

**Great Falls Community Ice Foundation
Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
June 10th, 2024 – 5:30 PM – GF Ice Plex**

Call to Order: 5:33 PM

Attendees:

Ryan Smith, President GFCIF
Pam Stanczak, Vice President GFCIF
Patti Pancich, Treasurer GFCIF
Jill Ahlbrecht, Secretary GFCIF, GFFSC representative
Sara Carper, GFAHA
Aaron Leaf, Rink Manager, proxy vote for GFA
Helena Harper, Admin
Marcus Ivey, Men's hockey
Christian Vivian, UP
Sara Worrell, UP/Agenda

Motion: Christian moved, Aaron seconded to approve May minutes

Reports

Financial Report: Patti
Provided by Patti (not present), who says nothing to report

Facility Discussion

Summer Projects List

Aaron's list:

Aaron is scraping off old paint from ice
Kickplates have been ordered, want to improve flashing; he is replacing backing
Need to rent roller, floor scrubber (may want to purchase one? Aaron will report back about whether it seems like a good investment)
Moving double doors to home bench for better access on public skates
Planning a purge of mechanical room
Weed control
Discussion of how to clean floor mats - or replace them?
Ryan asked Aaron to come up with a list of days for volunteer projects

Ryan's list:

Need to acquire cover for female locker room; need building permit to do that
Ice work needs to be done first to avoid tracking dust and dirt before deep cleaning
Trane to come and service chiller equipment (quote of \$1340 which is over approved budget)

Christian moved, Jill seconded increasing budget to \$1340 to service

Discussion: none

Motion passes

Aaron leaves Friday 6/14- Thursday 6/20 to go to St. Cloud MN Ice Maintenance and equipment operations class; hopes to learn about ice quality and efficiency. \$2600 is proposed budget for Aaron's trip to do this training. Previously we discussed reimbursing Aaron after one full successful season. Ryan proposed we reimburse at least part of this now. Christian says it's a

no brainer - need to train staff appropriately. Pam suggests we wait to have Patti's input on financials. Registration was paid for out of pocket \$675 by Aaron; flight (out of Denver) was purchased with GFCIF funds. \$511 is for hotel, potentially \$100 for an Uber from Minneapolis to St. Cloud, but Aaron will try to carpool. Patti arrived later during the meeting so this subject was revisited towards the end of the meeting. Ryan asked Patti if we can afford to pay for Aaron's trip and she says we do.

Patti moved, and Christian seconded to reimburse Aaron for expenses up to \$2600 (after receipts are submitted)

Discussion: none

Motion passes

Operations Discussion

a. Welcome new board positions:

President: Ryan Smith

VP: Pam Stanczak

Treasurer: Patti Pancich (1 more year - start looking for new person to train with Patti)

Secretary: Jill Ahlbrecht

b. Heck Memorial Golf Tournament is in 2 weeks (they're collecting items this weekend) Historically we have donated skate passes and GFFSC has donated LTS classes. Will repeat that, but need to track redemption better. Aaron suggests we donate 2 season passes and a foam puck. GFFSC will donate 1 LTS voucher

c. Staffing: Ryan held reviews for Rink Manager and Operations Administrator

d. Salaried Employees - Discussion

Aaron would like to be able to spend more time training and observing new employees. He reports the rink would spend an additional 9k to pay him at his hourly rate so he could achieve this; if he were salaried, this would not cost the rink anything. Ryan will check with JCCS on using bonuses, and consult with Patti.

e. Updated Bylaws and Policies & Procedures

Helena updated the Policies and Procedures - these are still in draft form.

f. Website Status Update

Pam reports we did get web domain bill. Patti says we have received more than one. Helena says there's a women's hockey gal who does this for a living and advised her that we can keep same domain but change website to a more user-friendly option. Her fee is \$40/hour but initial consult is free. Helena will meet with her and then with Jason, ideally to get the website updated before the 2024-25 season starts

g. Updated Affiliate User Agreements

Helena says those haven't been done yet, other than not using EIN for group stuff. Ryan says he will send out drafts with deletions struck through and changes highlighted.

h. Updated Guest User Agreements

Will follow after affiliate user agreements

i. Heime Sports tentative dates pending GFAHA forthcoming schedule - discussion of having Heime pay 5k up front this year to be able to schedule ice. Question of whether this is 5k worth of affiliate ice time, or non-affiliate. He must sign a contract each time he reserves ice

j. Draft Ice Schedule

Discussion of overlapping games with UP/Figure skating ice on Friday afternoons - UP will take the ice at 6:30 and GFFSC will patch up holes with provided slush bucket. **All users to review their own schedules (provided at the meeting but also on the website) and report to Helena if any issues are found.**

Curling - Aaron wants to push for a curling league. We need equipment; 16 stones = one set. Aaron reports he found a used set for 7k, and we would need at least 2 to get started. 16k-18k to get started. He will take care of painting using leftover paint.

k. Concessions Contract: Ice Plex as operator vs. renewing Youth Hockey contract
Discussion of potential profit for the Ice Plex if rink were to take over the contract, and much discussion over hiring of employees, retention, staffing. It was decided that we need better numbers from Mike, who is not here. Sara stated that they have first right of refusal, so if someone else wants to take it over, a new potential manager would need to approach GFAHA with a proposal. Further discussion tabled for next meeting, with a commitment to decide officially at the July meeting. Currently there are no consequences for breach of contract - it was suggested we establish more specific parameters for what that means.

Events - none at this time

User group updates:

UP - almost has a full roster, ready to go

Men's Hockey - going to Tabor in August for a fundraiser for a kid with brain cancer

GFA - good players coming in next season

GFAHA - everybody is on vacation

GFFSC - training in Helena this summer. 8 or 9 skaters from GF headed to State Games of America in San Diego in July

Next board meeting: July 8th at 5:30 @ Ice Plex

Meeting adjourned 7:13pm