

GVMHA Board Meeting Minutes, November 22, 2021

1. **Approval of agenda**-motioned by Brendon; seconded by Bryan.

2. **Minutes**-tabled for December board meeting, review them and approve them next meeting

3. **Financial report by Jodi**

- close to budget on most items
- registration over budget
- Another \$1500. for Arena sponsor from Royal Lepage
- Expenses--may be over in equipment
- We have nothing from Sun Valley yet but it will be about \$2700. and we budgeted \$3000.
- Jodi is meeting with the bank to talk about getting a GVMHA credit card and how to repay \$20000. Loan.
- We budgeted \$9000 from the clinics but we profited only \$5000. U11/U13 camp is good but U9 is not as much.

Financials were motioned to be approved by Curt; seconded by Cheryl.

4. **Director of Hockey Report by Sam**

- Clinics: The U11/U13 clinics were good and there were good numbers. We have 5 U9 teams so Sam thought that there would be a good turnout but there are other programs out there. Sam will run the clinics one more time in the new year and give a bit more lead time.
- Equipment updates for U7 and U9: A 2nd set of cross ice dividers were found in the Norval arena. One of the coaches picked them up and they are now stored at PV. We ordered intermediate nets for cross ice and we need a 3rd set of ice dividers. Can we schedule these so when they start games, they are at one rink? .They are \$2500 for one set of foam ones.
- Sam is getting out with teams.
- Coach 2 workbooks are submitted to Sam and due before March 2022.
- Do not load anything else on ipads.
- We are looking at other associations to see what resources they have. Our coaches corner's resource site on our website is soft. Dave Higgins is willing to look at his contacts on hockey tv but it wouldn't replace Hudl.

6. **2 Minute Updates**

- Brendon: Female hockey is going well. They are adding more players that are new to the area and pulling in Lumby players at U13. Lynn wondered about the new players being added mid season. Players that were released from the team get priority to AP, rather than looking outside the association. When you AP, the coach is supposed to talk to the coach of the other team to make sure it is ok that they get AP'd to make sure there is proper protocol and process. Section 11.5 deals with affiliated players with our rules and BC Hockey's rules. The Director of Hockey has ultimate say.
The home tournament was successful but it should have been bigger. There were only 8 teams on 2 sheets of ice. If Atom Rec can do 10 teams on one sheet, female hockey can do more teams with 2 sheets of ice.

- Katie: Initially, there was no tournament coordinator or committee so Katie helped choose the teams for the U9 tournament in order to balance the teams out. There was one Kelowna coach who was not happy with not getting in.

There were issues with jersey sizes. There were 3 or 4 different colours of blue which makes it hard. There should be different colours for different teams.

The Division Director should have a checklist.

We should also update Manager's Manuals.

- Bryan: Out of our observation project from last year came transparency. Why have we not posted the minutes from our Board Meetings? We are tracking down minutes. It was an oversight. The minutes from this season will be posted on the website.

Bryan is wanting to look at what we have in sponsorships for jerseys and replace them all for next year. We would look at what we have committed to and what has expired. He is asking permission to gather information and then report back to the board. Bryan wants to look at sponsorship. Who are the existing sponsorships and have they expired? There were some good ideas in the U13 jersey proposal that we can maximize on. There are opportunities to have nice jerseys for all of Rec and Rep.

We then need to revisit our 3rd jersey policy. We should be keeping our brand integrity but allowing teams to have some flexibility. Our teams are looking for something else. Every year a team wants a different jersey. We should design them so that they can find a local sponsor. A lot of teams on the coast are doing pant shells with sponsors and they look good. Curt said that we have jerseys that have patches on them and those patches are hard to get off. Cheryl said that 3rd jerseys do not necessarily make money for the team. You can make banners with sponsors rather than tamper with the jerseys. Gord mentioned in the past that the Bantams have used sponsors and every kid gets \$500 for the team but it looked terrible with 17 kids with different sponsors. Curt says that they are paying to play and they should look good. Bryan says that the jerseys are the #1 complaint he gets.

Gord said that when you make a rep team, you could have a kit that you go pick up rather than letting the individual teams choose.

Teams need socks at same time as they get their jerseys and we should have socks in reserve. This needs to be done before the AGM so we know how much to charge for jerseys/socks....will have a feasibility study by the end of February

Motion to strike a sponsorship committee by Bryan; seconded by Brendon. The Committee will consist of Bryan, Curt, Gord, and Brendon.

- Curt asked about who makes the decision regarding ice time when a team is running late. For example, the Rink program was on and delayed a team by 10 mins because the team needed an ice clean. Consequently, then the refs cut that team's game short by 5

mins. It was a league game. Sam will check with Chris Ashburn to see who is making that decision. Sam will take it to the city and investigate.

- Cheryl: There was an update on 50/50. The teams are finalized with different dates. We are limited to 12 volunteers to get tickets but they need adults in so adults pay for their kids. It would make it easier if GVMHA paid for it. There are some 50/50 dates that Cheryl can't make and it would be good to have a board member there.

Motion put forward for GVMHA to pay for tickets when doing 50/50 by Cheryl; seconded by Katie.

- Gord: We know there are communities that are struggling right now. Merritt is scheduled to come to Vernon. It was suggested to have them still come and do a scrimmage so the kids who are able to come, will still get to play. Sam will call Sherry to see what the options are.
- Rocio: She has signed a form for hosting the U15 championships and the planning is underway. The Female Zone Program with OMAHA is looking at U13, U15, U18. If they try out and don't make it, what are the options? Play integrated? OMAHA will provide program information for associations wanting to host. There is a lot of discussion with SA and other associations about who should host what and if it is rec and rep.

7. Covid Vaccine Update

- We addressed volunteers in our safety plan with who needs to be double vaxxed but we have not addressed staff members. OMAHA states that staff should be double vaxxed. Since we are operating out of KTPN, the directive from the City of Vernon which comes from the Provincial Health order is that you need to be double vaxxed in order to be in the facility. Lynn asked for clarification of who are the paid staff: Sam, Jodi and Michelle. Katie asked if this is an issue. OMAHA has let people go for not being vaxxed. We need to stick with a policy. We have asked all of our volunteers to be double vaxxed. We need to stick with the city's policy and make the deadline to be double vaccinated by Jan. 4th.

Motion put forward that GVMHA Staff and all volunteers, including board members need to be double vaxxed by Brendon; seconded by Gord. All in favour.

Motion to end meeting by Cheryl; seconded by Brendon.

NEXT STEPS: