

LANCER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION MEETING

February 17th, 2024 - 7:00 pm

La Crescent Community Ice Arena, La Crescent MN

Board Members Present: Andy Heichel, Eric Wurzel, Matt Michaels, Amber Weir, Zach Woodard, Ethan Webinger
Matt Dick

Members Present: Nicole S, Joel S, John E

Review Agenda: Review of January meeting minutes - motion made, seconded and approved

Gambling Report: Review of January gambling report (Financial Statements and Expenditures) was not yet approved - further discussion needed regarding moving funds to the general account.

Meat Raffles will continue on Thursdays through March, as well as Bingo on Mondays March 3rd and March 17th.

Secretary's Report: none

Treasurer's report: Review of December Financial Reports. - motion made, seconded and approved

The City of La Crescent received an invoice from RinkTech for the amount of \$1100 that will need to be paid by LYHA.

Coordinator Reports/Updates

Coaches Coordinator/Safe Sport: Next year's coaching staff was discussed as some of our coaches from this season will be moving away from the area. Emails will be sent to current coaches with instructions to submit fees they paid to USA Hockey for coaching clinics in order to receive reimbursement from LYHA.

Applefest Float Coordinator: none

Concessions Coordinator: The Mite jamboree had high concession sales. There has been less waste in concessions after events. A cleaning checklist will be made to be used as a reference when closing concessions at the end of a game/event.

Fundraising coordinator/promotion and sponsorship: none

Membership coordinator: The Growth Committee hopes to meet throughout the summer to discuss ideas/events to keep our program growing.

Webmaster/Ice Scheduler: none

Social Media coordinator: none

Applefest Brat Wagon: none

Volunteer coordinator: Mite families with zero volunteer hours completed will be contacted to see if they have any questions about volunteer expectations/requirements. The report of family volunteer hour totals will be updated and sent to families. The Squirt B End of Year Tournament volunteer slots will be added, as well as final meat raffle and bingo events.

Equipment/Apparel Coordinator: A turn-in-date for equipment will need to be scheduled. It was discussed to have the mite level skaters turn in gear at their final practice or team skate. A committee will need to be assembled to discuss jerseys for next year.

Gun Raffle Committee Lead: none

Recruiter/Growth Coordinator: see Membership Coordinator

Rink Operations: none

District 9 Rep: see Discussion Topic #4

Tournament Coordinator: The schedule for the Squirt B End of Year Tournament is final with 6 teams competing.

Referee Coordinator: none

Discussion Topics

1. Mite Program

This topic was tabled until a later board meeting when mite coaching staff is in attendance.

2. Projected Teams - 2025/26 Season

The PeeWee, Squirt, and Mite levels look to have good numbers for next season. Bantam age numbers look slim. A discussion with the high school head coach, Eriah H, will be scheduled to help determine options of Bantam, 15U girls, and JV teams.

3. Brat Wagon at Bandshell concerts

LYHA was asked by the Lions Club if we want to sell concessions from the brat wagon at the summer concerts. The logistics of transporting concessions items for these (1x/week) events, without a location nearby, did not seem practical and was declined at this time.

4. D9 Meeting Recap

Gamesheet membership is up for renewal and there may be some changes in fees for LYHA, but they should be fairly similar to amounts currently being paid. USA Hockey has proposed to increase fees by 12%, which is being challenged by MN Hockey. There was renewed discussion on having a mandatory preseason jamboree for squirt level teams. MN Hockey may be making changes to all levels of play including delayed off-sides and waiving icing during penalties.

5. Compressor Repair

Rink compressors required repair and coolant fill with a cost of roughly \$20,000. Discussed the need to keep in contact with the City of La Crescent to advocate for moving forward in replacing the rink chillers. The next meeting with the city is on March 4th. It was also discussed having a representative from LYHA acting on a long-term basis as liaison with the city.

6. Crossbar

Discussed switching from SportsEngine to Crossbar as Website and Team communication option for LYHA. Five7 recently made the switch and are happy with the change. We will continue to look into this option and discuss it further.

*Next board meeting: Sunday, March 16th at 6:00pm La Crescent Community Ice Arena, La Crescent, MN