May 2026 LFYHA Board Meeting Minutes – 5.18.2026

<u>PRESENT</u>: Kari Houle, Megan Schulte, Lynn Houle, Robin Pohlman, Lisa Bitz, Andy Petersen, Matt Poepping, Emily Branum, Kimberly Hilmerson, Chris Dobis, Ben Newman, Justin Welle

Call to Order: 5:29pm

1. **Approval of Agenda**
   a. Motion to Approve Agenda: Kim Hilmerson
      Motion 2nd: Emily Branum
      All in Favor – No Objections – Agenda Approved

2. **Secretary's Report** – Megan Schulte
   a. Approval of April Minutes: Kim Hilmerson
      Motion 2nd: Emily Branum
      All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

3. **Treasurer's Report** – Lynn Houle
   a. BMO Checking:
      i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 4/30/2026
         $4,568.84
      ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 4/30/2026
         $4,568.84
   b. Mid MN FCU Checking:
      i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 4/30/2026
         $60,280.70
      ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 4/30/2026
         $59,328.20
   c. Mid MN FCU Concession:
      i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 4/30/2026
         $1,794.15
      ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 4/30/2026
         $1,794.15
   d. Concession Stand Petty Cash:
      i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 4/30/2026
         $0.00
      ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 4/30/2026
         $0.00
   e. Mid MN FCU Savings:
      i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 4/30/2026
         $24,397.37
      ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 4/30/2026

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f. Edward Jones Money Market
    i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 4/30/2026
       $20,103.35
    ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 4/30/2026
       $20,103.35
g. Other Notes: Slow month, one deposit and one check.
h. Motion to Approve April Treasurer's Report: Kim Hilmerson
   Motion 2nd: Andy Petersen
   All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

4. **Gambling Report** – Robin Pohlman
    a. Ending Checkbook Balance as of: 4/30/2026
    b. Ending balance: $85,202.08
    c. Taxes to be paid: $18,744.02
    d. Net profit/loss for April: $4,659.16
    e. RTO: $2,200
    f. Rent: Rustic: $4,768.60
    g. Main Gate: $3,845.82
    h. Ballroom: $293
    i. Other Notes: Taxes are still high so we will be looking for more clarification on that. Need to get rid of some pull tab storage and will need some maintenance done on the storage shed. Beth will be retiring later this year so we will need to look for a replacement soon. Would be a good idea to hire someone new with enough time for Beth to train them in. A bingo worker has expressed interest.
    j. Motion to Approve April Gambling Report: Kim Hilmerson
       Motion 2nd: Emily Branum
       All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

5. **Concessions Report** – Lisa Bitz
    a. Still need to determine what to do with the pop machine situation.

6. **Referee Coordinator's Report** – Don LaBorde – Not Present
    a. Nothing to report

7. **V/P Tournament Director's Report** – Andy Petersen
    a. Home tournament dates: Bantam B dec 11-13, Peewee B Jan 8-10, Squirt A and Squirt B2 is still tbd but January is ideal.
    b. We will start reaching out to teams to fill tournaments asap.

8. **Scheduler's Report** – Matt Poepping
    a. Would like to schedule more games for the Bantams and Peewees to coordinate with the varsity team schedule.

b. Some communication has started regarding Hockey Day MN for the youth teams but hopefully more to come, the high school boys are playing on Tuesday.

9. **Registration Report** – Heather Brill – Not Present
   a. We have some quotes for Jerseys, $100-125 for a set of 2 jerseys. Registration usually opens June 1st, could target June 15th. To keep costs low for families, we would like the association to pay for some portion of the jerseys. The total cost of the jerseys is approx. $8,000 for the association to cover. Parents would order the jerseys but the association would cover the cost and maintain sock inventory. We will need samples so players can try them on before ordering. Teehive has a faster turnaround which will be nice for late registrations or other issues that arise. We will also need to have extras on hand and we retained numbers to do this.
   b. Motion to approve the association paying for the first set of jerseys, families will order them and families are responsible for replacements within 3 year time period: Kim Hilmerson
      Motion 2nd: Emily Branum
      All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved
   c. Survey was sent to squirt eligible players to see commitment level, several girls are moving up so we need to see where they will be playing.

10. **Member at Large Report** – Emily Branum
    a. Nothing to report

11. **Fundraiser's Report** – Open Position
    a. Nothing to report

12. **Publicity Report** – Kimberly Hilmerson
    a. Nothing to report

13. **Girls Coordinator's Report** – Staci Stoerzinger
    a. Hosted informational zoom meeting for girl families to share information around co-op. Will offer another one for 10u group to see what their plans are for this year so we know how it could impact the squirt level teams.
    b. It might be a good idea to start a committee to lead recruitment and retention efforts. There are a lot of opportunities. Would be another way to offer Dibs hours. Might be a PDC area to cover.

14. **Coaches Coordinator's Report** – Chris Dobis
    a. Will get coaching interest form out around registration timing.

15. **ACE Coordinator/Committees Director's Report** – Ben Newman
    a. Try out dates for Squirts will likely be Oct 9th – 11th. We will work with Northern Lakes again and will travel there.

b. There was never a bill sent last year for the summer stick handling program – the association will cover the cost of the space.
c. Fall Camp is hosted by the high school staff so once the new high school coach is determined we will start planning.
d. There will not be a Bantam A team this year. There are options to work with neighboring associations on a hybrid Bantam A team and it is something to think about going forward.
e. Squirts will have two teams this year and the girls numbers and some peer move ups will be factors in the numbers.
f. Need to get 10K challenge pushed out asap.
g. Motion to approve the purchase of 10K shot sweatshirts for players who complete the challenge not to exceed $125 per sweatshirt: Kim Hilmerson
Motion 2nd: Lynn Houle
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

16. Facilities Director's Report – Justin Welle
a. Nothing to report

17. President's New Business
a. We were not selected for the MN Wild Foundation grant but there are a couple of grants that MN Hockey puts out that we could apply for. There are some grants to support recruitment and retention. There are reimbursements for Try Hockey for Free events and we are still eligible for last year's event. There is also a new grant through MN Hockey that includes mentorship to new families and it opens Sept. 1st.
b. We have been using the Gear Up MN grant and that is due June 1st.
c. Scholarship night went well and the gift was well received.

18. Open Floor
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19. Meeting Adjourned: 6:30pm
a. Motion to Accept: Kim Hilmerson
Motion 2nd: Emily Branum
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

20. Next meeting will be held – Monday, June 22nd, 2026 at 5:30pm at the VFW.