



**GVMHA Board Meeting Minutes  
February 15th, 2023  
Kal Tire Place North-Breakaway Room  
7:00pm**

**Present:** Bryan, Kevin, Dwight, Curt, Erik, Lynn, Jodi, Brendon, Grant

**Absent:** Katie, Cheryl, Gord, Kara

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Motion approved by Erik; seconded by Brendon.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes by Curt; seconded by Erik.

**3. Financials by Jodi Peshko**

- Fiscal year is to March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Expenses will be close to budget. We will be about \$10,000 surplus even though we budgeted for about \$14 000 below. This is due to good participation in clinics, and arena boards producing more revenue than budgeted. There was also not as much spent in the coaching budget.
- There is still money coming in from hotels, which we will get at the end of the season as well as the 50/50 Rafflebox money.

Motion to approve financials by Erik; seconded by Brendon.

**4. Executive Director of Hockey Operations Update by Kevin Bathurst**

- Spring hockey development is looking good with the U9 group being sold out and the U7 and U11 groups are about ½ full. Coaches are ready for skaters and goalies.
- The mini nets at KTPN and KTP are in bad shape that are used for the U7 and U9 cross ice. We should invest in heavy duty nets that will last longer.

Motion to replace mini nets at KTP and KTPN with heavy duty welded steel mini nets put forward by Curt; seconded by Grant. Curt will research cost. Voted by all.

- GVMHA Summer Camps are organized. There are two weeks of camps: August 7-11th and August 14-18<sup>th</sup>. There are lots of options. U13 Tier 1 Mustangs Zone team tryout

camp will be the week of Aug 23-27<sup>th</sup> and the last week of August will be conditioning camps and a few practices for the Mustangs Zone team.

- The City of Vernon will be talking to rink staff to ensure that their rink staff are not accessing the GVMHA office.
- In the fall, an application was made to VIA Sport for \$15 000 to invest in female coach development. This money will be spent mid summer to the end of next season and will be used for U15 females and above. Kevin and Brendon will get a sub-committee formed to look at how we can best use this money. Some ideas are for players to get scholarship money if they volunteer, for female coaching courses, etc...The hope is to build something that can be sustained every year to keep the program going.
- Event Connect is a platform which is involved in the tournament registration and hotel booking business. Event Connect helps to set up, register, and run tournaments. There are many tools available for tournament coordinators, local teams and visiting teams. Event Connect signs agreements with hotels nationally and then GVMHA will get \$10 back per night for each hotel room booked for a tournament. GVMHA would pay \$1500 for this service until we hit 500 hotel room nights and then \$1500 would be refunded back to GVMHA. At the end of each tournament, we would get money back through Event Connect. There is little risk involved with this platform and from it will help to manage and coordinate all our tournaments.

#### **5. Updates by Director of Player Development and Registrar by Dwight Lee**

- The new GVMHA logo showed up and will be put on the ice of KTPN in the spring.

#### **6. Two Minute Updates by Board Members**

Brendon, Female Director:

- U7 girls are running a team. They can play games now.
- Brendon and Kevin will apply for First Shift which is a program that gives gear and programs and then players are ready to play—can be for girls and/or boys---one less barrier to hockey.
- Kevin and Brendon talked to Josh, who is in charge of tourism for Vernon, about bringing sport tourism back to Vernon. A bid has been put in for the U18 female National Championships, Esso Cup for April 2024. The only issue is to make sure that there is no conflict with the Vipers schedule.
- GVMHA Awards ceremony for this year will be the week of April 3<sup>rd</sup> . Door prizes would be great. It would also be great to see the history to some of the awards. We should honour some of our hockey history by getting some local hockey stars. Kevin and Dwight will get a date and caterer for the Awards Ceremony and information will go out to the membership.

Curt, Equipment Manager:

- There will be new rep jerseys next year for all rep teams, except the new Peewee zone team, which will get new Mustang jerseys. Curt will talk to Source for Sports about new Rep Jerseys.

Bryan, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:

- A Mother's day tournament was discussed but it is more realistic to do a female development camp on the Mother's Day Weekend.
- We are the City's biggest user group and we are given no priority regarding access to playoff ice and scheduling of locations. We need to talk to the city regarding this.
- We need to organize a Strategic Planning day.

Motion to end meeting by Lynn; seconded by Grant.