



3800 Sunner Ave PO Box 10 Spirit Lake IA 51360

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/14/2025

Time: 530PM

Location: LAHA

Call to Order at 530PM

- **In attendance-**

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

Other Leadership: Brad Shumway, Hockey Director

Guests: Lindsey Keonin, Brett Hetland

Introduction and Open Discussion

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

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

2. **Reports**

- a. Secretary

Greg motions to approve previous month minutes and Ben seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

- b. Treasurer

- First budget meeting held 5/12/2025. Meeting again 5/19/2025 to finalize.
- Zamboni sale and Good Neighbor Fund checks coming in soon.
- There is \$4000.00 earmarked for coin lockers from a Good Neighbor Fund donation. Was given in 2020. Michael will place call to them to see if we can re-allocate that money to rental skate purchase.
- End of Year reports should be ready from Sharon by end of May.

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

- c. President

- Donation of trees
 - Driveway placement seems to be the only logical place.
 - Waiting on confirmation from YMCA that this is ok.
 - Trees are back in the ground, project on hold until Fall.
- Working on multiple grant applications

- d. Hockey Director

- Identified away tournaments for each level
 - Waiting for fiscal year to start to officially sign up for each level, watching to make sure they are not filling up fast.
- Working on Play Up Policy.
- Working on Crossbar update to Mammoths.
- Met with Chandler Thomas.
- Met with Michael on expectations and responsibilities.
- Working with budget committee.

- e. Safe Sport
 - Chris Hoerichs still willing to take over. Affiliate needs to confirm some information. Michael has reached out to Doug D.
 - One open investigation.
- f. Growth
 - Driveway stencil. Amy's Sign Design can make.
 - No quote yet.
- g. Fundraising
 - Nothing to report
- h. High School Team
 - Tuesday and Thursday roller hockey has started→Not mandatory.
 - Players received Varsity Letters from their schools this season.
 - Looking for Booster Club involvement if possible from the schools.
 - League Update
 - Less games this year. 26 total, playing each team two times. Will have more weekends off.
 - Possible expansion of JV tournament.

3. Old Business

- a. Uniforms and Socks
 - Sock Options→Light and Dark options for Home and Away jerseys or just one sock that pairs with both home and away jerseys.
 - Cost is around \$20 per pair.
 - Mites and above will have 2 pair→ one for each home and away.
 - Mini Mites will move to dark color jersey only along with the matching sock.
 - Uniforms will take about 8 weeks to deliver.
 - Would like to have first order placed by early August.
 - Company will send sizing kit, but sizes are very similar to K1 jerseys.
 - Do we want to have extras on hand?
- b. Construction
 - Skate Room
 - New plan from Ben and Cassidy leaves wall in place and adds door between the two rooms.
 - Use current racks in back room for overflow with older skates, New racks in the front room for new skates. Will hold around 200 skates in new racks. Cost around \$5000.00.
 - Remove current door to back room and place Sparx Machine there. Roll up door will stay to open when sharpening skates.
 - No major construction for this project. Estimate around \$2500.00 to move doors and fill in dry wall.
 - Hole above doors
 - Estimate was around \$4600.00
 - Will need new carpet for entire upstairs. Not part of quote.

Kristin motions to approve the purchase of racks and to move forward with the skate counter project and fill in the hole above doors and Allison seconded. 6 vote yes, Cassidy abstains. Motion passed.

Discussion: Who will do the work. Cassidy will reach out to Elijah, if it is not something that Elijah can do, Cassidy should be able to get someone in to do the job.
 - Skates to fill racks
 - Cost: \$70-\$75 per skate if ordering 100+

- Possibly use \$4000.00 Good Neighbor Fund donation from 2020 that is earmarked for coin operated lockers. Michael will reach out.
- c. Zamboni Sale
 - Buyer from Alaska is working on transportation. Will come with certified check or will do a wire transfer.
 - Sold for \$12,000.00
- d. Volunteer Positions
 - Lindsey Keonin→Tournament Director
 - Tanya Thaemlitz→Volunteer Coordinator
 - Chandler Thomas→Ref in Chief
 - Brad will reach out to Dan Hoerichs to see if he wants to continue also.
 - Ice/Zamboni→Keith Benschoter
 - Equipment→Stacy Howard
 - Facility/Ground→Vugteveen currently is contracted
 - Fundraising→
 - Registrar→Angie Schaub-Brad will reach out to see if she wants to continue.
 - Advertising→
- e. Home Tournament Dates and Fees
 - Dates:
 - PeeWee→11/7-11/9
 - Bantam→1/9-1/11
 - Squirt→1/16-1/18
 - Mini Mites/Mites→1/31-2/1
 - Raise cost of each \$100 except Mini Mite and Mite level
 - Still lower than other tournaments.
 - For Example: Average PeeWee cost is around \$1300.00
 - Do we need to raise our fees more→\$300-\$400 more each level?
 - Schedules are easier to make if they are full.
 - Can always raise fees again next year.
 - Open registration June 1 2025.

Ben motions to raise fees \$100 per level (excluding Mini Mite/Mite) for the 25-26 tournaments and Greg seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. New Business

- a. Learn to Skate Program
 - 8 week sessions
 - Fall and Winter sessions
 - Monday or Saturday options
 - All Ages→ 3 years to adult
 - 30 minutes long
 - Pricing
 - \$25 for one session
 - \$35 for two
 - Equipment needed: Skates and Helmet of some kind
 - Skate rental free if needed.
 - 8 Public Skate admissions included.
 - LTS registration, not USA Hockey
 - Advertising will be needed.
 - No Fundraising or Volunteer requirements.

Allison motions to approve the policy as written and Cassidy seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

b. High School Live Stream Advertising

- Sell ad space for game events
 - Starting line up (\$300), power plays (\$500), penalty kills (\$500), and intermission (\$200).
 - Will help fund ice time, referee costs, league fees and program expenses.
- Possibility to expand to youth levels

Mark motions to approve live stream advertising and Greg seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

c. High School Hockey Committee

- Purpose is to improve communication
- Will include Mammoth coaches, team manager/rep, LAHA President, LAHA Board Member, and Hockey Director.
- Will be an email chain and will meet if/when needed.

Ben motions to approve the committee with board member rep to be chosen at a later date and Mark seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

d. Open Board Position

- Do we fill the position or leave open until the next election
- If we fill, how do we fill it?
 - Next highest votes from last election?
- Is less better? Possible update to bi-laws to lower the number of board members for future?
- Our current board is working well.
- Decision → Leave open and re-evaluate in the fall.

Adjourn at 732PM

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Allison Worrell
LAHA Secretary

Board Approved: 5/28/2025 AW