



GUNNISON VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 1697
Gunnison, Colorado 81230

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

April 14, 2012

Re: The Gunnison Valley Hockey Association (“GVHA”)

Dear GVHA Members:

We are pleased to announce that the GVHA has completed our fourth season of providing adult and youth hockey to the City of Gunnison. This past season has been our best yet. We would like to congratulate all of our participants for making hockey in Gunnison such an enjoyable experience for all who participate.

The Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to reach out to our membership for assistance in continuing to move our Association forward and continuing to provide a high level of youth and adult hockey to the City of Gunnison. Many of you may not be aware that the Association is run by nine (9) volunteer Board members – and a very small handful of member volunteers. Since GVHA’s inception in 2008, the GVHA Board has worked relentlessly to provide all aspects of adult and youth hockey programming to our membership. What we have failed to do is incorporate more members into the running of this Association. This needs to change in order for our Association to continue to thrive and move forward – especially with the Adult Committee and the Fundraising Committee.

Many of our current Board members have been serving on the Board since its inception. All Board Members are involved in nearly every aspect of the operation of this Association, which is much more than attending our monthly meetings (held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Rec Center) – and the commitment can be very challenging at times for the nine of us. This is where we can use some help. The Association needs more than Board members to run. We need members to volunteer to help in the many aspects of this Association. We need volunteers to serve on specific committees and be representatives to our various affiliations, such as: the Adult League Committee, the Tournament Committee, Fundraising, Pointstreak, Scholarship Committee, MSGHL, CDYHL, CAHA and USA Hockey. We also need assistance with our Free Youth Equipment program and the annual Endowment Golf

Tournament and many other programs that GVHA provides to our members. Specifically, we need members who participate in the Adult leagues to help us run that league. Though we have had some members already inform the Board that they would be willing to serve on the Adult League Committee, we need more help to ensure that the Adult Programs are run efficiently and continues to provide the expected product for all of our adult members. Additionally, we need assistance with our Fundraising Committee. Fundraising and Sponsorship is a vital aspect to the continued operation of our Association and we need more assistance on this committee in order to continue to conduct our fundraising and sponsorship efforts.

Currently, there will be five (5) Board Member positions open for members and the incumbents to run for. Three (3) of the incumbent Board members will run for their positions again, however, two (2) of our Board Members have decided to retire from their dedicated service to GVHA hockey. The Board greatly appreciates the time and commitment that Rob Whiting and Carrie Reinecke have devoted to this Association over the past years. We wish them the best of luck in their post hockey lives. Additionally, we will be losing two (2) more Board members to retirement at the conclusion of next season. Therefore, this Association must transition successfully in order to stay viable.

You have already received Notices, via email, for the upcoming Annual Members Meeting and the Notice of Election of Directors – these notices are also posted on the website. Please consider either running for a Board position or volunteering to help the Association – or, at minimum, attending the Annual Members Meeting which will be held at 6:00pm May 16, 2012 at the Gunnison Recreation Center.

We ask that you please become involved with the GVHA Association. We are all certainly aware of the commitment that our members put into playing hockey, or enabling their children to play hockey. We understand that commitment alone is very significant. However, in order for the Association to continue to provide the opportunities in hockey that are currently provided; in order for the Association to grow and expand; we need any help that our members can give. Please feel free to contact a GVHA Board member via the website at <http://gvha.pucksystems.com>.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope to see you all at the Annual Members meeting on May 16, 2012.

Best regards,

The GVHA Board of Directors

Mark Schumacher – President
Trevor Smith – Vice President
Marc Summers – Secretary
Edward Howard – Treasurer
Carrie Reinecke – Fundraising

Jack Gibbons – At Large Director
Rob Whiting – At Large Director
Dan Vollendorf – At Large Director
Chris Romero – At Large Director