



**GVMHA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 18th, 2023**  
**Kal Tire Place North**  
**7:00pm**

**Present:** Erik, Jesse, Nik, Jodi, Cheryl, Kevin, Gord, Chris, Curt, Brendon, Lynn  
**Absent:** Bryan, Trevor

**Meeting called to order.**

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda by Brendon; seconded by Jesse.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes by Brendon; seconded by Cheryl.

**3. Financials by Jodi Peshko**

- We have received the gaming grant.
- Registration fees are still coming in. We are \$20000 over where we budgeted.
- Tournament money is still coming in for our home tournaments.

Motion to approve financials by Cheryl; seconded by Curt.

**4. Updates from the Executive Director of Hockey Operations, Kevin Bathurst**

- All Rep and Development Teams have pant shells and socks. The recreation teams had games to ensure the teams were balanced. The games went well and the coaches tried their best to balance the teams.

- Sponsorships are going well. We used to put the sponsor's name at the bottom of the jersey but many players tuck their jerseys in so we are trying something new this year. "The Tile Guy" is sponsoring the U13 Tier 2 team. Kevin and Erik will play with the location of the sponsor's name so it can be seen.
- Rep and Development jerseys will be replaced soon. Right now, we have 3 different types of rep/development jerseys plus the Mustangs. We should try to coordinate our rep and development jerseys when we replace them next year.
- Tournaments: We are getting approximately \$1500-2000 per weekend on hotel revenue by using Event Connect. We have 12 tournaments that will bring in this hotel revenue, which we will, in turn, get 17 comp nights. We should give them comp nights to the teams that are coming in, for the manager or coach. GVMHA gets \$10 per room that is booked through Event Connect. If 143 rooms are booked, GVMHA gets \$1430. The app is working well.
- GVMHA clinics were launched, and most clinics are full or close to full.
- Females lakers built a dressing room in KTP.
- Esso Cup meetings are starting. They need a marketing person. Contact Kevin Bathurst if you know of someone.
- BC Hockey has a Diversity/Gender training next Tuesday. The new dressing room recommendations will be discussed. We will wait for more direction following this meeting.
- Colton Sparrow has been hired by GVMHA for 5 sessions per week. He will see three teams a week plus 2 clinics a week. Kevin and Colton will build a schedule so that Colton sees all of the teams throughout the season so it is balanced. He will also provide a copy of what he does so we can continue to build a library of lesson plans to be used by coaches, if wanted.
- Kevin is proposing to buy everyone on the board a golf shirt/hat/sweatshirt to represent GVMHA when they are at the rink.  
Voted by all.
- Equipment Manager/GVMHA Registrar should provide each team with a checklist of items their team has borrowed from GVMHA that they need to return at the end of the season. At the end of the season, they need to be signed off by GVMHA.

Motion that each team, starting next year, needs to provide a deposit of \$500 for their equipment and jerseys that need to be returned at the end of the season. Voted by all.

## **5. Updates from the Registrar**

- The GVMHA website has been updated. People can now click on the banner to get apparel from the company, Bardown.
- We currently have 648 registered players, plus 14 dual rostered players. This is our highest number of registered players since 2008. Most teams are full or close to full. We have had \$386000 in registration dollars. There is 4.4% outstanding. Some of the outstanding money is due to payment plans and Kidsport/Jumpstart.
- Scheduling took place. There was 27 hours of scheduling conducted for 20 teams. GVMHA runs into problems with scheduling at the end of the season as the City has already rented the ice for weekend tournaments to others so we can't host playoffs or championships. We only have the U13 Tier 1 Provincial Championships in March.

- We may be able to host the U11 Development championships.

## **6. First Aid/CPR Training by Nik Vischschraper**

- GVMHA is aware of how important it is to have safety people who are trained in First Aid/CPR. Nik will work with Kevin and offer it to teams to see if there is any interest in getting safety people or anyone other team members trained.

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

- Brendon, Female Director:
  1. U15 Lakers, the female rep team would like a 3<sup>rd</sup> jersey. This is approved by all.
  2. Female teams are full at U11, U13. They are in need of a few more females for U15.
- Jesse, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice-President/Junior Division Director:
  1. The team balancing went well to prevent teams being uneven. We are currently trying to get U11 teams to have 2 goalies per team and have the necessary equipment for both goalies.
  2. Jesse works with people with disabilities. Vernon does not have a Sledge hockey rink. Jesse is looking for support to offer sledge hockey. Support by all board members on this initiative.
- Nik, Risk Manager:
  1. Nik did a risk management update for the website.

Motion to end meeting by Curt; seconded by Nik.