



## Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 6:30pm

### MINUTES

**Attendance:** Kevin Bathurst, Whitney Chanter, Jenna Skerratt, Matt Stang, Jesse Wunderlich, Nik Vischraper, Noelle Crombie, Brad Callihoo, Curt Jensen, Gord Sitter

**Regrets:** Brendon Caron, Trevor McEachnie, Chris Collard

**Call to Order** – 6:36pm; motion Whitney, Jesse second

1. **Call for Conflict of Interest** – Chair - None
2. **Approval of Agenda** - Chair  
Motion to approve the Agenda by Whitney, seconded by Jesse – motion carried
3. **Approval of Minutes** - Chair  
Motion to approve the September 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Minutes by Curt, seconded by Jenna – motion carried
4. **Approval of the Financial Statements** - Chair  
Motion to approve the October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 Financial Statements and receive the Treasurer's report by Whitney, seconded by Brad – motion carried
5. **Action Items from Previous Meeting**
  - 5.1 Balancing communication created and circulated to all coaches and parents prior to the skills assessment – committee to meet and debrief start up of season in the coming weeks
  - 5.2 Rafflebox Licensing – Whitney – First tournament is live and in action for the first tournament
  - 5.3 Golf Tournament Committee to meet following rec team formations – Brad to set up a new meeting next week
  - 5.4 Sweepstakes Licensing – Whitney – Jodi has concerns, we have missed the timeline. We will proceed with the 20k sweepstakes due to the time it takes to obtain the license
  - 5.5 Team fee update at manager's meeting – 70% of parents to approve the team fees
  - 5.6 Investment of reserves – GICs will be invested now that all signers have completed their signature cards

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## 6. Executive Director's Report – Kevin Bathurst

6.1 Highest registration numbers that we've had at GVMHA

6.2 All of the teams are up and running

## 7. Strategic Plan Updates

- 7.1 Communication/Education Improvement – Brad Callihoo  
Kickoff communication meeting – newsletter to assigned people, deadline to be updated
- 7.2 Referee Stream Development – Nik Vischschraper  
Chris A is executing some of our strategic tasks, he has identified referee coaches to work with junior referees to provide mentorship
- 7.3 Improve Recreation Hockey Experience – Jesse Wunderlich  
Limit the city championships to a smaller event because tournaments are booked and some teams will not be able to attend  
Smaller version – skills with Omaha and plan the city tournament for 2026 so that we can execute properly  
**ACTION:** Jesse and Jenna to plan for the city skills competition 2025  
**ACTION:** Kevin and Chris to book the ice between Super Tuesday and Districts in March 2025
- 7.4 Community Partnerships/Business Development – Whitney Chanter  
Sponsorship revenue is up and we have more business kickbacks coming to the association to benefit teams, local businesses and our association

## 8. Director's New Business

- 8.1 Affiliated Players Discussion and Policy – Matt Stang  
Some coaches are resisting the APs. This was a standard practice prior to 2020 and we need to educate membership and coaches on this process  
Mandatory AP system to develop all players – some parents and coaches are not in favour of this plan because they feel it takes away from time developing their players  
We need an internal development model to develop all players as this will benefit the players and the association  
Practice plans are in the portfolio – there are skills days with the plans going to all coaches to build their own plans with these skills or use the plans entirely  
How do we keep coach's accountable to develop all players?  
**ACTION:** Kevin and Matt to develop an AP policy and circulate to the board
- 8.2 Policy Manual & Bylaws Update – Jenna Skerratt  
**ACTION:** Jenna will spearhead this, sections will be allocated to each board member based on roles for each person to edit. Jenna will compile the edits in a master file and the board can review the manual for approval.
- 8.3 Goalie Recruitment & Clinic Offering – Jesse Wunderlich

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Offer some free clinic goalie clinics to new and aspiring goalies – there is a serious shortage of goalies at the U11 level

Can we also offer this to potential players that are not in our association?

**ACTION:** Jesse to draft communication to membership around clinic offerings and goalie development for new and aspiring goalies

8.4 OMAHA enforcement of two tournament blackout rule – Jenna Skerratt

Due to the lack of time to schedule season games OMAHA is now enforcing this so if teams go to more than two tournaments their league games will not be blacked out and they will forfeit any games. OMAHA is also aware of the impact on other teams to get into tournaments when teams are in 4-5 tournaments a season

**Motion:** To have GVMHA staff book one tournament per team in July and communicate this change to membership before the end of season by Jenna, seconded by Nik - motion carried

8.5 Ad hoc Association Committees – Noelle Crombie

Creation of ad hoc committees for certain projects and concepts. These committees will be brought forward to the board by the director and a motion created to form the committee. The director tied to the project will send an expression of interest to membership to see which members would like to be involved. The member responses will be reviewed by the board and staff prior to committee invitations being sent out.

8.6 Executive Meetings Confidentiality – In Camera – Noelle Crombie  
Topic was tabled to the next meeting

**9. ADJOURNED at 8:50pm motioned by Brad, seconded by Nik – motion carried**

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