

LAKES AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2026

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Meyers.

Board Members Present: Michael Meyers, Ben Raveling, Cassidy Howard, Kristin Hanson, Mark Maeyaert, Jesse Orttel, Lindsey Keonin, Tanya Thaemlitz

Board Members Excused: Greg Stafford

Others Present: Brad Shumway, Brett Hetland

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Raveling, second by Orttel, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by Keonin, second by Thaemlitz to approve the minutes with minor modifications to Squirt tournament discussion. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Reports

Hockey Director Report (Shumway):

- LakesIceArena.com website is now active. To be fleshed out during the summer.
- Met with high school coach.
- Sent message to high school families regarding potential foreign exchange student.
- Presented a mock up for dryland area.

Growth Report:

- President Meyers discussed meeting with growth team to discuss future objectives noting the importance of growth as identified in the surveys.

Figure Skating:

- Need to work with Maddie regarding breakaway from hockey.

High School Coach Report (Hetland):

- Working on budget.
- Working on inventory.

Referee-in-Chief (Chandler Thomas):

- Proposed hosting a rules clinic next season to better educate parents on the game.

4. Old Business

A. Puck Bags

- Hockey Director Shumway found a vendor to sell customized puck bags. Bags will have Mammoth logo on them. Each bag is \$50.

Motion by Raveling, second by Howard, to purchase a puck bag for Squirts, Peewees, Bantams, and High School teams for \$200. Motion carried 7-0.

5. New Business

A. Appointment of Treasurer

Motion by Raveling, second by Thaemlitz to appoint Kristin Hanson as Treasurer. Motion carried 6-0. (Hanson abstain)

B. Appointment of Secretary

Motion by Orttel, second by Thaemlitz to approve Lindsey Keonin as Secretary. Motion carried 6-0. (Keonin abstain)

President Meyers moved original agenda items C and D to the bottom of the agenda.

C. Survey Results

The Board discussed in detail survey results from both parents and coaches.

D. Goalie Equipment

Hockey Director Shumway presented options for the purchase of new goalie equipment primarily for the Mini Mite and Mite levels noting the age and deterioration of current equipment. Shumway suggested a mixture of goalie equipment from Bauer and Prodigy both left and right handed totaling approximately \$2500.

Motion by Raveling, second by Thaemlitz to approve the purchase. Motion carried 7-0.

E. Home Tournament Dates and Pricing

Hockey Director Shumway discussed the following dates and prices for home tournaments:

- Pee wee - 11/06 – 11/08 - \$900 per team
- Bantam - 01/08 – 01/10 - \$1000 per team
- Squirt - 01/15 – 01/17 - \$800 per team
- Mini/Mite – 02/13 – 02/14 - \$250 per team

It was again noted that the Pee wee tournament would be a 10 team tournament this year.

Discussion took place about dates for the Mini-Mite and Mite tournament – best available date not to compete against other local Associations. Suggested leaning into the fact that it is on Valentine's Day and making the tournament themed as such.

Motion by Howard, second by Thaemlitz to approve the dates and pricing. Motion carried 7-0.

F. Summer 2026 Planning

President Meyers suggested an off-cycle meeting to sit down and discuss goals for the Summer 2026. Meyers advised he would resend priority list and send out a scheduling form for everyone.

G. Roller Hockey

President Meyers discussed the high school program's desire to start roller hockey as soon as possible. Meyers noted that high school coaches were willing to organize the youth roller hockey later in the summer, but were really hoping for additional help from youth coaching staff this year.

Motion by Orttel, second by Maeyaert to approve high school roller hockey to start for 2026. Motion carried 7-0.

H. CLOSED SESSION – Personnel Evaluation

The Board went into closed session at 6:39PM for the purposes of a personnel evaluation.

I. Hockey Director Contract

The Board offered Hockey Director Shumway a new 3-year contract with step wage increases. Shumway thanked the Board for their support and advised he would be back in touch.

ADJOURNMENT