



LINCOLN-WAY HOCKEY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2025, American Legion New Lenox, 6:30pm

The board meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Luke Antonsen

Roll Call of the Board: Kristy Britt, Luke Antonsen, Robin Ersfeldt, Erica Brkovic, Kathy Vogdes, Mary Lanski, Steve Jacobson, Kevin Morowczynski

Public Comment: Meeting attended by several varsity parents and a couple JV2 parents. Concerns regarding recent issues with the varsity team and coaching staff were discussed. Parents were informed by Luke Antonsen that Coach Joe will no longer be continuing as Varsity Coach and Hockey Director and that Bill McCauley will serve as the Varsity coach for the remainder of the season, and the board will act as Hockey Director. Specific concerns raised by parents in attendance were as follows:

- Making sure that players have someone they are comfortable talking to (without fear of backlash) if they have questions/concerns. Separating the hockey director and varsity coaching roles in the future was discussed as a way to help this. It was also noted that players are always welcome to come to the board with any questions/concerns throughout the season.
- The need to keep a better pulse on the state of the teams throughout the season. Sending out quarterly surveys or something similar, was discussed as a method to do this moving forward.

Approval of November Minutes: Approved

Team Updates:

- Red – Still dealing with a lot of injuries and struggling to be competitive in games.
- Blue – Has played three post-tiering games to date, 1-2 record.
- Varsity – Won their last game and hoping to finish the season strong.

Senior Night:

- Scheduled for 1/10/26
- Social Media posts recognizing seniors prepared and ready to post leading up to the event.
- Player gifts ready to go.
- Skopick family working on gifts for the senior Moms.
- Need to get the menu worked out (Pizza Pete).
- Kristy will send out a sign-up genius to get volunteers for specific tasks/times on the day of the event.

Banquet:

- Scheduled for 3/22/26, Save the Date out on social media
- Pizza Pete will handle the catering.
- Need to figure out an idea for player gifts (\$20/each). Possibly shirts with the new logo.

Spring Season:

- Jenna at HF will have the Spring ice contract to Luke this week.
- 4/7 – 5/27 season, practices Tuesday and Wednesday 5:30-6:30 and 6:45-7:45.
- Look into scheduling scrimmage games as opposed to doing tournaments.



2026 Golf Outing:

- Looking at doing the outing in July as opposed to August.
- Luke is going to reach out to potential alternate courses (Green Garden, Sanctuary) to get pricing.
- Idea raised to plan an alumni skate the night before the golf outing and give a package deal to kids who participate in both.

Social Media Software/Tools: Kristy looking into potential software to make social media postings easier.

Super Bowl Squares: Steve has the information he needs and is working on putting everything together for this.

Board Elections: Luke will send out reminder to obtain letters of intent.

Membership Meeting: Schedule for 1/26/26.

End of Year Survey: Board will review last year's survey to see if we want to make any changes prior to sending this out in February.

Project Fire Buddies:

- 3/14 date is in the books, but the time has not been confirmed yet.
- Kevin will reach out to managers to see what seniors are interested in participating.
- Luke reaching out to Jenna to remind her that Lyndsay told us HF would donate the ice.
- Typically, an entry fee is charged, thinking \$5/person.
- We will do the Grand in your Hand raffle to raise money.
- Kevin will get information/QR code that we can post on our social media pages to try and collect donations.
- Project Fire Buddies will have merchandise to sell the day of the event, that we can also post on social media ahead of time.