



# GVAHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2018

7:00 pm- Georgetown Ice Arena

## BOARD MEMBERS:

**Present:** Greg Raad, Kelli Sterley, Rebecca VanDenBerg, Cori Wilson, Jim Rozema, Joel Breazelle, Audra Atkinson

**Absent:** Jack Williams, Mike Hatkowski

**Quorum present?**- Yes

**Others Present-** Karen Sobeck, Crystal DeCoster, Max Lint

## PROCEEDINGS:

Called to order by Greg Raad at 7:06 pm

### OPEN COMMENTS- VISITORS DISCUSSION

- Max Lint – Discussions of the disconnect between the ice rinks website and the GVAHA website. Concerns GVAHA is not prominent enough on the ice rinks website. There are changes in the sport right now that have the possibility of displacing players that will be looking. Discussions of why District 6 changed the timing of tryouts. Discussions of having 3 tryouts as opposed to 2. Joel will reach out to Jack to discuss adding a “invite only” multi-sport athlete Thursday skate.

March Minutes Approved

### Treasurer’s Report – Audra Atkinson and Greg Raad

- Team party has been reconciled. Discussions of ideas of using the melted rink next year for another activity during the party (laser tag, dodgeball tournament, etc)
- Tryout jerseys have been received and reconciled.

### VP Travel Report

- Tryout discussions – Coaches will wash jerseys in between tryout days. Will need to have a person to make sure they aren’t taken home.

- Staffing for tryouts – Need a good welcoming presence to maintain a list and hand out jerseys. Payment will be collected by the kiosk.
- Discussions of having Ipad to fill out electronic registrations for people who show up without registering.
- Deposit checks will be collected on the last night of tryouts at parent meeting. This is also a time to let people know if the optional Thursday skate will be had.

#### **VP House Report – Jim Rozema**

- Adray meeting next Tuesday. Jim will attend. Discussions of looking for a squirt parent that may be interested in helping and attending.
- Discussions of Bantam house team and who would coach
- Joel to work with Jack to get coaches firmed up for a June announcement
- Jim will schedule the coaches meeting in June or July

#### **Hockey Director Report – Jack Williams/Joel Breazelle**

- Karen inquired about the ages of stick and puck and possibly doing one for 10U. It can be intimidating for the younger kids to be on the ice with the college students.
- Crystal inquired on how to get goalie training in the summer
- Spring learn to play has 20 kids registered (5 girls). This spring session is a great lead into cross ice and mites.
- If Cross Ice and Mites numbers continue to grow a second sheet will be need on Tuesdays.
- Jim suggested that every coach for the association spend time at the mites and cross ice levels. Joel agreed.
- Coaching “Hot Stoves” will start in June.

#### **Fundraising Report – Kelli Sterley**

- Year end party – money collected by team managers worked well.
- Scrip is being utilized and growing. Funds can be used for any GVAHA programs (Spring and Camps). Joel inquired on how this is being marketed to 8U and under.
- Karen suggested reposting sponsorship packets for registrations
- Need more Family Fare receipts to qualify for rebate.
- Discussions of renewing the “hockey 101” meetings to go over the transition between age levels and fundraising opportunities. Specifically for families moving into squirt.
- Board members need to re-register at USA Hockey and do safe sport trainings.

- House fittings need to be scheduled. Scheduling meeting will be approximately 10/7.
- Cori will inventory how many bags are left to handle the kids moving up to Squirt and new to the association.

#### **Communications Report – Rebecca VanDenBerg**

- Licensing registration needs to be renewed.
- A print budget needs to be put in place and split between the board and the township.
- Looking for a stick sponsor for Learn to Play and try hockey for free. Possibly ear mark Family Fare fund raiser? Learn to play kids keep their sticks and we would keep a stock for the try hockey for free events.
- Added “travel” and “try-outs” to the google ads.

#### **Township Representative - Mike Hatkowski (Greg)**

- Registration is up and running.

#### **MAHA Rep Report –**

- Craig is stepping away from the job. Looking for replacement.

#### **President Report – Greg Raad**

- Greg will send the year end survey results out.
- Discussions of using TeamSnap for Spring Hockey communication on tournament weekends.

#### **Meeting Adjourned at pm**

**Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, May 15 @ 7pm**