



# GVAHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 19, 2016

7:00pm- Georgetown Ice Arena

## **BOARD MEMBERS:**

**Present:**, Greg Raad, Kelli Sterley, Rebecca Vandenberg, Mike Howey, Mike Hatkowski, Cori Wilson, Jack Williams, Craig Sterley, Joel Breazeale

**Absent:** Jim Rozema, Christina Smith

**Quorum present?**- Yes

**Others Present-** 2 Visitors Present

## **PROCEEDINGS:**

Called to order by Greg Raad at 7:00 pm

### **Approval of the previous meeting minutes**

- Approved – June 21<sup>st</sup>

### **OPEN COMMENTS- VISITORS DISCUSSION**

- No Specific Visitor Business

### **Secretary Report**

- Minutes approved.

### **B&R Presentation – Amy**

- Presentation to go over new items and mock-up of new site.
- House Fittings on 7/26 5:45-7:45. Possible additional date on 8/3.
- Correction will be sent out.
- House – Jersey/Socks included in fees. Warm-ups, logo gloves and pant shells will be offered for purchase.

### **Treasurer Report**

- Final checks are being processed to end the fiscal year.
- The board needs to write official scholarship guidelines
  - Talk of when deadline should be. Decided it will be October 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Scholarships will be finalized in the November meeting.

### **VP of Travel Report**

- Mike is working on player evaluation documents
- Coaching survey
  - Discussions of what platform to use
  - Will have what the evaluation questions available at first parent meeting so they know what they will be assessing mid season.
- Coaches Meeting Review
  - Meeting went well
  - Greg is working on player handbook
- Power Skates
  - Members want more productive power skates
  - Split age groups? This means less skates
  - Discussion of what night works better for attendance
  - Discussions of rotating coach participation.
  - Coaches endorsement of power skates
- Discussions of getting younger kids involved in hockey
  - MAHA rule says 30% of players need to be 10U and under
  - Reviewed the engagement we have with the community education departments of local school districts.
  - Visiting of elementary schools

#### **VP House Report (Jack reviewed Jim's submitted notes)**

- Reworking information for parent meeting
- Roster limits for 2017/18 season is something the board needs to address.
- All available board members should attend the parent meeting.
- Board member to attend 2<sup>nd</sup> fitting.

#### **Hockey Director Report**

- Registrations are still coming in for house
  - 10 Mites
  - 22 Squirts
  - 5 Pee Wee
  - 18 Bantams
- Jack and Joel are working together to ensure Joel is up to speed
- Team Snap discussions. Need all team info listed as soon as possible.
  - Discussions about coaches being able to talk to an entire age level (travel holding a Skill Skate that they could invite house players to)

- Joel spoke to the importance of Travel and House interacting and making it easy for coaches to encourage this.
- Joel and Jack to re-work power skate structure
- Joel discussed possible early season Squirt tournament with a Coaching Education component. Good opportunity for sponsors also.

### **Fundraising Report**

- BW3 – 150.00
- Bob's Butcher Block – 322.00 Credit total. Next is in late September.
- Discussions of how fundraising is for GVAHA and is chosen to be reallocated to players.

### **Communications Director Report**

- Newsletter came out last week
- Joel's press release had 177 hits
- There will be a bulletin board at the rink with information for players and parents.
- Discussions of the consistent marketing platform. All communications will have the same look and feel.
- There is still a need for sponsorships.
- Possible planning of "beach days" for organization – in Hudsonville or at Lake Michigan. Would give coaches a head start on team building and give different age groups the ability to interact.

### **Township Representative Report**

- Welcome to Joel
- Golf outing is in need of sponsors and golfers

### **MAHA Representative Report - Greg**

- D6 Kickoff meeting is 8/7 at Walker. 8-3:30
- Greg attended one day of the summer meeting at Shanty Creek. Topic was "Association Excellence".
  - Discussions of a deliberate process we have to follow for conduct infractions on and off the ice.
  - Concussion protocol needs to be discussed in parents meeting.
    - When in doubt, sit it out
    - Return to learn before play (no school, no ice).
  - USA Hockey has a portal of documents geared toward Club Excellence. Still a work in progress.

- Task Force 2018 was created to discuss how to make Michigan hockey better (structuring tier/brackets, etc.)

#### **President's Report**

- Greg reviewed handbook to be distributed at player/team meetings.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Addressed questions from visitor pertaining to Squirt hockey. Clarified how evaluations are done and teams are chosen.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM

**Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, 8/16/2016 @ 7pm**