

GRAND VALLEY AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 7pm in person at Griff's Georgetown

In Person: Andy Barnes, John Kersaan, Danielle Emelander, Jack Williams, Ciji Marckini, Alix Smith
Dave Atkinson, Megan Koens, Chris Kelly

Call in: Simon Brackett

Absent: Mitch Parsons

Members: Heather Irwin, Lindsey Burns, Trish Barnes

Minutes for Regular Meeting:

- Call to Order at 7pm By Andy Barnes.
- Approval of Agenda for Meeting
 - Motion by Andy Barnes, John Kersaan Second, Approved
- Approval of Minutes from August 19, 2025 Board Meeting
 - Motion by Andy Barnes, Dave Atkinson Second, Approved
- Member Comment Period
 - Assistance for Managers
- Hockey Director Reports
 - Mitchell
 - Jack -
 - Evaluations are ongoing, PeeWee Done and ready to draft, Squirt to Evaluate at next practice and draft after.
 - LTS/LTP Start Oct 4
- President's Report – Andy Barnes
 - Signed Agreement with Goalie Direct, Zach Smith, for House
 - Calendar of Key Dates for board to stay on track reviewed
 - Confirming payment for PeeWee House Coaches
- Vice President's Report – John Kersaan
 - Nothing to add
- Secretary/Equipment Director Report – Megan Koens
 - Garment Bags Done
 - Hats to be completed next week
 - Gear/Apparel for House rolling in
 - Fix for BTAA Jersey, last PeeWee house jersey and Midget addl item on order
- Team Director/MAHA Rep. Report – Dave Atkinson
 - Directors meeting this past Sunday reviewed teams from each organization and our anticipated level to be placed. Final alignment will be released on 9/24 with 10 days to petition any changes prior to the scheduling meeting on 10/5.

- o Scheduling meeting will be 10/5 at Walker Ice and Fitness
 - (Only 1 team representative for each team permitted)
 - 10:00am - Bantam
 - 11:15am - PeeWee
 - 12:30pm - Squirt

Tentative Division Layout

Squirt will have 3 divisions of 8 teams each (7 home games / 7 away games) - MAHA Game Count Limit = 45

PeeWee will have 2 divisions of 7 teams each (6 home games / 6 away games) - MAHA Game Count Limit = 45

Bantam will have 2 divisions of 5 teams each (4 home games / 4 away games) - MAHA Game Count Limit = 50

MAHA -

Email sent out to all managers and coaches regarding locker room monitors. Coaches need to be in the locker room with their players at all times. If players are showering after practice there are still ways to monitor the behavior in the locker room without visual observation.

If coaches are unable to be in the locker room at all times, I have requested that they find a parent volunteer. Parent volunteers must register with USA Hockey as a volunteer (free), get a background check (\$30.00) and complete SafeSport (free) to be approved to be within the locker room. This requirement is for all age categories.

2nd Coaches meeting will be scheduled in October - date and time TBD. Agenda also TBD, but will include a revisit of the email sent out about locker room monitors, taking care of equipment (primarily pucks) and coaches being present for PowerSkate one it starts.

Equipment -

Goalie Equipment

Mite equipment - 4 sets to be purchased for a total of \$800.00

Squirt equipment - 2 sets to be purchased for a total of \$640.00

Total equipment spend: \$1,440.00 - request full amount

Motion to purchase by Dave Atkinson, Second by John Kersaan, Approved

Pucks

One of the puck buckets went missing again. It was found in the Zamboni pit on the West Rink with some pucks missing.

We are now down to 20 new pucks to replenish through the season. We may need to order another box of 100.

House Drafts

Squirt Draft is 9/22

PeeWee Draft is pending

- Registrar Director Report – Alix Smith
 - Coaches Credits Discussion
- Treasurer Report – Simon Brackett
 - Recommendation for using a CD through Macatawa
- Communications & Events Director Report – Ciji Marckini
 - Kick off Event approved by Rink - Tabled due to food availability
 - Giving tree approved
 - Meet the Stars Night
- Fundraising Director Report – Danielle Emelander
 - Licensing for raffles ongoing/completed
 - Hat Trick Raffle getting set up
- Sponsorship Director Report – Christopher Kelly
 - Transition for Brandon ongoing
- Old Business:
 - Continued search for member to appoint to replace resigning Treasurer.
 - Heather Irwin has volunteered to take over the existing term
 - Motion by John Kersaan to appoint Heather Irwin as the treasurer, second by Megan Koens, all approved.
- New Business:
 - Possible switch to Crossbar to replace Teamsnap and to manage website.
- Round Table:
 - Board member comments, input, ideas, suggestions
- Next Meeting:
 - Regular Meeting proposed for October 21, 2025 at 7pm
- Meeting Adjourned @ 8:28
 - Motion from Andy Barnes to adjourn, Megan Second, approved