



3800 Sunner Ave PO Box 10 Spirit Lake IA 51360

## Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/7/2026

Time: 600PM

Location: LAHA

### Call to Order at 609pm

- In attendance-

Board Members: Michael Meyers, Ben Raveling, Allison Worrell, Dan Menough, Cassidy Howard, Mark Maeyaert, Kristin Hanson

Other Leadership: Brad Shumway, Hockey Director, Brett Hetland, HS Coach, Maddie Ruesch, Figure Skating

Guests: Patti Wulf

### Introduction and Open Discussion

#### 1. Approval of Agenda and Request to Add Items

Ben motions to approve agenda and Cassidy seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

#### 2. Reports

- a. Secretary

Mark motions to approve previous month minutes and Kristin seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

- b. Treasurer

- Running out of banked solar power. Will have to pay full bills once that is gone.
  - Next year should be fine with full summer of solar.

- c. President

- Offits were at high school games last Sunday
  - Amazed by operations, buying fan gear. Interested in giving another donation. Will be up to us on how we use it.
- Insurance walk through needs to be done. Brad can be available.
- Arena website separate from hockey. Brad will work with Crossbar to see the cost.
- Phone, is it working? NO. Ben and Michael will work on this.
- Questions from parents about volunteer credits.
- Question from advertising regarding if a banner is sold Jan/Feb/March, can we count that towards the next season? YES
  - "Advertise Here" banners to help fill voids. Ben and Michael will work on this with them.

LTS/Figure Skating banners?

- Open Skate staff doing a great job.
- Open Skate incident happened and police needed to be called for an unruly kid. Escorted out of the facility for the night.
- Going to USA Hockey Winter meeting in Nashville.

- d. Hockey Director

- Winter LTS/LTP
  - LTS: 99
  - LTP: 18
- Mite Tournament
  - 7 mite teams, 6 mini mite teams. Ames having a tournament the same weekend.

e. Safe Sport

- Brad sent emails to coaches/managers regarding locker room policy.
  - Girls locker room gets forgotten frequently, reminders that they need monitors also.

f. Growth

- Nothing to report

g. Figure Skating

- First night happening 1/7.
  - 41 skaters signed up
  - Parents eager to volunteer.
  - Working on clothing order.

h. High School Team

- Money given for deposit to Dan M for apparel sales.
- 12/20-12/21 food drive—230ish pounds delivered to food bank.
- Second year Bantams practicing on Wednesday with HS team
  - 7 can, 2-3 have came so far.
- 7 weeks left of the season
- Senior night 1/21
- Hockey Fights Cancer 2/7
- Goalie injury. Can no longer play goalie.
  - Purchase/Rent goalie gear?
    - Player willing to sell his gear to association.
    - Brett will put forward \$200
    - Sizing should fit most players.
    - \$1200 for everything. Get check from Sharon.

3. Old Business

a. Construction/Building Updates

- IGL removing tower.
- Door still not working

b. SQ/PW 10 Team Tournament

- Start early, end later
- More revenue
- Brads opinion is to try 10 team SQ next season, leave PW/Bantam at 8

Ben motions to approve 10 team SQ tournament and Mark seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

c. Okoboji Foundation

- Grant applications are open now—close March 1.
- Project Ideas
  - Parking lot, dehumidification, and dasher boards—too big of a project for the time frame we have.
  - Brad proposes portable cubby benches from Rink Systems to replace lobby benches.
    - \$9000.00
- Who writes the grant? Michael will.

Kristin motions to approve Rink System cubby benches and Cassidy seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

d. Dryland/Shooting Area

- Brad and Cassidy met with Cornell crew to discuss options.
- Cassidy proposes dropping chiller room ceiling to make a larger area.
  - Est \$40,000-\$60,000

e. Scholarship Funds Investment

- Currently \$13,000 in Scholarship fund.
- Would like to put into a CD for 5 months to gain interest and grow the fund while its not being used.

Kristin motions to approve the CD and Ben seconded. All in favor Motion passed.

4. New Business

a. Code of Conduct

- Email sent to parents to remind everyone.
- Spirit Lake PD contacted regarding a presence at games. They are willing to do walk throughs periodically.
- Emails with Doug D (MWAHA Safe Sport). Asked for policies for reprimanding parents in games. Up to us as an association to put policy together on who has authority to remove someone and how to remove. Michael will talk to Doug more next week.
- Script for announcer—regarding no tolerance.
- Signs up around the building?

b. Disciplinary Committee and Policy

- Protocol for reporting

c. Zam Gate

- Gate for zam area. Lots of kids and people walking back there. Collapsible gate for that area with sign.

Allison motions to start with one gate and Mark seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

d. Learn to Skate Supplies

- Hula Hoops—12 on amazon for \$30
- Storage Cart—Mark can make similar for less money.

Allison motions to approve supplies, not to exceed \$1500 and Kristin seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

e. Locker Room TV Schedule

- Cary's Electronics came to give quote to install TV by hallway.
  - \$700
- TV—need outdoor to handle cold temperatures.
  - \$1500-\$2000

Allison motions to approve with outdoor TV and Dan seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

f. Rental Skate Sizing Mat

Ben motions to approve and Mark seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

g. Tournament Staffing

- Open skate staff work concessions.

Allison motions to approve and Ben seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Adjourn 818pm**

Allison motions to adjourn and Kristin seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Worrell

LAHA Secretary