

# February 2026 LFYHA Board Meeting Minutes – 2.23.2026

**PRESENT:** Kari Houle, Megan Schulte, Lynn Houle, Robin Pohlman, Lisa Bitz, Don LaBorde, Andy Petersen, Matt Poepping, Emily Branum, Kimberly Hilmerson, Staci Stoerzinger, Chris Dobis

**Call to Order: 5:32pm**

## **1. Approval of Agenda**

- a. Motion to Approve Agenda: Staci Stoerzinger  
Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lynn Houle  
All in Favor – No Objections – Agenda Approved

## **2. Secretary's Report – Megan Schulte**

- a. Approval of January Minutes: Lynn Houle  
Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>: Andy Petersen  
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

## **3. Treasurer's Report – Lynn Houle**

- a. BMO Checking:
  - i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 1/31/2026  
\$15,713.84
  - ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 1/31/2026  
\$15,713.84
- b. Mid MN FCU Checking:
  - i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 1/31/2026  
\$16,965.93
  - ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 1/31/2026  
\$13,632.72
- c. Mid MN FCU Concession:
  - i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 1/31/2026  
\$13,455.99
  - ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 1/31/2026  
\$13,455.99
- d. Concession Stand Petty Cash:
  - i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 1/31/2026  
\$800.00
  - ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 1/31/2026  
\$800.00
- e. Mid MN FCU Savings:
  - i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 1/31/2026  
\$10,210.59
  - ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 1/31/2026

\$10,210.59

- f. Edward Jones Money Market
  - i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 1/31/2026  
\$19,970.21
  - ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 1/31/2026  
\$19,970.21
- g. Other Notes: We have paid coaches, refs and board appointed paid positions. We had a net loss at the end of January but some expenses can be reimbursed from gambling. There was a check for \$274.02 to The Royal. Losses are greater this year compared to past. Some of the reasons being one less tournament, girls expenditures, missing a whole team from registration and two paid positions with increased compensation.
- h. Motion to Approve January Treasurer's Report: Kim Hilmerson  
Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>: Emily Branum  
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

**4. Gambling Report – Robin Pohlman**

- a. Ending Checkbook Balance as of: 1/31/2026
- b. Ending balance: \$129,304.10
- c. Taxes to be paid: \$19,339.43
- d. Net profit/loss for January: \$20,217.50
- e. RTO: \$2,600
- f. Rent: Rustic: \$4,993.64
- g. Main Gate: \$3,349.69
- h. Ballroom: \$172.60
- i. Other Notes: Sold 1,475 out of 1,750 raffle tickets totaling \$29,500 for a profit of \$14,500. There were a few extra bills to be paid this month. Switch box for bingo at Main Gate was fixed. Ordered two for a quicker fix next time totaling \$729.14. Gambling Manager bond payment was due, \$120. Membership dues to Allied charities were \$300. Schlenner Wenner filing fees were \$3,125. Might need to look into how we are tracking dropped dubs shifts to make sure there are people to work shifts.
- j. We should be using gambling funds to help compensate the loss in the general fund. Gambling funds can be used for “youth participating in athletic activities”. We need to be using gambling funds where we can.
- k. Motion to donate \$50,029.24 from gambling fund for referee wages, coaches wages and tournament fees: Lynn Houle  
Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kim Hilmerson  
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved
- l. Motion to Approve January Gambling Report: Kim Hilmerson  
Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>: Andy Petersen  
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

**5. Concessions Report – Lisa Bitz**

- a. Sales in January were \$16,555 and \$6,424 so far in February. We still have the ice mite jamboree coming up. Not much in sales from the bantam tournament. We are now using paid labor. Pop machine was serviced but nothing was fixed. It would cost \$6,000 for a new machine. Still need to decide if we want to buy a machine or have Pepsi or Coke handle it.
- 6. Referee Coordinator's Report – Don LaBorde**
  - a. Bantam tournament went well from a reffing standpoint.
- 7. V/P Tournament Director's Report – Andy Petersen**
  - a. District tournaments are done and went well.
  - b. Motion to cover a beverage and snack from the concession stand for the squirts who will be reffing at the ice mite jamboree not to exceed \$150: Kim Hilmerson  
Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lynn Houle  
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved
- 8. Scheduler's Report – Matt Poepping**
  - a. Schedule for next year will be similar team wise. It would be nice to know how much ice time went unused. Need to look at the start of the season and if we should scale back.
- 9. Registration Report – Heather Brill – Not Present**
  - a. Nothing to report
- 10. Member at Large Report – Emily Branum**
  - a. Working on the academic award program, thinking we can try it the first year to see how many kids we get and then determine what the award will be. Will finalize by the annual meeting. Report cards will come out in January so we will have kids submit report cards by February. The elementary aged skaters could be geared more towards Flyer Pride rather than grades.
- 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. Nothing to report
- 14. Coaches Coordinator's Report – Chris Dobis**
  - a. (Proxy Vote 2/9/26) Motion to approve Jeremy Manea as a mite coach (6 dibs hours): Andrew Petersen

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>: Heather Brill

All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

**15. ACE Coordinator/Committees Director's Report** – Ben Newman – Not Present

- a. Will be pulling the PDC together to talk about the offseason.

**16. Facilities Director's Report** – Jason Brown – Not Present

- a. ODR in current state is unsafe – if we want to keep using it, we should look into what it would cost to rebuild it.

**17. President's New Business**

- a. New jerseys and player number selection – worked through bantam group, peewees are due soon, then we will work through squirts. Need to determine what we want to do at the mite and ice mite level. We will be assigning numbers to all players down to ice mites. As new players register with the association, they will be assigned a number that will be used for their youth hockey career. Bantams all got their first choice in numbers and peewees have numbers to pick from. Skaters will not be able to request numbers, there will be no exceptions.
- b. Annual meeting is in less than two months. The board member positions that are up for re-election include the following: President, Treasurer, ACE Coordinator/Committees Director and Publicity. Facilities Director will be open as Jason will not be coming back. Equipment is the biggest part of the role. Fundraising is still open. Paid positions that are also up for re-election are Scheduler and Referee Coordinator.
- c. Due to the Fundraising position being left open, we have failed to do a good job with our high-level sponsors. We will offer another year of sponsorship because we didn't fulfill what we agreed to.

**18. Open Floor**

- a. (Proxy Vote 2/14/26) Motion to donate \$500 to the Lynn and Jake Houle family:  
Staci Stoerzinger

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kim Hilmerson

All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

**19. Meeting Adjourned: 6:30pm**

- a. Motion to Accept: Kim Hilmerson

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>: Andy Petersen

All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

**20. Next meeting will be held** – Monday, March 16th, 2026 at 5:30pm at the VFW.