



LINCOLN-WAY HOCKEY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2025, American Legion New Lenox, 6:30pm

The board meeting was called to order at 6:30 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: None

Board Elections: Kristy Britt, Anthony Demma and Diane Narcissi voted in as members. First official meeting for the new board members will be in March.

Approval of December Minutes: Approved

Team Updates:

- Red – Finished with only two wins in the Illinois West JV Division. Indianapolis tournament went well and highlighted the team's misplacement in Illinois West this season. Playoff games being scheduled.
- Blue – Still playing in the second half tiering games. Top 4 teams will make it to the playoffs.
- Varsity – Ended up in last place in Illinois West. Suspensions/penalties have not been an issue as of late. Scheduling playoff games.

Senior Night Recap: Overall, a successful event. The only issue was Burns arriving later than expected to take pictures.

7th/8th Grade Skate Recap and Second Skate:

- 39 total players attended, 25-8th graders
- Planning another skate in March (probably on a Wednesday).
- Need to come up with a giveaway for the players who attend the second skate.

HS Open Houses and Step Up Nights (February 11th):

- Robin and Kathy will handle East, Erica will be at West, Steve at Central
- Get banners, etc. from the equipment room to display at the tables.
- Each table will need a sign-up sheet and a brochure/informational flyer. Robin and Kristy are working on those documents.

Banquet:

- Confirmed for 3/22/26 from 1:00-5:00
- Luke is checking with the venue to make sure Pizza Pete can cater and we don't have to use who they are now contracted with.
- We need to decide on a gift for the players as soon as possible. Hats were discussed as an option.
- Luke will send a message out to the coaches letting them know what they need to have prepared in terms of player awards/speeches for the banquet.
- Luke will send another message to the coaches (when the season ends) to determine which players get patches.
- Deadline for submission to Illinois West for Academic awards is 2/15. Illinois West handles North Central awards too.
- The shadow boxes have already been purchased.
- Erica has inventoried the letters, and we have enough for this year.

**Spring Season:**

- Ice times locked in, 4/7-5/27 Tuesday and Wednesday 5:30-6:30 and 6:45-7:45
- Coaches will determine if the teams participate in tournaments/showcases or schedule scrimmage games.
- Need to order additional jerseys, there are currently only 8 in the equipment room. Noted by Bill McAuley to try and give the kids their regular season #'s.

2026 Golf Outing:

- Luke reached out to Green Garden and Sanctuary and only heard back from Green Garden with pricing. He will reach out again to see what kind of availability they have in July.
- Looking to possibly pair the golf outing with an alumni skate the same weekend.

Project Fire Buddies Skate:

- 3/14 date at 3:30 confirmed.
- Project Fire Buddies created a flyer that we can post on our socials.
- Seniors will participate, then will fill in with players as needed.
- Entry fee will be \$5/person.
- Kevin will reach out to Heather Meskimen to see if she will handle the "Grand in your Hand" raffle. The goal is to try and sell some of the squares before the event.
- Will need to get refs.

Social Media Software/Tools: In the process of trying out a new program.

Super Bowl Squares: Putting together a new flyer with different options for purchasing squares to make it easier for people and hopefully sell more.

JV/All Star Game (Discussion/Communication): Have information from Mark regarding player participation/awards. Will post on socials.

End of Year Survey: Looking to get this sent out as soon as possible. Board needs to review last season's survey to make any necessary tweaks.