

Lakes Area Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom Meeting Sunday, May 17th, 2026 7:00PM

Call to order. Zoom meeting called to order by President Michael Meyers.

Board members present: Michael Meyers, Ben Raveling, Cassidy Howard, Kristin Hanson, Mark Maeyaert, Jesse Orttel, Lindsey Keonin, Greg Stafford and Tanya Thamelitz

Others present: Brett Hetland, Maddie Ruesch

1. Introduction and Open Discussion

2. Request to add items to the agenda & approval of the agenda and previous minutes

-Agenda Approved, no corrections to the previous minutes.

Motion to accept agenda made by Stafford and seconded by Orttel. Motion carried 9-0.

Previous minutes approved, motion by Maeyaert, seconded by Orttel. Motion carried 9-0.

3. Reports

Secretary:

-no reports. Lindsey is now taking over the role of secretary.

Treasurer:

-Mike, Sharon, and Kristen met to review the treasurer duties.

- Sharon is working on a dashboard to streamline viewing of financial information.

-May is the last month for our fiscal year

-Internal Audit: Jesse, Greg and Kristin will meet once a quarter

Motion by Raveling, second by Stafford to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried 9-0.

President:

-MSHL meeting is coming up as well as the USA Hockey meeting.

Hockey Director

-Brad met with Maddie and plans to keep scheduling as is

-Home tournament registration has opened & is starting to fill

-Youth tournament registration and securing of hotel blocks is in progress

-HS team is exploring hosting a foreign exchange student

-Home tournaments: consider adjusting the fiscal year to better coincide with the opening of that year's tournament registrations.

Safe Sport

-Current 2 reports are near completion

Growth

-no update

Figure Skating

- Maddie feels the end of year wrap up went well, and agrees that the schedule worked well
- Goals for separate banking options and to continue towards having a separate board for figure skating, but prefers to continue as is for an additional year while that is sorted

High School

- Summer roller hockey with record numbers, on Tues/Thurs
- Budget in progress
- Opportunity for HS team to participate in a league out of Marshall, starting 6/5, will be on Wednesday nights x5 weeks and includes Sioux Center, Fairmont, Worthington and Windom
- Golf Tournament is set for 8/7/26
- New HS Team Manager and MHL rep considerations are ongoing and hope to have these positions filled soon

4. Old Business

Dryland Area

- rendering provided by Brad, plans include a shooting area and a fitness area. Will pursue quote from Elijah Cornell

Capital Planning

- Solar Panel Permit-need fencing around the solar panels
- Board will find date to meet before next meeting to set facility priorities

Purchasing Policy

- needs review by end of the summer

Disciplinary Committee and Policy

- Safesport

5. New Business

In-House Program

- Discussed possible separate practice times for house Squirts and Pee Wees.
- Matriculation rates of house to travel players, continued viability with current coaching resources
- Fundraising goal may need to be decreased in comparison to travel players

Goalie Policy

- Decided that financial assistance is available to 2 goalies per team, Squirt and above

A motion to accept was made by Tanya Thaemlitz and seconded by Mark Maeyaert. Motion carried 9-0.

Dickinson County Endowment Fund

-Deadline is May 30th, awaiting quote for the dryland area, also considering Skate Helpers if dryland quote is not available.

Lobby Benches and Cubbies

-Money received, \$12,00 from YIP for this project, plan to purchase these from Rink Systems

Motion made by Ben Raveling and seconded by Tanya Thaemlitz to purchase the cubbies. . Carried 8-0.

Budget

-Due June 1

-Committee: Mike, Kristin, and Brad will meet to prepare budget to present to the board at the next meeting.

CLOSED SESSION- Personnel Contract Discussion

6. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: June 14th 7:00 PM

Additional LAHA Business Conducted After Meeting

1. Additional lockers to be utilized for the HS JV locker room became available. The board voted via email to purchase these, motion to purchase made by Greg Stafford and seconded by Ben Raveling, motion carried 9-0. This purchase is part of the HS team budget.
2. Closed Board Meeting to Personnel Contact was held on 5/27/26 at 5:15 PM.
3. Dickinson County Endowment Fund was submitted on 5/29/26 for the purchase of 25 skate helpers at a requested amount of \$5000

Board Approved 6/14/26

