

LDC Youth Hockey Inc Board of Directors Meeting October 26, 2025 6:00-8:00 PM Litchfield Civic Arena

Members Present: Bill, Patrick, Abby, Tammie, Siri, Micki, Chris

Members online: Brian Moe

Members Missing: Luke, Mandy, Sarah, Pete, Leah, Maria, Steve, Matt, Brett

Special guests: Adam Fast, Carrie Larson

Meeting called to order at 6:20, motion to approve minutes from 10-12-2025 meeting by Micki, 2nd by, Tammy 2nd.

## Reports-

President-

N/A

Treasurer-

General fund has a balance of \$167,987.93 Equipment fund has a balance of \$1,958.37 Perennial account has a balance of \$6,106.86 Thrivent account has a balance of \$4,593.73

District 5-

N/A

Secretary/Tournament Coordinator-

N/A

Registrar-

N/A

Scheduling-

Done with D5 scheduling is done, they are also done with D10 district games for the 2 teams that are

part of that district this season, , all games for all teams should be posted in Crossbar. They are trying to get scrimmages scheduled as well and both arenas practice schedules should be done for November shortly.

### Fundraising-

coaches should be aware of TP & PT pickup when scheduling scrimmages so they don't conflict with game times.

### Advertising, Recruitment & Retention-

Try hockey free at DC was a bust, very few kids showed up, we need to advertise it better and sooner next year. Also for next year we need to clarify the ages of kids allowed and if equipment is available to use or not. Litchfield version was well attended.

# **Equipment-**

Most jerseys have been handed out, she has a few spares to get to teams. 10U-B needs jerseys yet we will look in the equipment room to try find some that fit, equipment rental nite is done, had 3 families need equipment, \$50 in rental fees collected. The cleaned out equipment room last season was nice, more room this year for jersey handout and such. We still have the Dicks gift cards to spend for the association, she is taking requests for items needed for association.

#### Concessions-

Alarm issue is figured out in Litchfield, we also got the final signoff at Litchfield so we are all good there. DC is waiting on a plumbing review from the state and once that's done it will be 10 days to get it built, no timeframe on when that will happen.

# Safe Sport-

Phones can't be out in the locker rooms, whether locked or not we can't have phones on display. Micki will send a memo out regarding that to all teams. It's a USA Hockey requirement along with MN Hockey and D5.

# Dibs-

Dibs have been filling up fast, to see open dibs hours you need to go into the website they wont show on the app. Tammie needs access to view the entire season schedule so she knows when to post dibs hours at each rink.

#### Mites-

First few practices went well, there has been plenty of help coaching so far. The parent meeting was well attended, mite pictures are on Wednesday of next week and Chris has teams put together for pictures, the teams are not set in stone they will make changes at some point during the season. He will look for quick change goalie gear as all kids will try goalie at least once this season. Parents need to remember to check the crossbar app for practice locations and times.

# **Hockey Advisory Committee-**

They are reviewing the tryouts from this season to see what needs fine tuning for next year.

#### District Tournament Coordinator- N/A

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

Picture dates and times are in each teams crossbar account.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### 10u-B team dibs-

Motion by Bill that parents of this team will need 10 hours of dibs instead of 20, 2nd by Abby, motion carries.

### 10U A team Head Coach-

2 people applied for this position, we never got a recommendation on this from the Hockey advisory committee. The team was handed a book stating that Matt and Tanner were co-head coaches, the board did not vote on these coaches before the meeting. Motion to approve these Co-Head coaches pf 10UA by Siri, 2nd by Micki. Motion carries, this is not a normal situation as the board delayed the head coach approval process due to the unique situation of the 10U teams.

### Jerseys for next year-

We have more players than jerseys (that fit) this season, it has been the hardest to get kids correct size jerseys, she has received complaints from parents, coaches and players about various things on jerseys from sizing issues, to stains and holes in them. Can we do something different for future years? Discussion on how to best proceed with new jerseys for next season, what does that look like, is the association buying them, are the parents buying them, will we find sponsors again or what will we do? Discussion tabled for now but this is something we will address at future meetings.

**Bantam B2 tournament** is full with a waiting list. We have 8 teams total, we couldn't make 10 teams work. Next season we will start with 10 teams up front for scheduling ice

10U-A tournament has no signed up yet, but we will post it to the MN Hockey tournament site to see if we can fill it. If not we will have to cancel and find another tournament for this team.

Note that people shouldn't go in the concession stand unless you are assigned dibs hours at that time and children are not allowed in the concession stand. (16 and younger)

Parent Carrie Larson came to the meeting to address her concern about the 10UB team and the fact that it's a low commitment team that her daughter will be playing on this season, she referenced the number of kids on the 10U B team from our last meeting minutes, she was

wondering how we came with the correct number of kids per team. Her daughter really wants to be on the A team and did not make after tryouts, they signed up for extra hockey all summer long so she would improve and now she is on the B-team, she just doesn't think its fair that she's not on the A team. She doesn't want her on a part time hockey team as she will be a 12U player next season and doesn't think it's fair for her development to have her on a part time team. She was reminded that her daughter has the option to practice with the A team any time they can make it so she can be pushed/challenged in practice if she is not getting that on the B team. She mentioned that we have the team listed as a "scrimmage team" on the crossbar schedule, she doesn't see how it makes sense. She thinks the team may not be in compliance with the D5 handbook, for example on page 33 she quoted "for girls 10 and under, A&B 10U girls teams must be allocated an equal quality and number of ice hours, the above policies will be monitored by the respective organization" The executive board feels that this is open to interpretation. She looked into enrolling at River Lakes and Willmar hockey,but with a son at LDC she doesn't want to do that, she has no idea what we want to do about this situation but it's not sitting well with her.

The board has countless hours into the 10U A & B team situation along with working with girls varsity coaches on these teams and this is what we have come up with for the season and the coaches agreed that this is the best option for the 10U teams. She was informed that 17 kids signed up for the 10U team and one option we talked about was capping the number of players at 11 and cutting the rest but decided this was the best option for the organization and growing the girls program. She will be talking to D5 about this as she doesn't feel it's compliant with the handbook.

Next meeting November 9th at 6:00 in Litchfield. Motion to adjourn at 7:47 by Motion to adjourn by Micki 2nd by Abby.