September 2026 LFYHA Board Meeting Minutes – 9.21.2026

<u>PRESENT</u>: Kari Houle, Megan Schulte, Lynn Houle, Robin Pohlman, Andy Petersen, Matt Poepping, Heather Brill, Emily Branum, Kimberly Hilmerson, Staci Stoerzinger, Chris Dobis, Ben Newman, Justin Welle, Bryan Kosek

Call to Order: 5:29pm

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

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

3. **Treasurer's Report** – Lynn Houle
    a. BMO Checking:
        i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 8/31/2026 $4,258.84
        ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 8/31/2026 $4,258.84
    b. Mid MN FCU Checking:
        i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 8/31/2026 $94,148.50
        ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 8/31/2026 $93,089.46
    c. Mid MN FCU Concession:
        i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 8/31/2026 $1,794.15
        ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 8/31/2026 $1,794.15
    d. Concession Stand Petty Cash:
        i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 8/31/2026 $0.00
        ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 8/31/2026 $0.00
    e. Mid MN FCU Savings:
        i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 8/31/2026 $24,401.49
        ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 8/31/2026

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f. Edward Jones Money Market
    i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 8/31/2026
    $20,255.31
    ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 8/31/2026
    $20,255.31
g. Other Notes: Net income for the month was $28,535.77 due to skater registrations and the donation from gambling. There is $39,597.38 available for arena repairs.
h. Motion to Approve August Treasurer's Report: Kim Hilmerson
    Motion 2nd: Staci Stoerzinger
    All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

4. Gambling Report – Robin Pohlman

a. Ending Checkbook Balance as of: 8/31/2026
b. Ending balance: $109,953.04
c. Taxes to be paid: $5,558.58
d. Net profit/loss for August: $19,128.51
e. RTO: $2,055
f. Rent: Rustic: $3,388.92
g. Main Gate: $4,437.45
h. Ballroom: $0
i. Misc expenses: $11.85
j. Other Notes: Miscellaneous expenses were for supplies. Meat raffle usually starts in October. We don't make a lot of money from doing the meat raffle but it helps maintain the relationship with Main Gate. Will work to get dibs out for meat raffle. The gambling convention will be in St. Cloud this year in November and it would be beneficial to take Susan and Theresa. $220 per person, under $1,000 for all expenses.
k. Motion to approve covering the cost of convention expenses for all three gambling employees, not to exceed $1,200: Andy Petersen
    Motion 2nd: Kim Hilmerson
    All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved
l. Motion to Approve August Gambling Report: Kim Hilmerson
    Motion 2nd: Emily Branum
    All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

5. Concessions Report – Lisa Bitz – Not Present

a. Vending machine options – replace with something similar to what we have right now with a variety of beverage options or look into a smaller company rather than Pepsi or Coke that we can purchase through and they can support going forward.

b. Thielen Meats has the naming rights for the concession stand, 3-year sponsor. Sponsorship agreement includes selling their hotdogs in the concession stand.

6. **Referee Coordinator's Report** – Don LaBorde – Not Present
    a. Will need ice time for refs.

7. **V/P Tournament Director's Report** – Andy Petersen
    a. Tournament registrations are currently at 4 teams for all levels, if we add a couple more for Bantam and PeeWee we will expand to 6 teams.

8. **Scheduler's Report** – Matt Poepping
    a. Current game counts: Bantam - 33, PeeWee - 36, Squirt A - 28, Squirt B2 - 35
    b. Morning practices will open up time for ice maintenance. Maintenance will also be done in the evenings, weekends and Fridays. Bantams and PeeWees will have options for morning practices. Practice schedule should be set by next week.

9. **Registration Report** – Heather Brill
    a. Jeremy Ballou is requesting dibs hours for hours worked at the rink. Assuming he is not being compensated by the arena through advertising, this agreement will likely be approved. Following up next meeting.
    b. A family is past due on their payment plan that was set up for owing $600. We will give them an additional month to see if payments are made.
    c. 128 skaters currently registered, last year we had 136.

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. We will have a float in the homecoming parade, messaging will be sent to parents to have youth players ride the float.

13. **Girls Coordinator's Report** – Staci Stoerzinger
    a. Retention and Recruitment Committee: Open skates have been revised. New to Hockey ice time needs to be revised due to ice availability.

14. **Coaches Coordinator's Report** – Chris Dobis
    a. Jamborees and games – no more than 3 coaches on the bench as an association rule.
    b. Motion to approve the following coaches for the 2026 - 2027 season: Chris Dobis

Motion 2nd: Kim Hilmerson
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

i. PEP Practices
    1. Ben Newman ($100 per session)
ii. Goalies
    1. Justin Pekula ($3,000 - attendance requirements are all Wednesday sessions and 3 practices per level squirts through bantam)
iii. Learn to skate
    1. Ben Newman ($50 per session)
iv. Ice Mites
    1. Ben Nelson – head ($500, 12 Dibs), Ben Newman – asst ($250, 6 Dibs), Mitch Schulte – asst ($250, 6 Dibs), Cameron Voight – asst ($250, 6 Dibs), Emily Branum (6 Dibs), Adam Waldvogel (6 Dibs), Blake Guggenberger (6 Dibs), Alec Zack (6 Dibs), Paige Nelson – Manager (12 Dibs)
v. Mites
    1. Mitch Schulte – head ($500, 12 Dibs), Ben Nelson – asst ($250, 6 Dibs), Brett Speer – asst ($250, 6 Dibs), Cameron Voight – asst ($250, 6 Dibs), Ethan Oleson (6 Dibs), Jesse Klebe (6 Dibs), Jeremy Manea (6 Dibs), Megan Schulte – Manager (12 Dibs)
vi. PeeWee B
    1. Barney Czech – head ($1,400, 12 Dibs), Isaac Smieja – asst ($600, 12 Dibs), Dan Stoerzinger – asst ($600, 12 Dibs), Luke Solinger (6 Dibs), Becca Czech – Manager (12 Dibs)
vii. Bantam B1
    1. Jeff Patnode – head ($1,400, 12 Dibs), Luke Solinger – asst ($600, 12 Dibs), Melissa Smieja – Manager (12 Dibs)
       *if there is only one assistant update to $1,000

15. ACE Coordinator/Committees Director's Report – Ben Newman

a. Learn to skate is scheduled with community services. It will be shared ice with ice mites again this year.
b. Pep camp – working on getting through modules.
c. 10k shots – 20-30 kids that will reach the challenge – waiting on proofs for sweatshirts. Another option would be to find a sponsor and get creative with logo and changing the color of the sweatshirt.
d. PDC – we haven't had a lot of success in the past at the Squirt B2 level. Currently have 35 games scheduled with a handful of C games, want to take advantage of adding in more C level games.

16. Facilities Director's Report – Justin Welle

a. Two equipment rentals are done, not many sign-ups this year, currently at 29. Still have $500 from grants to use, pucks are ordered. Need to determine

storage to keep youth pucks separate from high school team. Practice jerseys need to be organized and ready to be distributed for the first week of practice.

b. Outdoor rink – the current rink needs to come down before we can update to something to new, $2,000 to dispose of the current rink materials.
c. Motion to dismantle current outdoor rink: Heather Brill
   Motion 2nd: Emily Branum
   All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved
d. Arena improvement fund ($39,597.38) – need to come up with our ideas on how to spend the current funds and figure out ways to drive ideas forward. Chris and Justin will attend the next arena board meeting to share our ideas and discuss plans to use the funds we have for arena improvements.
   i. Benches on the ice need to be redone
   ii. New areas on the benches for the sticks
   iii. New water bottle holders on the bench
   iv. Netting needs to be replaced

17. President's New Business

a. The arena is approaching FAB for a donation to help cover the cost of the new compressors. They are asking some groups that use the arena to make a statement and talk about what the use of the facility means to our program. We will have a representative for youth hockey.

18. Open Floor

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19. Meeting Adjourned: 6:30pm

a. Motion to Accept: Kim Hilmerson
   Motion 2nd: Heather Brill
   All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

20. Next meeting will be held – Monday, October 19th, 2026 at 5:30pm at the Exchange Arena.