.

9. Hockey Canada New Rule: Maltreatment

There is a new policy on maltreatment from Hockey Canada.

10. COVID-19 Protocols and Upcoming Season

We are in Phase 2. Competition and spectators are allowed. A safety plan needs to be created. A Covid 19 committee will include Sam, Rocio, Bryan, Erik and Katie. Bryan will lead

this committee. Rocio will email out a meeting time once they have information from the City. Once the safety plan is completed, it will be communicated to our membership.

Team Snap was purchased for this year. An option is for people to do health checks on Team Snap.