



Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, November 13th 2024 6:30pm

MINUTES

Attendance: Curt Jensen, Gord Sitter, Kevin Bathurst, Jenna Skerratt, Brendon Caron, Nik Vischraper, Jesse Wunderlich, Noelle Crombie, Whitney Chanter, Brad Callihoo
Regrets : Matt Stang, Trevor McEachnie, Chris Collard

Call to Order – Chair 6:36pm

1. **Call for Conflict of Interest – none declared**
2. **Approval of Agenda - Chair**
Motion to approve the Agenda by Nik, seconded by Curt – motion carried
3. **Approval of Minutes - Chair**
Motion to approve the October 9th 2024 Board Meeting Minutes by Jenna, seconded by Jesse – motion carried
4. **Approval of the Financial Statements - Chair**
Motion to approve the October 31st Financials and receive the Treasurer’s Report by Nik, seconded by Jesse – motion carried
5. **Update on action items from previous meeting**
 - i) City Championships 2025 – Tournament Planning – Jesse & Jenna
Committee of volunteers have come together and have a few sponsors lined up and trophies will be made. Met with Kevin on what it will look like this year and what it will look like next year.
 - ii) City Championships 2025 – Ice booking in March – Chris & Kevin

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GVMHA will reclaim the ice for teams that don't make provincials and that ice will be re-allocated to teams that make it farther in the provincials, as well as booking the weekend for the City Championships.

Broader discussion on Association vs team sponsorship – communicate clearly the association sponsors to the membership for next year. Standardization of sponsorship letters should be considered.

- iii) AP Policy – Matt & Kevin
Motion to adopt the AP policy as presented by Brendon, seconded by Nik
- iv) Policy Manual Updates – Jenna (deferred to January)
- v) Goalie Clinic Offerings – Jesse
Sent out a flyer to all U11 players offering a free goalie clinic and the clinics are now full
- vi) Investment of Reserves – Noelle
\$100,000 invested for 100 days (redeemable) at 3.7% earning just over \$1,000 in that period and will be rolled over every 100 days unless redeemed.

6. Executive Director and Administrator's Report – Chair

- i) Non-Parent Coach Expense Policy – Kevin
ACTION: Kevin and Noelle to review and circulate for adoption by this weekend

7. Strategic Plan Updates

- i) **Communication** – Brad Callihoo
Newsletter went out with great feedback, planning for the next edition which will be released the first week of December
- ii) **Referee Stream Development** – Nik Vischraper
Senior referees must submit evaluations twice per month of younger players
- iii) **Improve Recreation Experience – City Championships** – Jesse Wunderlich
See above update
- iv) **Community Partnerships/Business Development – Sweepstakes** – Whitney Chanter
Sweepstakes survey went out to membership, overall there was interest in this initiative. The general consensus seemed to be that people were concerned with where the money would be going.
ACTION: Recruit 5-6 association members to champion the sweepstakes; they can manage the teams/divisions. Several options to consider: Each team gets two booklets of (15 tickets); 630 tickets would be taken care of; 370 tickets the board will handle. Provide more of an incentive route where teams that sell their allotment (~15 tickets) get a pizza party and the team selling the most tickets receives a special prize (ie. Practice with the Vipers) In order to make this successful this will involve a lot of boots on the ground. All board members present committed to taking an active role in ticket sales.

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8. Director's New Business

8.1 Changes to the hockey environment – Gord

Concerns with the use of social media and referees

BC Hockey has approached OMAHA and asked GVMHA to propose open borders; zones would be created with in zones: Winfield, Lumby, Vernon, Armstrong to combine to make a tier 2 or a tier 3 etc.

8.2 U18 Rec Female Jerseys – Brendon

Third jersey for the U18s requested – Brendon to send this directly to Kevin for approval

Wrap up meeting from Esso Cup: they raised money \$42,000 has been invested with Community Foundation of the North Okanagan – 2 x \$1,000 scholarships will be granted in perpetuity to graduating players from the Lakers; \$28,000 is going to a fund for female players in OMAHA similar to Kidsport (amounts to about \$1,200 a year – 4 x \$300 a year within the region). Will be advertised on the GVMHA website once it's up and running.

8.3 Committee Reports – Nik

All committee updates are to be a standing item on the agenda and to provide reports at all future meetings. I.e. The Golf Tournament Committee, the Finance Committee

Motion to ADJOURN by Brendon, seconded by Curt at 8:38pm – motion carried

NEXT MEETING: Dec 11, 2024 at 6:30pm in the Breakaway Room

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