



## **GVMHA Board Meeting Minutes**

**September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Present: Jodi, Kevin, Jesse, Brendon, Erik, Gord, Lynn, Bryan, Cheryl

Absent: Curt

Call meeting to order.

### **1. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda by Brendon; seconded by Erik.

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes by Erik; seconded by Brendon.

### **3. Financials by Jodi Peshko**

- The financials are in good shape. We are very close to budget.
- Sponsorships are going well. We have \$35000 in sponsorships. We are looking for a few more team sponsors.

Motion to approve financials by Jesse; seconded by Bryan.

### **4. Updates by Director of Hockey Operations, Kevin Bathurst**

- Summer camps went really well. There were a lot of participants, especially among the females.
- Tier 1 Zone Tryouts-The Evaluators were great and team genius worked well. OMAHA compromised on how many each zone team could commit to. We can do up to 5 forwards, 3 defense and 1 goalie but we can't go over that. GVMHA can set the number we want after the ID skates. A suggestion was to cut the number of skaters down after the 3<sup>rd</sup> day so evaluators can see the players better.
- Regular rep tryouts went well. It was good that names were not available to evaluators, only numbers to keep it as unbiased as possible.
- U11 tryouts finished with top 30 playing development and 31 players playing house.
- U13 Tier 2 and 4 are finished.
- U15 is still in process due to an injury.
- U18 are waiting for 1 or 2 goalies to come back from zones.

- Tiering weekends for rep teams coming up.
- Rec assessments start on Monday with skill testing during the week, the weekend off and then scrimmages the following week. Coaches will then meet and assign teams. There will be games over thanksgiving weekend to ensure teams are balanced.
- There are coaches for the U5 and U7. U9 is still short 2 coaches but the kids are tiered at U9 so parents are still waiting to see where their kids land and then hopefully we will get a couple of coaches once it is done.

#### **5. Updates by GVMHA administrator**

- We have 598 players registered with another 12 to come in still, from the rep side. We have females that continue to register so we have an estimate of 620 players. Lumby Association has a few teams that they have too many kids and we are slightly low on U15 so some players from Lumby may come to GVMHA.
- The first two tournaments are full and other tournaments are filling up. The hotel booking system is working well.

#### **6. Referee in Chief Update by Gord Sitter**

- 85 kids came to the initial clinic for referees. It was a huge success!!!

#### **7. Update by GVMHA President, Gord Sitter**

- There has been some conversation with Lumby association to merge with GVMHA. They have 170 players but they can not provide everything for their players. If they merge, there would be room on the board for a Lumby representative.
- GVMHA has been approached by the City with an offer to take on the concessions for the arenas. Gord has said we are interested but he has not heard back from the City. It would be great to have it open for all of our tournaments, games, etc...We could contract it out or hire someone. Nik, Bryan, Kevin and Gord will sit down with City.

#### **8. Fundraising Initiatives**

- After looking into it, the concert idea is not feasible. It would not make money.
- We should focus on more grass roots ideas like doing a fundraising event at the Towne theater. Jesse has looked into it. It would be \$800 per showing with wholesale concessions. It would be \$200-400 to rent the movie so if we started with a movie, it would be \$1000. for the night. There are 300 seats. We could do a New Year's Eve event where parents could mix and mingle in the lobby and kids could watch a movie and then do a 9:00 countdown. Jesse will see if we can rent it for New Year's Eve.
- For the Progressive 50/50, we should put QR codes on posters in the rinks that people can see.

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

- GVMHA Risk Manager, Nik Vischschraper, will follow up with Kevin regarding the policy for GVMHA on Criminal Record Checks.

Motion to end meeting by Nik; seconded by Bryan.