



LINCOLN-WAY HOCKEY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2026, H-F Ice Arena, Flossmoor, IL 6:30pm

1. **Call to Order:** The board meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Kristy Britt
2. **Roll Call of the Board:** Kristy Britt, Robin Ersfeldt, Erica Brkovic, Kathy Vogdes, Mary Lanski, Wade Welsh, Diane Narcissi, Anthony Demma and Steve Jacobson present.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Presentation of Minutes for July:** Approved
5. **IL West Updates:**
 - All LW teams will play in IL West this season, 25 game schedule.
 - IL West confirmed there will be three tiers in both the Varsity and JV Divisions; hoping for 5-6 teams in each tier.
 - Each organization will choose what tier they think they should be placed in, but IL West has the right to move teams around as they see fit.
 - Games will be played in your tier, as well as some games against teams in the tier below.
 - Based on the format, and the number of teams in each tier, you will end up playing the teams within your tier several times.
 - Playoffs will be the same format as last year, McKeague Cup and West Cup for both Varsity and JV levels.
 - Managers meeting will be held the week of September 21st; exact date TBD.
 - Only the home team will have to designate a volunteer to wear the yellow security jackets this season.
 - All rinks will need to designate/label the "Home" and "Away" seating areas this season, so we will need to come up with some sort of signage to put up at HF.
6. **Body Mechanix Training:**
 - Robin will reach out to Joe Johnson regarding getting an in-season package/flyer together to send out to families. Mondays, Thursdays (before practice) and Fridays would work best.
7. **Jerseys/Warmups/Gloves:**
 - The majority of players are sized for jerseys and shells already.
 - Gloves have already been distributed to most of the players who ordered them, but we need to verify that we don't need to order any additional sizes. Last year there was a long lead time, so we need to get any additional required gloves ordered ASAP.
 - We will work on getting the remainder of the players sized during the evaluation skates, including making sure everyone is sized for socks.
 - Looking at an 8–10-week lead time for jerseys.



8. Concussion Testing:

- Erica has four students coming in to take care of the concussion testing tomorrow. The goal is to do the majority of the players before their assigned ice slot. The students will set up in the Hospitality Room.

9. Upcoming AHAI Training Webinars:

- Registrar: 8/12 – Mary and Diane to attend
- R&E: 8/13 – Kathy to attend

10. Kickoff Picnic (8/22/26):

- Robin will get a post on socials to encourage families to RSVP.
- Kristy and Robin have confirmed that Pizza Pete will provide pizza, salads, plates, napkins.
- Kristy/Robin/Erica will make a Costco run prior to the picnic for Gatorade, water and desserts.
- Tables provided by VFW.
- Board members should arrive at the VFW around noon on 8/22 to set up.
- We will have sweatshirts and koozies available for purchase. Kristy will bring iPad for payments.
- Bags tournament with prizes. Will need to make sure we have enough bean bag sets when more RSVPs come in. Mary will bring tournament prize. Erica will bring whiteboard to write out bracket.
- Erica/Kristy will bring tents.
- Erica/Kristy/Robin will bring big coolers.
- Erica will bring microphone.
- Kristy to reach out to Luke regarding volleyball net.

11. Parents Night Out Fundraiser

- The idea of organizing a Parents Night Out Fundraiser as a replacement for the golf outing was discussed, but it was decided that it would be difficult to make this work and get families to attend along with the already scheduled annual events as well as the school dance schedules.
- It was discussed to instead incorporate the raffle baskets and donations we received for the golf outing into the Toy Drive event in December.

12. Football Squares:

- Instead of doing squares for every game, it was discussed to pick three key Bears games and price the squares at \$50 each. The games that were decided on are Thanksgiving, Christmas and the Superbowl.
- Robin will work on creating a physical board that we can write people's names on when they buy a square to have at the Kickoff Picnic so we can start selling squares for the Thanksgiving game.
- Kristy will work on creating a Google form that we can send out to families with a dropdown menu to pick squares to make it easier for those who want to participate.

13. Registration Numbers:

- We currently have 42 players registered (includes four goalies).
- The goal is to get to three teams. We would need 42-44 skaters minimum to be able to make three teams (league minimum roster size is 14 skaters, 1 goalie).
- Kevin Galassini proposed contacting non-registered additional players to double roster at an adjusted rate to help secure a third team. Following discussion, the board approved leveraging this option if needed to ensure retaining a 3 team program.