

AUGUST 2022 - START OF A NEW YEAR

Sports Complex ~ Wrap Up

- All the advertising signs, dust & wind breakers, and batting cages have been stored for the season.

Programs ~ Sign Up

- Flag football sign up is in process; practices begin on September 12.
- Figure Skating sign up is Monday September 19, from 4:40 - 6:30 pm.
- Hockey sign up is online via **GAHA**

Business ~ A New Fiscal Year

- New officers were elected for the new fiscal year. Carissa Nelson is the president, and Don Hanson, the vice-president.
- The budget was adopted; a \$3500 increase to \$482,800.
- The levy will be certified for the 2023 tax year at \$350,000.
- Consultation with Community Economic Development Association (CEDA) is in process for help finding funds for the projects previously reported.



SEPTEMBER 2022

Arena:

- Ice goes in the week of October 10; skating begins October 17.
- A new water fountain that accommodates water bottles was purchased.

Programs

- Flag football has 38 players in grades 4 - 6; play offs will be Monday (10/10) and Tuesday (10/11) at 5 pm, at Nixon-Barle Field.

- Figure Skating sign up was successful with 54 skaters so far. The club webpage has been updated with the current officers and contacts.
- Basketball sign ups for both girls and boys will be October 12 from 5-7 pm

Business

- Work to find matching funds to replace the arena's flat roof portion, and to upgrade the compressor & cooling tower, continues; hopefully success will come from IRRRB. The parking lot and greenspace improvements have been postponed.



OCTOBER 2022

Programs

- Flag football play offs resulted in the STEELERS winning. Andy Sertich [kudos] helped make the program successful while Pat Guyer had a shoulder replacement.
- Figure Skating participation is up with 84 skaters; 30 in the junior/senior level.
- Hockey numbers are approximately the same as previous years: 2 teams each of Bantams, Peewees, Squirts, and 3 teams each of Mites and Mini-Mites. Games start the first weekend in November.
- Basketball season for boys and girls in grades 3 to 6 is October 29 - December 23, followed by tournaments. Basketball season for boys and girls in grades 1 to 2 is during the months of January and February. Nick Porter is the contact and the basketball webpage was updated to reflect changes.

Business

- Still in process: work to find matching funds to replace the arena's flat roof portion, and to upgrade the compressor & cooling tower, continues; hopefully success will come from IRRRB. The parking lot and greenspace improvements have been postponed.
- Amanda Dick of Glorvigen | Tierney | & Co is conducting, as required, a financial review of the years 2021 and 2022.

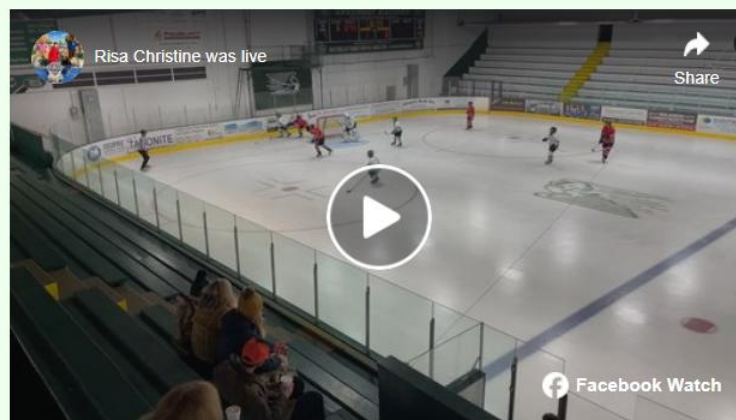
NOVEMBER 2022

Business

- Heard positive report from Amanda Dick of Glorvigen | Tierney | & Co who had reviewed finances from the past couple years; she praised a strong comeback after COVID 19.
- Plugging away to find matching funds to replace the arena's flat roof portion, and to upgrade the compressor & cooling tower. Specific information from Commercial Refrigeration (out of Virginia), and another quote for the roof, is being sought for the grantwriting.
- Renewed the health insurance for the two full-time employees albeit a 5% increase.
- Updated the AED (automated external defibrillator) to be sure the pediatric pads were sufficient.
- Purchased replacement batteries for the Zamboni from the GJRA zamboni savings fund.

Programs

Hockey, figure skating, and basketball practices, and competitions, are running smoothly.



The video above [Pee wee B vs Duluth East Black on Dec. 2. 2022] is an example of live recordings of hockey games posted on facebook for Greenway Amateur Hockey Association: <https://www.facebook.com/GAHAhockey>

DECEMBER 2022

Programs

- Hockey, figure skating, and basketball practices, and competitions, are running smoothly.
- Approved letting boys from Nashwauk in grades 3 - 6 play with Greenway teams to fill them for the tournaments in February.
- Girls and boys basketball in grades 1 - 2 begins January 9.

Arena

- Switched to weekly trash pick-up at the arena from Waste Management.
- The arena's sound system is not performing as good as anticipated; needs warranty service.
- In process: Plugging away to find matching funds to replace the arena's flat roof portion, and to upgrade the compressor & cooling tower; discussed with Representative Spencer Igo.

JANUARY 2023

- **Recreation Center:** The name of the arena will be changed to Hodgins-Berardo Recreation Center and the building's outside signage above the doors will be updated, this spring, to Hodgins-Berardo Rec Center.
- **Compressor & Cooling Towers:** An ice system update will move forward this spring, albeit grant funding is still in process.
- **Sound System:** The sound system was professionally recalibrated to improve a difference in sound when the building's seating capacity is full, i.e. sounded excellent during practice time, but not during showtime.
- **Bottle Filling Station:** The water fountain for the players was replaced with a model suited for filling water bottles; it was installed in-house by Rock.
- **Internet Access:** The internet password has been changed, and connections will be limited to administration. The change will secure the concession stand's financial transactions. There will be no public access.
- **Code of Ethics:** Not just for players and parents, but now in process, a code of ethics for the GJRA board members. President Carissa initiated the process which will clarify expectations of officers and board members'.

Greenway Basketball Boosters

★ Youth Boys Basketball ★ Tournament



4TH AND 6TH GRADE
BOYS TEAMS.

MEDALS FOR
1ST, 2ND, 3RD PLACE

CONCESSION STAND
OPEN

\$175 REGISTRATION
FEE PER TEAM

GATE FEES -
\$4 STUDENTS
\$6 ADULTS

Greenway Basketball Boosters is hosting a Youth Boys Basketball Tournament on Saturday, February 4th 2023 at the Greenway High School.

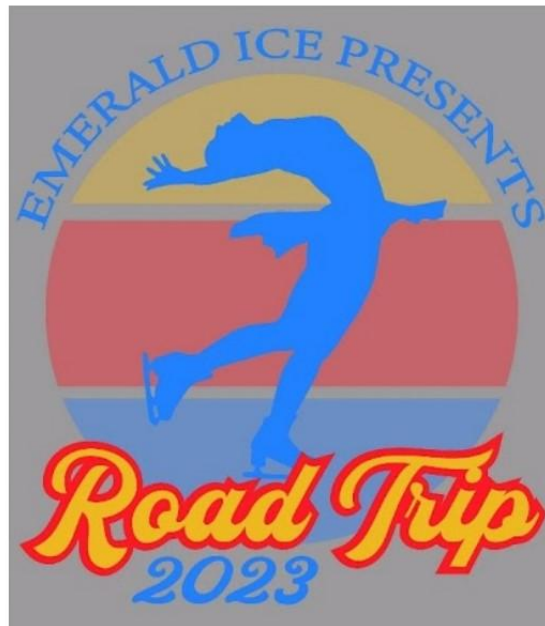
Please register your team with
Nick Porter Phone # 218-208-8408
Email: porters5775@gmail.com
Or Austin Kappelmann Phone # 218-232-1593
Email: austin.kappelmann@yahoo.com

Registration payment can be sent to: P.O. Box 82, Coleraine MN 55722

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FEBRUARY 2023

- **Summer Ice:** The upgraded compressor & cooling towers have been shipped and will be installed in time for expanded ice time this upcoming summer (June 12 - July 30). The rental rate for summer ice will be \$183 per hour; details in process.
- **Arena Roof:** A grant application from AEOA has been submitted. GAHA has earmarked monies to contribute to the roof and compressor/cooling towers upgrades.
- **Defibrillator:** The existing device cannot be updated and needs replacing; a grant to the Baich Foundation has been submitted (approximate cost is \$2300).
- **Programs:**
 - Volunteers were great as they hosted the Peewee B district tournament February 17-19. The following weekend, the Mini-Mites tournament also ran smoothly and was a success.
 - The Ice figure skaters are on track for the annual show, March 18-19.



Saturday, March 18 - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 19 - 2:00 p.m.

Hodgins-Berardo Arena

Coleraine, MN

Admission: Weekend Pass \$10, Adults \$7,
Seniors & Students \$5, Under 5 Free

MARCH 2023

- The arena's ice was removed after the Annual Figure Skating Show. Batting cage nets are in place for practice by high school players.
- More updates will come after the director returns from his spring break.

APRIL 2023

Memorial Donation: The family of Jim Gibeau created a honor board of past and present Greenway Hockey Division I scholars to be displayed at the arena; the 4' x 8' installation is above the lobby's viewing windows, lighting is in process to highlight the gift.

Summer Ice: Most of the ice time (June 12 - July 30) has been scheduled; only a few evenings in July are open; the rental rate for summer ice is \$183 per hour.

Arena Upgrades:

- **Compressor & cooling towers** Itasca County pledged to contribution \$50,000 toward this upgrade.
- **Roof, parking lot, and playing field** Grants are still in process through IRRRB and other sources.
- **Water softener** Range Water was awarded the bid for a replacement unit; \$5450.00. [FYI: softer water makes better ice]

Summer Ball Programs: Registration will be in-person May 2 & 3 from 5 pm to 7 pm; deadline is May 11. Details in process.

MAY 2023

Summer Ball Programs

- GNK Fastpitch: the numbers are up this year; the reason is partially because of teamwork with Nashwauk-Keewatin. Both Pat Guyer and Kerby Gernander will work together to keep this program successful. These are the teams and number of players:
 - 8U has 21 players
 - 10U has 17 players
 - 12U has 15 players
 - 14U has 15 players
 - 16/18U has 7 players
- T-Ball: 49 players
- Squirts: 54 players
- Little Titans: 34 players. Note: organization of an 'Itasca League' is in process between Grand Rapids, Deer River, and Greenway.
- Junior Titans: number of players not yet confirmed.

Summer Ice Programs

GJRA will be outsourcing camps and charging \$183 per hour. These the the camps and registration links:

- [**Emerald Ice Figure Skating Club**](#)
- [**Sertich Northern Camps**](#) (hockey in June)
- [**Grand Rapids Quick Skills Camp**](#) (hockey in July)
- [**Grand Rapids Quick Skills Defense Camp**](#) (hockey in July)

Hodgins-Berardo Arena Upgrades

- New hot water heater
- New water softener
- New compressor & cooling towers (larger capacity than previously)

Still in process: If GJRA receives a IRRRB grant for the roof, the remaining portion, estimated at \$80,000, will be covered by the Association's savings for that purpose.

JUNE 2023

Summer Activities

- Ball programs are in full swing.
- Figure Skating is going good.
- Hockey Camps are proceeding as contracted.
- Camp Hiawatha (an annual summer user) is in process a negotiating a fee.
- The new compressor and cooling tower is holding the ice temperature better.

- There will be a Lightning Hockey tournament prior to the ice removal on July 29.
- AEOA is assisting with grantwriting for another round of applications (August 1) to IRRRB for the roof replacement.
- A part-time assistant position will be posted.
- An event in September will be held at the arena by the VFW to honor Vietnam War veterans - stay tuned.

Greenway Joint Recreation Association

Wanted: Part Time Worker

Duties include but not limited to:

- Care and maintain the ball fields for the spring and summer months
- Part time worker for the Recreation Center during ice time months
- Assist with coordination of the youth sports and their coaches of hockey, basketball, baseball, football and any other activities that would need to be addressed.
- Assist in managing equipment of all sports

August 1: If interested, send letter of application and credentials by August 1st to:

Greenway Joint Recreation Association
Box 519
Coleraine, MN 55709

If you have any questions, feel free to call 218-245-3525.

JULY 2023

Summer Activities

- The ball programs, hockey camps, figure skating lessons, Camp Hiawatha usage, and a Grand Rapids-Greenway Lightning tournament, were all run successfully via Greenway Rec's sports complex and arena.
- The City of Bovey has installed a playground adjacent to the sports complex with a trail leading from the parking lot. The playground has complemented the ball programs by providing activities for young siblings of players during ball practices and games.

GJRA Fiscal Year Ends

- GJRA's fiscal year begins August 1st. The upcoming board meeting will include elections, adoption of the budget, and renewing the leases with ISD #316 for usage of GJRA facilities.
- The cost of electricity has escalated beyond the budgeted amount; this concerning issue is an agenda item for the next board meeting.
- Another agenda item will be discussion on hiring a part-time worker as the position remains open.
- AEOA continues to assist with grantwriting to IRRRB for the roof replacement.

Fall Activities

- Flag Football will begin Monday, September 11.
- A VFW dedication to honor Vietnam War veterans will be held at the arena on September 23; stay tuned for details.