

GVMHA Board Meeting Minutes, October 19th, 2022

Present: Gord, Brendon, Grant, Katie, Lynn, Dwight, Curt, Kevin

Absent: Kara, Erik, Bryan, Cheryl

Call the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motioned by Curt; seconded by Katie.

2. Financials by Jodi Peshko

- We are a bit under \$300,000 and our budget was \$320,000.
- 551 individual registrations, or signed up and quit so it is not a true representation. We were targeting 500 and we should be over that. The U9 group is big. We are continuing to take registrations if there is room. We have had to turn U9 and three over aged players away.
- We got a \$75,000 gaming grant.
- Gord has recommended that we do a year long 50/50 draw online to support GVMHA. There will be a running total and it will be advertised at all tournaments, on GVMHA website and at KTPN for the rest of the year. The winner will be announced at the end of the whole season. Individual teams can still do 50/50 in the stands, but not online. Costs have gone up 15-20% and we need to raise more money for GVMHA.

Motion put forward by Brendon and seconded by Katie that GVMHA will run a year long 50/50 draw with the proceeds going to GVMHA operating expenses which ends before April 1st, 2023, with every home tournament supporting it. No GVMHA team can use Rafflebox or a similar online 50/50 program. Voted by all.

Motion to approve financials by Grant; Seconded by Brendon.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motioned by Brendon; seconded by Curt.

4. Executive Director of Hockey Operations Report by Kevin Bathurst

- Cyber insurance-Kevin is in the process of getting quotes from CMW and Capri. He is also looking at options to get cyber insurance through Hockey Canada. He will update us as he gets more information moving forward.
- Chris Ashburn, Referee in Chief, brought forward the pay of referees in GVMHA last month. We know that cash payments for referees make a huge difference and we are in the process of investigating whether we can switch our system from checks to cash. We

are underpaying our referees. We should be paying them \$35.00/hr if we want to recruit and retain good referees.

- Skills clinics have started and they are going well. Kevin and Dwight will do the curriculum for these clinics.
- U7 and U9 games are being scheduled by OMAHA. U9 have games plus exhibition games at 2:15-3:55 in West Kelowna. Every Sunday, a team from GVMHA will play a WKMHA team. We will work out a reciprocal schedule with them.
- U9 Goalie Recruitment Program. Josh Evans will be at every U9 practice this season. The teams will rotate positions so Josh will be able to work with kids that are interested in being goalie. "Ratio" is giving every child who plays goalie a coupon for a free pastry.
- Coaches are in the process of getting certified. BC Hockey is adding courses on a weekly basis.

5. Director of Player Development and Registrar Report by Dwight Lee

- Ice scheduling, rostering and getting coaches certified.
- A couple of weekends that were originally not available to GVMHA have opened up and recreation teams are missing some game slots that will be filled.
- Dual rosters are getting processed with a \$150.00 fee to dual roster.

6. President's Report by Gord Sitter

- U15 female hockey team has asked Gord if they can put together a sponsor board for their team at KTPN. They are an OMAHA team but we are the host. This has been approved.

7. First Aid/CPR Training by Grant Wilson

- Quotes from FACTS First Aid and St. John's Ambulance for Worksafe BC Level 1. The prices are based on numbers. The minimum is 10 participants and the maximum is 18 participants. We have 32 teams so if every Safety Person participated, we would need two classes. We will go with St. John's Ambulance and GVMHA will highly recommend it for Safety People and then, if there is room, we will offer it to coaches. We should incentivize it for those that register by providing lunch from Boston Pizza and providing another incentive.

8. Two Minute Updates from Board Members

- a. Brendon, Female Director
 - Esso Days were a success. Making connections is a great way to get athletes engaged in the sport.
 - The U11 has a girls' team but the numbers are low. A non-parent coach has volunteered to coach the team.
- b. Grant, 2nd Vice-President, Conduct Chair
 - We need to ensure that the process is followed if there are any conduct issues.

Motion to end meeting by Lynn; seconded by Grant.