



3800 Sunner Ave PO Box 10 Spirit Lake IA 51360

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/22/2025

Time: 530PM

Location: LAHA

Call to Order at 530pm

- **In attendance-**

Board Members: Scott Bradham, Allison Worrell, Ben Raveling, Mitch Begley, Nate Ewalt, Greg Stafford, Michael Meyers

Other Leadership:

Guests: Jamie Maher

Introduction and Open Discussion

1. Approval of Agenda and Request to Add Items

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

2. Reports

a. Secretary

- Remove names from SafeSport portion of minutes.

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

b. Treasurer

- KwikStar check was deposited.
- WestO check came in. \$500
- Email with financials from Dan. Reviewed by board.

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

c. Hockey Director

- None

d. Safe Sport

- Nothing major to report. Informal report made, following up with parent who would like to make formal report at a later date.

e. Tournaments

- Bantam Tournament went well. Was behind schedule, but found the issue and will be able to correct it next year.
- Squirt went well.
- Mini/Mites coming up. DIBS spots are filling up. Zam is the biggest issue. Request that zam drivers are reached out to.
- Next year should we be advertising differently so that high B teams are not coming? We have done generic B teams in the past to fill the tournaments, but we could go away from that now possibly.

f. Growth

- Sara Frerichs contacted Michael to request about using the inflatable for Spirit Lake After Prom Event. All are ok with this.

g. Concessions

- None

3. Old Business

a. Building and Maintenance

- Zam blades picked up and should be good through the rest of the season.
- Mats are almost done with what can be done with ice in.
- Skate Room:
 - Wall in open area with roll up door to lock in skates.
- Close above HS locker room
- Office area somewhere?

b. Chiller Update

- Invoice for glycol spill came in.

c. Solar Update

- Full month of solar.
- Scott and Sharon met with Mike Drilling for billing on 1/21. Will come to a meeting with board members in the future.
 - In spring with new members so they are in the know.
- Original permit does not list the need for a fence, but Mike Drilling was contacted saying that there needs to be a fence. More to come.

d. Old Zam Update

- Still not listed for sale anywhere. Currently in Cornell's shed.
- R&R does not want to purchase it.
- Is there any benefit to holding onto it? Possibly.
- Auction would maybe get us \$4000.00 but then pay a fee.

e. Sparx Update

- Working well.
- Someone asked if we could sharpen figure skates? We would need to get an adaptor.
 - \$100.00 to purchase
- Venmo for payment?
- Policy still needed. Michael will start working on one.

Ben motions to buy figure skate adaptor and Brad seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

f. Rebranding/Sample Jersey

- Blizzard ones are in. Look awesome.
- Sample of Mammoth should be in soon. Were ordered on 12/19/24.
- How do we want to release?
- How do we choose design? Board decides.

4. New Business

a. Elections 2025

- President/VP handle, but should not if they are planning on running. No plans to.
- Voting: how should it be done. Online, in person, both?
 - Agree that it should be one or the other, not both
 - If online, survey monkey or something similar.
- Usually get around 20% of membership. Can team managers help promote this to get that number up.
- Applications open 2/15-3/1. Online only Voting 3/8-3/14.
Allison motions to approve the time line for board member applications and online voting and Brad seconded. All in favor.

- Bylaws state members are enrolled in travel hockey.
 - Make amendment to bylaws to include house league

Article IV MEMBERSHIP

*4.1 Eligibility Membership shall be open to all persons enrolled in ~~travel league~~ **YOUTH** hockey, non-parent board members, and non-parent coaches, who fulfill their coaching requirements as required by the hockey director, desiring to further the purposes of the LAHA and willing to abide the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the LAHA, Midwest Affiliate Amateur Hockey Association (MWAHA), , Minnesota District 4, and USA Hockey. All members, teams, affiliated leagues and programs must be members in good standing with LAHA and all of its affiliates, for the current season. The privileges of members and/or their player(s) may be suspended for any member/player(s) whose account is in arrears for tuition or other indebtedness to the Association, such as Fundraising and Volunteer requirements. This suspension shall be in effect until the debt is paid and reinstatement made by the Executive Board in writing*

Ben motions to approve the amendment to the bylaws to include house league and Michael seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

b. End of Year Meeting

- March 16 2025 at LAHA
- Short board meeting after

c. End of Year Survey

- This year separate the survey into three different surveys
 - House league
 - Travel Hockey
 - High Scholl Hockey
- Would it be better to send a separate survey to each level?
- Add questions about paying more to play or do more volunteering.
- Will be nice to see if we have improved anything as a board from the results last year.

d. IGL Tower

- Premier Communications has bought IGL. We currently have free internet from IGL because we let them put a tower up. That tower will go away at some point.
- Premier Communications will put in the new fiber line at now cost and we do not have to use it.

e. Rental Skates

- \$3000 was budgeted, \$1000 has been spent
- Possibly needing around 100 new skates.
- Currently getting worn down, no support.
- Turned people away over the holidays because there were not enough skates.
- Size 6-9 range seems to be the biggest needs for future.
- \$77 per pair right now.
- Go through skates this summer and get a good number of how many we need.

f. Hockey Director Position

- Rich Goers submitted his resignation at end of season. He will be moving out of state.
- Current contract ends on April 30.
- Open position for applications 3/1-3/31.
- More discussion in February.

Adjourn at 713PM

Greg motions to adjourn and Michael seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Next meeting 2/12 530PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Allison Worrell
LAHA Secretary

Board Approved: 2/12/2025