



LINCOLN-WAY HOCKEY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2026, American Legion Post 1977, New Lenox, 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 and Diane Narcissi present. Anthony Demma Steve Jacobson absent.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Presentation of Minutes for June:** Approved
5. **Leagues for Fall:**
 - Set on Varsity and JV Blue playing in Illinois West, still determining where JV Red will play.
 - Hockey Director and Coaches will make determinations on roster sizes/number of teams when we see where we end up with registrations.
6. **Jerseys/Warmups/Bags:**
 - Jersey samples are in and will be available at the conditioning skates/evaluations for trying on.
 - Wade will work on obtaining pant shells to have at the conditioning skates/evaluations to try on as well.
 - Goalie bags will be available for \$90, Skater bags for \$86 this season.
 - Kristy will reach out to Dee's regarding pricing for warm-up jackets, as well as obtaining samples to have at the conditioning skates/evaluations.
 - Robin will reach out to Action Sports regarding pricing for team polos for the season.
7. **Volunteers for Conditional Skates/Evaluations:**
 - Discussion ensued about possibly moving the evaluations back one week based on the travel tryout dates. Kristy will discuss this further with Kevin, who will make the determination.
 - Board members will need to sign up/volunteer to help with sizing and concussion baseline testing at the conditioning skates/evaluations.
 - Erica will be the lead on the concussion baseline testing but will also reach out to graduate students at her school who can gain necessary work hours by administering the tests. We are looking to have two people running the baseline testing at the conditioning skates/evaluations, focusing on making sure the protocol for administering the test is standard across the board.
8. **Potential Tournament Dates:**
 - Kevin and the coaches will determine the tournaments we participate in this year but are open to suggestions from the Board if anyone has thoughts or recommendations.
 - Most likely we will be looking at participating in the Kings Kup again in September, a tournament the weekend of November 6th-8th, as well as a tournament over MLK weekend.



9. Concussion Testing:

- Erica has researched this and read a lot of studies regarding the King Devick test that we utilized last season, and the determination is to stick with that program this year.
- Erica/Kristy are working on downloading the USA Hockey Concussion Protocol and putting it on our website.
- Erica will give the managers and coaches a tutorial on the concussion testing prior to the start of the season, to ensure that everyone is well-versed on the program and how to administer the test properly.

10. Bags Event (8/22/26):

- Kristy will verify the date with Kevin (as it relates to the evaluation dates).
- Once the date is confirmed, Robin will work on getting a social post out and creating the necessary Google doc to start collecting RSVPs.

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

- Kristy will verify the date with Kevin (as it relates to the evaluation dates).
- Pizza Pete will handle the food.
- Discussion ensued regarding the potential to make this a fundraising event in lieu of the golf outing, but the determination was made to find another venue for fundraising and keep the picnic as just a welcome event.
- We will have sweatshirts available for purchase at the picnic like last year.

12. Fundraising for 2026-2027:

- The idea of an Oktoberfest or Parents Night out was brought to the table by Kathy as a potential fundraising option. The raffle baskets and donations that we received for the golf outing would be rolled over to this event. Discussion ensued regarding potential dates and locations. Diane will look into Hillgrove Tap as a potential location, and all other Board members to research options as well.
- Steve Jacobson will manage the Bears Squares this season. It was discussed to possibly lower the price to \$50/square (from \$100/square that we did last year).
- The fundraising goal for the year should be \$10,000 to meet the expectations set forth from prior years.

Additional Business:

- Kristy and Erica will work on website cleanup to update the home page and put all the fall registration and conditioning information as the first thing you see.
- Next meeting date is 8/10.