



GVAHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 25th, 2015

7:00PM- Georgetown Ice Arena

BOARD MEMBERS:

Present: Kelly Frazee, Lisa Mulder, Mike Hatkowski, Kelli Sterley, Jack Williams, Greg Raad, Jim Rozema

Absent: Christina Smith, Keith Talsma

Quorum present?- Yes

Others Present- Bantam AA Coaches and Parents

PROCEEDINGS:

Called to order by Greg Raad at 7:00PM

Approval of the Agenda

- Motion by Lisa Mulder, second by Mike Hatkowski. Motion approved

Approval of the previous meeting minutes

- Motion by Greg Raad, second by Lisa Mulder. Motion Passed.

ASSOCIATION MEMBER DISCUSSION

Bantam AA coaches and parents in attendance to discuss team moving forward. They have 12 players as of 8/25/15 but may lose one player taking team down to 11. Coach Howey is ok with that number and would like to move forward. Safety, skill, commitment of all players, and team chemistry was discussed at length. As a board we would prefer to have a strong house program at every level before putting travel teams at any and all levels. The parents and coaches of the Bantam AA team understood the safety concerns addressed by the board. A direct question was addressed regarding safety to the parents of the 2002 players. The board was told all 2002 players of concern were represented by a parent at this meeting and those parents understood and agreed to move forward with the team. The Bantam AA team had been practicing all summer and felt they were capable of playing with only 11 players. The board expressed concern of only 10 players at the house level. The parents and coaches had no interest of combining teams and playing house. The board had significant discussion around these two teams and the size of them. The board indicated to the Bantam AA coach Mike Howey the travel team could continue based on the numbers he was

indicating to us and the anticipated numbers for the house team knowing both teams would be smaller than desired rosters

Secretary Report

- Nothing to report, Secretary absent from the meeting

Treasurer Report

- Discussed scholarship opportunity for house GVAHA players. We have received 1 application. Committee of Greg Raad, Kelly Frazee, and Mike Hatkowski will review and decide on all future scholarship applications. We will set a deadline of August or September to have all paperwork in to qualify.

Golf Outing Final Review

- GVAHA received donations of \$6,070.74 after expenses were paid the net proceeds were \$3,088.74. The golf committee of Lisa Mulder, Jack Williams and Mike Hatkowski decided to allocate \$500 in the general association fund to go towards the scholarship or dry land facility. The remaining proceeds were divided through the point system established for player credits. The families who contributed either by volunteering, donating or getting sponsors earned points. Total points earned for this outing were 45.5. Each point paid out \$57.50

VP of Travel Report

- Jerseys have been delivered but laces are missing from all youth size jerseys due to a liability that we were unaware of at the time of ordering. All youth jerseys will not have the laces for the upcoming season.
- Warm-ups are in but are currently missing numbers on jackets and pants. Lisa will follow up with Amy at B&R.
- We discuss the possibility of accepting paypal or credit/debit cards for payment. Possibly using the township but we would need to reimburse for fees. Mike Hatkowski is going to look into this.

VP House Report

- House Evaluations for Squirt teams will be Sept 8-10. We will have the ADM activity tracking reports available to parents at these skates. We

will follow the push for the ADM model, especially with this “class” of skaters at the squirt level.

- No evaluation skates for PeeWee or Bantam due to anticipated player counts and likely fielding one team at each level.
- Star Parent meeting date discussed to be held during the squirt house evaluations. At this meeting we will go over what to expect as a parent of a GVAHA Player.

Fundraising Report

- All upcoming events have been added to the GVAHA calendar. Stars Throw for Dough night with the Griffins has been set for December 4th.

Communications Director Report

- No report, Communications Director absent from the meeting.

Township Representative Report

- Georgetown Ice Center will host the Adray PW Gold tournament February 12th-14th. We will need to staff the scorekeeper and clock personnel. We are hoping to host more tournaments and Mike is working with the Big Bear organization.

MAHA Representative Report

- Greg Raad went to the last MAHA meeting and supplied a detailed booklet and report. Safesport needs to be done by all coaches and managers.
- No cell phones are allowed in the locker room and we discussed placing a bag at the entrance of each locker room for phones to be placed so none enter the locker room.
- MAHA districts are an “opt-in” tournament and will be held February 5th-7th.

Hockey Director Report

- Jack reiterated the ideal, but not policy, for having a strong house program at every level before a travel team at each level. We discussed adding this to the mission statement but not making it a strict policy

President's Report

- Setting up Survey Monkey for all GVAHA parents on what they like/dislike about the organization or coaching. Using surveys to get parents more involved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Team pictures- Lisa Mulder will contact Larry Treece with LTPICS and set up date and time options.

Meeting adjourned by Greg Raad at 9:20PM