

2020-2021 ARCHIVED GJRA BUSINESS <http://greenwayrec.org/business>

JULY 19, 2021

Programs:

- The Little Raiders competed during the fourth weekend in July in the Greenway / Deer River / Nashwauk-Keewatin / Remer baseball playoffs. The Bulldogs placed first and the Panthers, second.
- The Squirts tournament will be the last week of July; Lone Pine vs Coleraine is scheduled for Wednesday, 7/28.
- Fastpitch season is wrapping up with the junior playoffs coming soon.
- Hockey training on a dry rink, three times a week from July 13 to August 5, is being offered, free, to mites, squirts, peewees, and bantam players. Thirty players are participating.

Facilities:

- Signs posted No Smoking and No Vaping will be installed at the Greenway Sports Complex.
- Concessions were not offered last year at either the arena or sports complex, but arrangements are being made to provide them for the upcoming sports seasons.

Business:

- GJRA will offer the same lease to ISD 316 as in the past year; no increase; no changes.
- The ball field that adjoins the grounds of the arena will be eliminated to make more room for parking.
- The 2022 levy will increase by 5% [\$16,500] to account for the parking lot expansion, and to build the arena's roof-replacement fund.
- July 31st ends the fiscal year; the August meeting will include the budget committee's recommendations, and the annual election of officers.

JUNE 21, 2021

Programs:

- Hockey and Figure Skating Summer Camps set for June 7 - 25 were successful. 145 hockey skaters participated with the majority being Greenway residents.
- Summer ball programs have the following number of teams: T-Ball / 7, Squirts / 3, Little Raiders / 4, Junior Raiders / 1, and Fastpitch has 1 team each of 16-18 U, 14 U, 12 U, and 2 teams of 10 U. Note that the higher number in fastpitch 10 U reduced the number of squirt teams. The final Little Raiders tournament will be July 22-25 and the final Squirts tournament will be July 26-28.

Facilities:

- Ice removed in arena after the end of summer camps, and miscellaneous repair/painting projects to begin.

Business:

- An increase of \$5,000 to the annual contribution to Mount Itasca was approved to support an upgrade to the ski jump landing.
- The Budget Committee is scheduled to meeting August 12.

MAY 17, 2021

Programs:

- Hockey and Figure Skating Summer Camps set for June 7 - 25; brochures for registration have been distributed.
- Registration for summer ball programs was conducted with these results:
 - T-Ball / 44 players
 - Squirts / 34 players
 - Little Raiders / 44 players for 4 teams
 - Junior Raiders / 17 players; need more for 2 teams
 - Fastpitch 16-18 / 8 players, 14 U / 8 players, 12 U / 14 players, and 10 / 18 players.
- Flag Football had been postponed to spring but it overlapped with other sixth grade spring school sports; will resume next fall.

Facilities:

- Agri-lime was spread on the three fields at the Sports Complex; still needs to be done on the field by the arena.
- The floor in the arena's lobby has been torn out; installation of new flooring coming soon.

Business:

Assigned a Nomination Committee (elections in August) and a Budget Committee (fiscal year ends 7/31).

APRIL 19, 2021 The meeting was routine review, and approval, with adjournment at 7:26 pm. Everything on track.

MARCH 15, 2021

Programs:

- Basketball season was 6 weeks; had 36 players; skills progressed; there were not any tournament games.
- Hockey season wrapped up with the Pewpee As moving up to the regional tournament.
- Hockey Summer Camp will be June 7 - 25 with details in process of being finalized.
- The Annual Emerald Ice Figure Skating Show, March 20-21, will be limited to 250 spectators; 2 guests per skater.
- Flag Football will resume in the middle of April (postponed from Fall). Memorial funds of Rian Tellor were designated to this program.
- Summer ball program dates will be decided by the end of April.

Facilities:

- Agri-lime is being applied to all three fields at the sports complex.
- New resilient flooring for the arena's lobby will be installed this spring.

FEBRUARY 15, 2021

Programs:

- Emerald Ice Figure Skaters hosted a USFSA Test Session on Monday, February 15th.
- Basketball Coach Sara Schafhauser-Wright reported the players are improving their skills.
- GAHA will be hosting the Bantam A Tournaments March 13-14.
- Kerby Gemander is the new head coach for the fastpitch program.

Sports Complex:

- Arrangements are being made for the application of agri-lime prior to road restrictions.
- Installation of a flagpole is being sought.

Website:

- GJRA's domain, greenwayrec.org, has been transferred to a new host, and a new website is under construction.

JANUARY 18, 2021

Programs:

- Enrollments are comparable to the previous year.
- Emerald Ice Figure Skating annual show is set for March 27-28.
- Basketball practices will be on Saturdays for grades 2 -5 under the direction of Coach Sara Schafhauser-Wright

Business:

- Electricity usage at the arena, and the bill, was 1/3 the normal amount; kudos.
- LiveBarn options for cameras at the arena are being explored: "LiveBarn provides Live and On Demand streaming of youth and amateur sporting events from over a thousand locations. LiveBarn subscribers pay a monthly fee to watch unlimited video from all of our installed facilities. Friends, family, coaches and athletes can access video Live or On Demand for up to 30 days. Subscribers can download and share unlimited highlights, allowing great moments to be saved forever!" There will not be a cost for GJRA.
- Memorial funds received on behalf of Rian Teller have amounted to pay for a project yet to be determined. See Rian's obituary [HERE](#).
- Next season there will be a need to replace the association's truck; they will be looking for a 3/4 T vehicle with a plow.

DECEMBER 21, 2020

Programs:

- Ice programs will resume on January 4; back to play protocols will be consistently the same for both hockey and figure skating.
- The season for the ice programs was extended to March 31, 2021.
- All hockey tournaments had been cancelled.
- No word from the public schools on access to gyms for basketball had been received.

Business:

- Township of Nashwauk designated Brian Ekholm as GJRA representative.
- Glorvigen, Tierney, Lind & Co, PLL conducted the annual financial review and praised GJRA for being in the black considering the COVID19 circumstances.
- Passed resolution against parole for Audie Fox. Fox was sentenced to life in prison and denied parole in January of 2016 for the murder of tasca County Deputy Sheriff Robert "Beefy" Lawson. His case is scheduled for review on January 12, 2021.
- Here is the letter form to deny parole: <https://www.odmp.org/noparole/prepare/7976>
- Here is background info on Beefy Lawson: http://greenwayrec.org/memorials_and_history

Arena:

- In process is an arrangement to receive materials and labor to re-floor the arena lobby this spring. In exchange, the donor(s)' name will be displayed on a dasherboard.
- See our dasherboard sponsors [HERE](#).

NOVEMBER 23, 2020 Special Board Meeting

- The Board decided that it was not cost effective at this time to remove the ice during the 30-day COVID 19 closure.
- The compressor was reduced to 25% capacity and subsequently energy usage was reduced by 25%.

NOVEMBER 16, 2020 Lack of quorum to conduct business.

OCTOBER 19, 2020

Programs:

- Hockey coaches have been hired; 123 players are enrolled.
- 84 Ice figure skaters are enrolled.
- Basketball's timeline will depend on ISD 316's COVID 19 approval for usage of the schools' gyms.

Business:

- Preparation for annual financial review by Glorvigen, Tierney, Lind & Co, PLLP is underway.
- Acceptance of a representative for Nashwauk township is underway.
- Enthused about the film production, The Way of the Warrior; it aims to be "an inspirational sports and family drama that is centered around high school hockey on the Iron Range in Northern Minnesota."

SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

COVID 19:

- A policy on Return to Play Protocol was reviewed and approved. MN Department of Health COVID 19 Decision Tree will be followed if staff, players, or community members infected by COVID 19 have been in contact.
- Concessions at the arena will not be available--a decision based on the complexity of abiding by COVID 19 health rules. Clubs benefitting financially from concession sales will have to adapt from the loss.

Programs:

- Ice Hockey and Figure Skating will conduct online registration and begin on October 12.

Finances:

- Renewed annual pledge of \$10,000 to Mount Itasca after hearing in-person reports by Mount Itasca board members [President Robert Conzemius].
- Approved ISD #316 lease agreement for arena usage; same as in previous year.
- Certified 2021 levy (first payment July '21) at \$330,600; the \$25,000 increase reflects the goal to save for a roof replacement.

AUGUST 17, 2020

Programs:

- FLAG FOOTBALL season has been postponed to springtime; April/May.
- ICE will go in as usual. Fall and winter hockey and figure skating will continue under strict COVID-19 protocols. Plans, scheduling and decision making will be flexible and ongoing.

Finances:

- FISCAL YEAR ENDED July 31 favorably considering challenges brought on by the pandemic. Expenses were kept in check by ~
- Increased in-house labor and minimizing part-time help,
- Adjusted electric and propane budgeted charges,
- Reduced ball programs' teams, coaches, and new equipment.
- FISCAL NEW YEAR began August 1. The tentative budget was set at \$454,700 and no increase in the 2021 levy was anticipated.

Administration:

Election of officers was held and George Delich is the new president and Casey Venema the vice president. The secretary and treasurer positions were reaffirmed.

TASK AT HAND is establishing COVID-19 safety protocols so fall/winter programming can proceed. Training and cooperation will be required.