

GVMHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM

September 16, 2021 via ZOOM

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

1. Approval of Agenda Motioned by Bryan; Seconded by Lynn.

2. Approval of Minutes Motioned by Bryan; Seconded by Erik.

Correct last name for Chris Collard in minutes

3. Financial Report by Jodi Peshko

- We officially have gaming money.
- The loan of \$60 000 that we received needs to be paid back by December 2022. The purpose of the loan was to get \$20 000. Motion: To pay back the \$40 000 now. Motioned by Bryan; Seconded by Erik.
- Due to email issues, e-transfers were lost over the weekend of Sept.6-8th. People were contacted and banks are sorting the issues out.

Motion to approve financials: Motioned by Gord; Seconded by Brendon.

4. Administrator Update by Michelle McCrea

- Registration report sent out: 522 players registered, which is up from 483 players last year.
- Question regarding whether to tier the U9 group between 7 and 8 year olds or make 5 equal teams. A suggestion is to make one team all girls. We need to see what other associations are doing.

5. Director of Hockey Update by Sam Mowat

- All but 2 spots are filled for coaches. Sam will set up meeting times to meet with a couple of coaches that are interested.
- Evaluation process for house league will run as it has in the past. Evaluators will use a more simplified version on the ipad to evaluate skaters in 4 areas.
- Overall, the rep tryout process went well. Chris Collard created an evaluation tool on google sheets which worked well. He will present to the board next meeting. There should not be practices the day after tryouts end. Katie asked about including skills in tryouts. BC Hockey plans mentions there "may or may not" contain skills in the tryouts. It was decided that it would only be games this year. Evaluators need to look at hockey sense, skill level, compete level and puck control. It is difficult to assess puck control if a player does not get a chance to touch the puck. A suggestion is to do skills first and then draft the teams so the teams are more even. Could we include language that players may get cut after the skills sessions?
- We will fix policy language for U15 Female Rep Team Tryouts so players know where they can play if cut from the U15 team.

- Teams and Managers need to connect with Sun Valley Source for Sports regarding team apparel. They need to ensure their choices are appropriate colours.
- Sam was contacted by Hudl to see if we will be providing this service this year. Coaches can use it to benefit play. It is an excellent resource. IPADS are available to use for recording. Sam will follow up with Hudl.
- A Coaching Resource Committee should be started to look at how we can encourage knowledgeable, skilled hockey people in town to provide necessary resources to our coaches.
- Support needed to increase goalies in GVMHA and to support the kids who are interested in being a goalie at a young age. Look into whether OMAHA is providing money and instructors for this.
- Coaches meeting is set for October 3rd at 7:00pm.
- Risk management side needs to drive home the “2 Deep Policy” and have no cell phones in the dressing rooms.

6. Updates by Board Members

Bryan:

- GVMHA members need to ensure that everything is documented and make sure process is followed if there are issues.

Brendon:

- There is no coach for the U13 Female Rep team. There are assistant coaches but no one to head coach the team.
- We are trying to put a female team together at the novice level. Neighbouring associations have female novice teams.
- U15 Female Rep tryouts seemed to be successful.

Gord:

- He will take on responsibilities of Risk Manager until one is found.

Katie:

- She was able to find volunteers for tryouts.
- This highlights the need for a committee to help Sam through tryouts.

7. OMAHA September 2021 Meeting Update by Rocio Alejandre

Key highlights

- If an association declares a Tier 1 team, you need to stay Tier 1. There is no movement.
- East and West Kootenay and Omaha: Cranbrook has approached OMAHA about joining our association. They are affiliated with Alberta right now but they want more structure. The possible implications of them joining is a domino effect wherein Trail and Nelson may also join as well. ACTION: The board will revisit this topic at our November meeting.
- Zone committee will be set up through OMAHA. Gord, Brendon and Rocio will volunteer to be on the Zone committee.

- U13 Regional Team is part of the zone committee. The choices were to look into it this team, research it and present it back to OMAHA or not say no to it. It was voted in favour to investigate it.

8. IT infrastructure by Rocio Alejandre

- We need to look at GVMHA IT. There have been email issues with webmail: not working, lots of spam, and etransfers not going through. Chris Collard can reset passwords if your emails are not working. There have been issues with RAMP. Our IT infrastructure is at risk. We need security regarding financial and player information. ACTION: Ask Chris Collard to look into GVMHA IT.

9. 2021 – 2022 Coach by Rocio Alejandre

- A Motion was put forth to approve Curt Jensen as the assistant coach of the U15 Rep Team. Motioned by Gord; Seconded by Erik.
- Due to the lack of availability of head coach volunteers, Brendon Carron has put his name forward to be the Head Coach of the U13 Female Rep Team. Motioned by Erik; seconded by Gord.
- The U18 rep coach search is still in progress. Taylor Wilson is interested. Sam will follow up with him.
- Jason Podollan was approved as the U13 Mustangs Tier 1 Team but there has been feedback regarding a potential conflict of interest with his business and selecting a GVMHA team. To decrease the conflict of interest, should independent evaluators be used to make the final cuts for this team? We, as the board, need to ensure there is no conflict of interest.

To address the conflict of interest with GVMHA and coaches with perceived conflict of interest, effectively immediately, impartial evaluators along with DHO, will evaluate games. Head coach will submit 5 names to DHO and DHO will work with impartial group to assess cuts. The DHO will notify Coach Podollan of review.

10.COVID-19 Protocols and Upcoming Season by Rocio Alejandre

We rent ice from the City of Vernon. Whenever an order is released, the City will interpret it. As of today, if there are under 50 people, people do not have to show vaccination cards, but the covid ambassador needs to do contract tracing. If there is more than 50, spectators have to be double vaccinated. At this time, we need to manage capacity size and have only 1 spectator per game. There is a potential to lose ice or be fined if people are not following policy.

MOTION: 1 spectator per player for shared ice practices and games and 2 spectators per practice when not sharing ice. Motioned by Brendon; Seconded by Erik.

Withdraw this motion by Gord and Erik

Adopt new motion:

[General](#)

- Proof of vaccination NOT required.

- Spectator group size to be less than 50, except shared ice practice and games / tournaments.
- Spectators are parents and family watching from the stands; does not include volunteers, players, coaches, bench staff.
- Masks are mandatory for individuals 12 years of age and older except field of play which is defined as the bench and ice.
- COVID Ambassador to manage player and spectator contact tracing for each practice and game.

Practices

- For practice (1 team), spectator group size to be less than 50.
- For shared ice practices (2 teams), one spectator per player is permitted.

Games and Tournaments

- To manage capacity size and stay within the limit of 50 spectators, one spectator per player is permitted.

Motioned by Brendon; Seconded by Erik.

11. Association Development Manager Board Role

- Cheryl Roddis has stepped forward to volunteer in this role. Motioned by Bryan; Seconded by Katie. Everyone is in favour.

12. Training House Proposal for PEP

- Training house and PEP partnership and they need an association to support it. GVMHA would market the partnership and offer it to the players. PEP would provide free coaching to coaches to lead PEP programs. We have tabled this discussion to another meeting as we need more information.

Motion to end meeting. Motioned by Bryan; Seconded by Brendon.