



## **Greater Vernon Minor Hockey Association**

### **Annual General Meeting**

**June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

#### **Meeting Called to Order.**

1. Welcome.
2. Adoption of the Rule of Order
  - Recommendation that the Rules of Order be accepted.

Motion for the recommendation by Curt; seconded by Bryan.

3. Minutes of the last AGM
  - Recommendation that the Minutes from the last AGM be accepted as circulated.

Motion to accept minutes by Bryan; seconded by Brendon.

4. Consideration of the Financial Statements
  - \$17000 in negative,
  - We spent a lot of money ensuring recreation teams all had new jerseys this past year. We have significant cash reserves to cover loss. We expect to be back in the positive this coming year.
  - A question was asked, "If we have reserves, should we be providing refunds? Do we have an amount of money that we keep in reserves? We rely on gaming funds every year but the government does not guarantee it. We do not target a minimum reserve from year to year.
  - Can we get statements ahead of time? A recommendation has been made to get financials to membership ahead of time and then being approved at AGM.
  - Are we spending more money on staffing than before? No...we structured our staffing differently. Our registrar also is in charge of player development, which is a benefit.

- Ensure that there is a process to make player development from GVMHA staff on the ice, fair for all teams
- We have more advertising revenue than in past year because it is not commission based anymore.
- Are Recreation and Rep players paying the same fees? We have not upped our carding fees for rep in 10-15 years. Through a detailed analysis, it was realized that rep carding fees need to be increased for this coming season to cover the increasing costs of ice and their extra ice. We will need to increase carding fees incrementally over the next couple of years. While we do that, sponsorships and advertising will cover the extra ice costs of rep teams. cover it. GVMHA has heard the concerns of recreation parents and will try to rectify so that fees are equal and fair for all of our members.
- Concerns over recreation vs. rep teams and recognition. How can GVMHA value every rec and rep player? With awards, money, ice time, etc....How can we handle the awards at the year end banquet to ensure that players/teams are being recognized fairly? Brendon, Kevin and Dwight will sit down to figure out how to make awards more equitable between rep and rec players. Look at awards for tournaments.....next year we will do something different for awards.
- Half Sheet of Ice vs. a Full Sheet of Ice: How can we make it more equitable? GVMHA will look at schedule and make it as equitable as possible among the teams.
- Questions about Recreation vs Rep players and what happens to players that are on the bubble. Camps and extra development clinics are offered for kids that want more ice and development.
- Mentorship for coaches: By offering mentorship for coaches, we can improve how coaches are using ½ ice to their benefit for all of the players.
- What is happening with U13? Zone team is tier 1 and other GVMHA Rep teams would have to go to seeding games to make sure the tiers are equal. GVMHA will do scheduling and coordinate to make sure the teams are equal.
- Kevin gave an explanation of the decision making for zones teams. Omaha came up with zoning teams to improve quality within minor hockey. Zone teams will be taking extra ice at an undesirable time. Are Lumby and Winfield willing to share?
- Is part of the GVMHA plan to grow membership? Yes! To bring in more money? No, to grow the love of hockey. We can't create more ice...need to be creative .
- Recommendation that the Financial Statements be accepted as presented.

Motion to approve financials by Bryan; seconded by Curt.

#### 5. President's Report

- GVMHA President Gord Sitter to address AGM attendees-see attached report.
- A request for GVMHA's Strategic Plan to be completed this year with "SMART" goals.

#### 6. Reports:

- Executive Director of Hockey Operations, Kevin Bathurst—see attached report.
- Director of Player Development and Registrar, Dwight Lee—see attached report.
- First VP Bryan Ford-see attached report.
- Second VP Grant Wilson—see attached report.

- e. Referee in Chief Chris Ashburn—see attached report.
- f. Female Director Brendon Caron—see attached report.

Motion to approve reports by Jesse Shepherd; seconded by Curt.

#### 7. Election of Officers

- Equipment Manager: The nomination is Curt. Any nominations from the floor?---Curt is Equipment manager for 2 years.
- Risk Manager: Nick Vischschraper is nominated. Any other nominations? Nick is Risk Manager for 2 years.
- Female Director: Brendon Carron is nominated. Any other nomination from floor? Brendon Carron is Female Director for 2 years.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Vice-President: Christine Crawford, Jesse Wunderlich and Will Childs were nominated. It went to a vote. Jesse Wunderlich voted in as 4<sup>th</sup> Vice-President. Motion to destroy ballots by Chris; seconded by Erik.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Grant Wilson is nominated. Trevor McKechnie and Christine Crawford are nominated from the floor. Trevor McKechnie in voted in as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President. Motion to destroy ballot by Erik; seconded by Chris.
- Gord Sitter is acclaimed as the President.

Motion to adjourn by Bryan; Seconded by Erik.