

# Meeting Minutes

## GVMHA Board Meeting

CIVIC ARENA CONCESSION – 6:00pm

September 15, 2015

**Attendees:** Kara, Arnie, Liisa, Michelle, Kevin, Jodi, Jamie, Glenn, Rande, Sandy

**Guest:** Cameron Grant

**Regrets:** Mike Frick

Cameron Grant: Will volunteer to take the lead to advocate for the new rink. Already met with Doug Ross. Three main themes: 1) conditions and cost to renovate Civic not worth the cost, same price as a new rink at KTP; 2) improved opportunities for the ice surface (i.e. curling, trade shows, bigger figure skating events), 3) operational cost is cheaper. Negative, \$13million, factors are the increase in taxes is approx. \$14 if you own a \$500K home. Running Track was \$750,000 over budget due to soil. GST is built into the cost but will not have to pay, thus should come in 5% under budget. It will be 2020 when KTP debt will be paid-off. Parking will be challenging with rink built on the North side, no additional parking for the new rink – one less space than currently available. Arts and culture society also trying to get a facility. Gymnastics could also help with lobbying for the rink. The Farmers Market will be against the rink because they will lose their space. What to say to skeptics, if the Civic rink fails then 25-40% of all ice sports in Vernon will stop and we will displace kids to other rinks outside Vernon. What are the plans for the Civic after the rink is built.

As an association we will have to get people prepared to vote on Nov 7 referendum. Plan 6 weeks –out from Nov 7...start slow and build. Can't leave this to chance, voter apathy ...need to get all the YES votes out for the referendum. Make sure people know about all the different groups that would be involved.

Consider having a walking track with special walking surface for the seniors groups. However, this is not part of the current plan, thus not included in the referendum budget.

Action items: Get users groups to provide letters to the editor... remind people of the benefits. Use Facebook to generate interest. Glen suggested the website [www.change.ca](http://www.change.ca), newspaper ads, rally's, tail-gate party at the Viper games. Advertising costs...'Raise the Rink'. Hockey teams advertising on voter day. Cameron will look into advertising costs and formulate a plan of action for the next 6 weeks. Cameron's email: [dccamdoc@hotmail.com](mailto:dccamdoc@hotmail.com)

Cameron left the meeting at 7:09pm

Call to order: 7:10pm

1. Review and approve August minutes  
Amended minutes  
Approved Rande, Seconded Glen
2. Review and approve agenda  
Approved Glen, Seconded Rande
3. Budget review
  - Do we have sufficient funds \$20,000 towards the new office space at the proposed new rink
  - Rande concerned that our agreement for office space might change, or go beyond the \$20,000 we are willing to pay. Glen suggest we need a written agreement that the office space will be based on the understanding that we will get reasonable space to run our

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office operations. Rande – we need to have an equipment room included in our space at the new rink facility? Jodi suggested that we have up to \$25,000 to give towards the rink costs.

### 4. Dates and times of Board meetings

- Kara, proposed that Wednesday nights would be a better night for Board meetings. Proposed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 6-8pm  
All agreed to this time change

### 5. 2 minute updates

- Jamie – Novice/Atom division, teams are coming together, evaluations to start next week. Half-ice and using smaller nets. These nets are currently on order. Kara - no married coach/managers allowed.
- Kevin – enjoying the Facebook page. Cameron Grant to be our advocate for the new rink
- Michelle – very busy with registration, ice scheduling and learning new website – team orientated site. Share videos and pictures. Would like to have a plan to push membership to use the webpage. Concession will be occupied, new person will take it on in October.
- Glen – nothing
- Arnie – went to OMAHA meeting – females numbers are down across the Okanagan
- Gareth – Sportsmanship in the stands, complete concussion awareness
- Liisa – has her organizers in place, needs house managers, house assessments, evaluators will be brought into the evaluations - assess all players, rented timing equipment.
- Kara – rep. coaches meeting, rep. managers meeting, house managers meeting. At OMAHA meetings – zero tolerance on alcohol, referees telling parents to leave stands  
Motion to approve. \$250 towards timing equipment/testing for pee wee and midget house. PASSED – unanimous.
- Rande – Has been giving out all equipment to divisions. Idea of two parents wearing security jackets to address problems in the stands.
- Sandy – tryouts, hiccup in pee wee, sent up too many forwards (12) and not enough defense (5) – so bringing up tier 3 to tier 2 and the forward goes back to tier 3. Need to indicate on the evaluation sheets who is forward or defense, and how many can be selected to each level.

### 6. 50/50 Vipers

1<sup>st</sup> game is this Friday. Glenn circulated a list of 50/50 games. The PeeWee tier 2 should be given one of the 50/50 dates as they cannot raise funds from a tournament. Glen circulated the agreement and will ask the Pee Wee parents to take on the Viper game Friday night (Sept 18). Kara- suggested that the other 50/50 nights go to the house teams. We may offer the female peewee team a night, as they don't have a tournament to generate funding. Consider a novice/initiation night.

### 7. House assessments

### 8. Sportsmanship starts in the stands – October 4. Gareth to work with Michelle.

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### 9. Registration update

We are down 21 players from last year. Currently at 542. All divisions are full, with equal teams. Some atoms may move up to Pee Wee. Midgets will have 16-17 players, while younger groups have 14-15 players per team. 4 kids currently on the waiting list.

### 10. Midget AAA Female Regional Team

- Do we want to charge them an admin fee to use our website? They are currently not part of our association, but they are using the Lakers name. Michelle has to spend time to do their scheduling and billing. Kara suggested we bill BC hockey for Michelle's time. We will bill for 15hrs of work.

### 11. Rep Coaches

Midget Tier 3 – Sam Mowatt, Bantam Tier 3 – Keith Green, Atom C – Dallas Walsh

APPROVED unanimously

We will also need to approve assistant coaches. Sandy will provide the board with names.

Vacant Board positions

Need secretary and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president.

### 12. New Arena (Kal Tire Centre) – In Camera

Meeting adjourned – 9:25pm