

Forest Lake Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - Working Meeting

May 7th, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by President Gary Bies

- Board Members Present: Gary Bies, Nicolette DeLoye, Melissa Karpinski, Tim Ryan, Danielle Hinze, Tim Gibson, Erika Siverhuas, Brianna Pyka, Ashley Bramer, Marty Rychley, Broc Grell, Matt Folsom, Abra Hill
- Board Members Absent: Denny Angrimson, Chris Hill, Brad VanTassel

President's Report

- Read mission statement
- Town Hall
 - Gary would like to host a town hall, prior to June - targeting Wednesday, 5/28
 - The goal is to get as many of our membership there as we can
 - The goal is it to show that we are transparent, its an opportunity to interact with our membership
 - There is talk about having it at the Legion

Secretary's Report

- No new update

VP Operations/District 2

- No new update

VP Business

- No new update

Association Treasurer

- No new update

Teams Treasurer

- No new update

Boys Director

- No new update

Girls Director

- No new update

Mites/8U Director

- No new update

Fundraising

- Discussed the writing of thank you notes for coaches and asked for other board members to help with handwriting the notes

Gambling

- No new updates

Player/Coach Development

- HS coach involvement in fall clinic
 - Jay would like to be involved in the boys fall clinic; he has sent a proposal over to Marty
 - The idea is that Jay outlines how its run and he/his staff is on the ice and it would be expected that if parents are interested in coaching that season they are out on the ice too
 - On the girls side, Bre does not have the capacity to do something like this, which creates a poor perception - need to think about how we work through that and what solutions there may be to ensure we are providing something similar to the girls program
- Skills Night Instruction
 - Discussion Read React
 - Determined we are **not** in contract with them; Marty exploring options

Recruitment and Retention

- Update on outdoor rink opportunities for next season
 - Tower Rink - there has been talks with the city about dedicating 1 rink to FLHA use in the winter for practices
 - City would like FLHA to help with funding rink repairs in exchange for ice time - this needs to be negotiated
- Scandia Rink
 - Working towards negotiations with city to have certain nights of the week dedicated to FLHA for practices
- VFW
 - Proposal needs to be drafted to give to VFW to create rinks for the upcoming winter season
 - Ideal would be to have 1 mite size rink there and 1 almost full size sheet of ice for travel players
 - Maintenance situation needs to be figured out in the proposal
 - Ice scheduler would added to each teams' schedule as bonus ice times
- Golf Fundraiser
 - This will be held Monday, July 21 at Forest Hills
 - A finalized rate is still being determined; 80 player minimum event
 - Looking into sponsorships for holes
 - Web page in the process of being built for this event
- The Coaches Site (TCS) Update
 - This provides high level coaching content - there would be a monthly cost
 - This would compliment Ice Hockey Systems
 - Working through if this is something that is worth the cost for coaches to use for practice plans

Tryout Director

- No new update

Tournaments Director

- Booking two tournaments per team this year; it's up to each team if they want to book a third
- Need to create talking points around why registration has increased yet each team is only getting 2 tournaments
 - Some reasons are: ice cost increase, Paying travel head coaches \$500 each

Rules and Ethics

- No new updates

Goalie Committee

- No new updates

Equipment

- No new updates

Coach Selection Committee

- There is a policy in draft mode around coach selection
- The group is aligned in moving forward with starting to identify/interview non-contingent coaches
- Gary to reach out to Chris Melberg to get a pulse on the CSC

New Business

- No new updates

Electronic Motions

- *Emily motioned to award our two \$1000 scholarships to: Rylen Kissell and Cole Rivard; 2nd by Nicole - **Motion passes***

Open meeting will be held on May 21, 2025

Working meeting next month will be held on June 4, 2025