



GLACIER HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 14 July 2021

Time: 06:04 PM Mountain Time

Present: Clint Muhlfeld, President, Jock Craig- Vice President, Liz King - Registrar, Joel Cristianson, Kate Daniels- Treasurer, Ryan Ulvin - Director.

Absent: Mike Alves and Stefanie Hindman.

Agenda Items:

A. Public comment – Wade Klippenstein was in attendance to report on the hockey academy.

B. Approval of minutes

We will table the approval of minutes to an email vote.

C. Academy update (Wade Klippenstein)

Update on Academy - Over a week ago Wade said he sent a letter to Fred Vasser on some action items that needed to happen to have a successful academy. Vasser was going to be the business side and Wade was going to be the hockey director. Wade had some opinions on recruiting targets and Fred was actively recruiting in Vegas during the weekend. Wade would like to slow things down and do things correctly. Wade thinks that there needs to be a league affiliation to proceed. Needs to have a strong hockey being brought to our community.

Jock proposed that we send a letter that says we will not be giving out our sanction number until all the action items indicated in the letter are completed.

Ryan will type up a letter to indicate that we would be looking forward to working with the academy in the following year if all the action items are completed.

D. Update on the 3 vs. 3 Tournament

Due to the expense of rooms in August it is cost prohibitive for teams to come to the 3 vs. 3 Fire & Ice Tournament. Rooms range from \$400 to \$1500 for that weekend. We will need to return the ice to Greg. Teams have expressed interest but said they cannot find accommodations.

This raised concern for our Battle of the Border Tournaments and we concluded that the tournaments should be held outside the ski season with the exclusion of the Mites Tournament. This might be a problem for our teams coming to play here in the winter months for league play and EK:L games. Group room blocks will be encouraged and we will see about getting some GHA hockey room rates for these teams.

E. New Jersey Purchase - Liz has found two quotes for new jerseys. The estimate for jerseys is \$10,000. \$4,100. was raised for new jerseys through the WCF Community Day of Giving and Ryan was working on some matching funding for the jerseys.

E. Director's Contract Extension –

Board voted in favor (4 votes) to renew Ryan's contract for 43K for the 2021-22 season/fiscal year

F. Bantam Merger with Flathead Valley Hockey Association (FVHA) –

GHA would like to merge the two organizations Bantam groups but are worried about timeline. This would have needed to start in April to be successful. Concerns were raised on the availability of ice in Whitefish and the 25 volunteer hours required for FVHA are too many for our families. GHA believes that merging the two organizations into one would be an ultimate goal and best for all the young athletes in our programs.

When polling our membership on the potential merger of the two teams to create 3 teams of various levels, 12 responded yes and 13 no from our membership. The main objection from the parents surveyed was the poor ice quality in Kalispell. We are anticipating 15 - 17 returning GHA players for a team and it is a sound size for one team. Kalispell is anticipating 22 returning players.

We suggested setting up a practice time to sharing ice in the off season. We would set up a registration fee for FVHA players to practice with us in Oct and November.

Jock moved to not pursue merging the Bantam teams this year but working on it for the future. Clint seconded the motion. The motion passed with one-member

obtaining. Ryan said he would reach out to FVHA coaches for assistance on the ice during the early season to support all the players.

F. Costs for Programming to Membership:

- Bantam \$1050
- Squirt \$850
- Peewee \$950
- Yeti \$300

GHA will have a \$100 increase for all programs, learn to play \$25 increase for all 3 sessions, all levels will include a \$150 refundable volunteer deposit. Liz made the motion to approve the registration fees, Jock seconded, 4 votes in favor - motion passed

G. Great Fish Challenge – Kate reported that our application was not approved due to an error that she made on submitting an incorrect report. She expressed her apologies and her frustration that WCF would not allow her to submit another report that she prepared past the deadline. Unfortunately, GHA will have to do their own fundraising campaign this year. She will prepare for the grant available through the WCF during that timeframe.

GHA is thankful for their successful Day of Giving Campaign through the WCF.

- **Adjourned, 8:40 pm.**