Lakes Area Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, June 14th, 2026 7:00PM

Call to order. Meeting called to order by President Michael Meyers.

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

1. Introduction and Open Discussion

2. Request to add items to the agena & approval of the agenda

3. Agenda approved, motion made by Tanya Thaemlitz to accept the agenda, and seconded by Ben Raveling, Motion carried 7-0.

4. Reports
    a. Secretary: previous minutes emailed, no changes.

Motion to accept previous minutes made by Ben Raveling and seconded by Mark Maeyaert. Motion carried 7-0.

    b. Treasurer-Sharon has created a Dashboard interface for better understanding of our spending and budget.
        -We discussed changing the fiscal year to May 1st due to tournament entry opening early.
        -Bench cubbies are paid for and ready for pick-up.
        -The Simonson family donated $2500 to LAHA through the Okoboji Foundation.
        -Need to approve the annual budget at the July meeting
        -CC fee analysis 2.26% of total sales.
        -4 outstanding invoices for volunteer hours totaling $1400.

Motion to accept the treasures report made by Tanya Thaemlitz and seconded by Ben Raveling. Motion carried 7-0.

    c. President-update on previous capital planning meeting.
    -Mike and Paige attended the USA hockey meeting in Denver. MAHA board meeting is in a few weeks in Des Moines.
    -Plan will meet with Midwest to discuss insurance.
    -Mike will have a meeting with a past and potential donor next week .

d. Hockey Director- Home tournament registrations are starting to fill in for the PeeWees, Squirts and Bantams.
    -The league availability sheet has been updated and submitted for scheduling of HS games.
    - There continues to be a possibility for the HS team to have an exchange player from Switzerland to join the HS team as a goalie, there is a host family available.
    -Mike will reach out to Dan and discuss roller hockey for youth players.

e. High School-record attendance at HS roller hockey, includes some second year Bantams.
    -New this year- 2 team managers and 2 team reps to provide continuity from year to year. Next year's team managers will be Brittney Hanson and Stacia Varner and the Midwest Reps will be Kelli Ferguson and Casey Baker.
    -HS league in Marshall has been i session for 2 weeks. The team has been having competitive games.
    -The Golf tournament will be 8/7/26.
    -New lockers have been placed in the JV locker room
    - Iowa City was added to the MHL.
    -There is an updated HS jerseys and equipment inventory policy in progress.

f. SafeSport- no updates

g. Growth-no updates

h. Figure Skating-discussed moving registration over to the Lakes Ice Arena Page to avoid confusion and continuing to work on future planning and continue on skill development before skaters are ready for competitions.
    - May have additional people interested in helping with the program.

5. Old Business
    a. Dryland Area-quote is in progress, hope to have numbers soon. Will update the board with an official quote as soon as received.

    b. In-House-resume Mites program unchanged, the Squirt-Bantams will practice once weekly on Sundays at 1:15 before learn to skate.

    c. Change fundraising requirements for house league tor ½ of what the travel team is. Motion made to accept this change made by Kristin Hanson and seconded by Lindsey Keonin, motion carried 7-0.

    d. Purchasing Policy- motion to increase Brad’s credit limit to $5,000 to allow for a smoother registration process made by Ben Raveling and seconded by TanyaThaelmitz. Motion passed 7-0.

-Motion by Ben Raveling and seconded by Cassidy Howard to remove youth coaches from the purchasing list, increase the previous approved purchase amount of $ 1500 to $2000 and to include tournaments in the approved spending. Motion passed 7-0.

e. Hockey Director Contract-contract offered to Brad for 5 years has been accepted and signed. Motion to accept made by Krisitn Hanson and seconded by Tanya Thaemlitz. Motion carried 7-0

6. New Business
   a. Milford Kiwanis Bingo- Drew Haage phoned-in to discuss this fundraising opportunity. 90% of bingo night earnings goes to the non-profit assisting with bingo, we would need to provide LAHA members to assist with bingo night. Motion by Ben Ravleinling to approve this and move forward. Seconded by Tanya Thaemlitz, motion carried 7-0

   b. MWHSL Banners-need to add Iowa City to our banners, Quad City is now the Jr Storm. Brad will get the banners ordered.

   c. Northwest Corner Single Door Access Gate- consider addition to allow better access for HS team and teams utilizing the locker room in the NW corner of the rink,. $4000 purchase and $2000 install. Plan with possible dasher board updates in future.

   d. 26/27 Team Pictures Date 11/16/26

   e. Advertising Packages-new structure presented to simplify the options, changes:, rework game day participation, decrease silver to $750 with leadership visit, increase commitment to 2 years for the gold, increase scoreboard commitment to 2 years. Motion to approve changes made by Cassidy Howard, and seconded by Ben Raveling. Motion carried 7-0

   f. Motion for donor relations position to be created, 16 volunteer hours. Motion made by Ben Raveling and seconded by Kristin Hanson. Motion carried 7-0.
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   h. Motion to approve Krista Stafford for the position made by BenRaveling and seconded by Kristin Hanson.

   i. Squirt and PeeWee Goalie Equipment purchases will be needed for the upcoming season, this will be reviewed at the upcoming budget meeting.

   j. Tournament Refund Policy: refunds to be sent by check instead of through CrossBar Changes made to the refund timeline:

-90+ days: 100% less $50 admin fee
-60-89 days: 50% less $50 admin fee
-Less than 60 days, no refund unless a replacement team is found.
-If a team withdraws and they are replaced by a team on the waitlist they are refunded 100% less $50 admin fee
-If the tournament is cancelled by LAHA all teams will receive a 100% refund
-Teams that choose not to attend due to travel issues will not be refunded.

Motion to approve refund policy changes made by Mark Maeyaert and seconded by Tanya Thamelitz. . Motion carried 7-0.

7. Next meeting: Wednesday, July 8th 6:00 pm at Mark's office: 2220 33rd St Suite A, Spirit Lake.

8. Adjournment

BOD Business Conducted Between Meetings:

7/1/26: Youth Summer Roller Hockey Policy Updated, motion to accept updates made by Mark Maeyaert, seconded by Ben Raveling. Motion carried with a majority vote of 6 approving votes via email.

Board Approved 7/8/26