Lakes Area Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, July 8th, 2026 6:00PM

-Elite Health and Wellness P.C. 2220 33rd St, STE A Spirit Lake, IA-

Call to order, President Michael Meyers.

Board members present: Michael Meyers, Ben Raveling, Jesse Orttel, Greg Stafford, Kristin Hanson, Mark Maeyaert, Lindsey Keonin
Board Members Excused: Cassidy Howard, Tanya Thamelitz
Others present: Brett Hetland, Maddie Ruesch, Brad Shumway, Krista Stafford

1. Introduction and Open Discussion

2. Request to add items to the agenda & approval of the agenda. Items added: roller hockey equipment rental, roller hockey camp.
3. Reports
    a. Secretary: Last meeting minutes approved 7-0, motion made by Mark Maeyaert and seconded by Ben Ravleing.
    b. Treasurer-budget, will discuss during new business. Motion to accept treasures report made by Ben Raveling and seconded by Jesse Orttel, carried 7-0.
    c. President: Fence around solar panels to be installed soon.
    - Continues to hear proposal for possible EV charging station at the rink.
    - Reports from MWAHA annual meeting: LAHA had 13.46% increased growth, 5th largest in the affiliate, we received a $500 Growth Grant.
    -The affiliate has adopted a new policy for players requesting to transfer out of the assigned region. This may be disallowed in the future and any request to transfer will have to be submitted to the affiliate for consideration.
    -There are some changes with Safesport to allow more timely reporting of violations.
    -Scoreboard operators are off ice officials and need to be SafeSport approved.
    -There is also a change to the disciplinary actions for teams involving coaching issued suspensions to be issued without triggering an official bylaw 10 hearing.
    d. Hockey Director: home tournament registrations are open and are filling in.
    -Coaching applications will open once registration begins.
    -Youth Roller Hockey is open.
    e. High School-HS roller hockey continues to be successful.
    -Summer league will start playoffs next week.
    -Coaches are trialing Spond as a new communication app.
    -There will be a veteran and a rookie parent at the positions of team manager and Midwest rep to provide continuity from season to season.
    f. SafeSport-no updates
    g. Growth-no updates

h. Figure Skating- registration will be from 9/1/26-10/1/26
   -Ice Show 3/12/27
   -Continue to have Sun/Wed practices

4. Old Business
   a. Dryland Area: Quote received of $62,000, this does not include the new tarp that is needed, we have all other needed equipment. The board would like to compare the cost of a free standing building before making a decision. The board will plan a zoom meeting next Wednesday evening if quotes can be obtained.
   b. Goalie Equipment-equipment buyout for Squirt level from the Keonin family for $300. Motion made by Ben Raveling and seconded by Jesse Orttel. Motion passed 6-0. Lindsey Keonin abstained from voting.
   c. Disciplinary Policy-Safesport or code of conduct violations will be handled by the Disciplinary Committee composed of the Safesport Coordinator, Hockey Director, and an additional board appointed representative. Any appeals will go to the board. A motion to accept this committee and policy is made by Kristin Hanson and seconded by Greg Stafford. Motion carried 8-0.

5. New Business
   a. 26-27 Budget, budget set and adopted. Fees are the same as last year. Fundraisers not included.
      -Registration fees set for the season.
      -Budget Line of $5000 created "Capital Expenditure Saving". Motion by Jesse Orttel, seconded by Ben Raveling. Motion carried 7-0.
   b. HS Player-Owned Equipment and Uniform Policy confirmed. Motion made by Greg Stafford and seconded by Kristing Hanson. Motion carried 7-0.
   c. HS Home Jerseys- Motion to accept the new home jerseys as selected by the HS coaching staff made by Ben Raveling and seconded by Jesse Orttel, motion carried 7-0.
   d. Locker Room Supervision Policy & Locker Room Monitors-locker room monitors will be needed for the upcoming season. Locker room monitors will have background checks done and have Safesport training. Motion to approve 2 positions/team made by Krisitin Hanson and seconded by Lindsey Keonin, motion approved 7-0.
   e. 26-27 HS & Travel Registration-Early registration will be 7/13/26-7/31/26. Payment plans will be available.
   f. Good Neighbor Fund- grant available, deadline is 7/13/26. Brad will apply for the grant to purchase the remaining new goalie equipment for the Squirts and Pee Wees.
   g. Rink Wrestling/24 hr liquor license-fundraising event discussed and will keep in mind for Spring when the rink is available and temperatures would be accommodating for this.
   h. Garage Sale/Food Truck-fundraising idea discussed. The board will not pursue it at this time.
   i. Donor Relations Proposal- Krista Stafford is present to discuss detail and plans of her new role, information on the approach to donor relations presented.

j. Madhouse on Hickman Sale-sale of rink equipment and items from the old Buccs arena. Brad will attempt to obtain netting for the stands and other various supplies, motion to spend $500 on these items made by Greg Stafford and seconded by Mark Maeyaert, motion carried 7-0.
k. Roller Hockey Equipment Rentals- will be available to check out equipment bags, free for members and $25 for non-association members.
l. Roller Hockey Camps-information presented by Greg Stafford for consideration of future camps or clinics to offer in the off-season.

6. Adjournment

Zoom meeting on 7/15/26 at 9:00 pm to review dry land estimates.

Next BOD meeting is Wednesday, August 8th at 6:00 pm at Elite Health and Wellness P.C. 2220 33rd St, STE A Spirit Lake, IA

BOD director business conducted between meetings:

7/15/26 An opportunity to purchase Des Moines Buccs stall for $2000 was presented. Motion made by Mark Maeyaert and seconded by Ben Raveling to purchase, motion carried witty majority approval.

7/29/26 Board met to further discuss dryland options, no decision was reached.

BOD Approved 8/5/26