

October 2024 LFYHA Board Meeting Minutes – 10.21.2024

PRESENT: Kari Houle, Robin Pohlman, Don LaBorde, Jason Sadlovsky, Trent Schmidgall, Jason Brown, Kimberly Hilmerson, Heather Brill, Megan Schulte, Andy Petersen, Lynn Houle, Staci Stoerzinger, Raena Wellman, Chris Dobis, Brittany Cook, Wesley Waytashek

Call to Order: 6:00pm

1. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion to Approve Agenda: Kimberly Hilmerson
Motion 2nd: Jason Sadlovsky
All in Favor – No Objections – Agenda Approved

2. Secretary's Report – Megan Schulte

- a. Approval of September Minutes: Jason Brown
Motion 2nd: Andy Petersen
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

3. Treasurer's Report – Lynn Houle

- a. BMO Checking:
 - i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 9/30/2024
\$17,038.41
 - ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 9/30/2024
\$17,038.41
- b. Mid MN FCU Checking:
 - i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 9/30/2024
\$73,053.93
 - ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 9/30/2024
\$72,410.32
- c. Mid MN FCU Concession:
 - i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 9/30/2024
\$14,228.09
 - ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 9/30/2024
\$14,228.09
- d. Concession Stand Petty Cash:
 - i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 9/30/2024
\$0.00
 - ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 9/30/2024
\$0.00
- e. Mid MN FCU Savings:
 - i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 9/30/2024
\$25,190.99

- ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 9/30/2024
\$25,190.99
- f. Edward Jones Money Market
 - i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 9/30/2024
\$18,823.50
 - ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 9/30/2024
\$18,823.50
- g. Other Notes: Looked into investment options but as a nonprofit it is limited and we would need more cash flow, therefore we will continue as is.
- h. Motion to Approve September's Treasurer's Report: Jason Brown
Motion 2nd: Kimberly Hilmerson
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

4. Gambling Report – Robin Pohlman

- a. Ending Checkbook Balance as of: 9/30/2024
- b. Ending balance: \$157,004.51
- c. Taxes to be paid: \$11,826.31
- d. Net profit/loss for September: \$32,491.28
- e. RTO: \$2,005.00
- f. Rent: Rustic: \$5,088.51
- g. Main gate: \$4,277.17
- h. Ballroom: \$550.80
- i. Other Notes: Information on the tax calculations is available to distribute. The audit is complete, and the majority was good but there are a couple of things to note. We were not in compliance with rent checks because we previously used an electronic signature, hopefully we do not see a fine. There was a recommendation regarding certified inventory – two people are supposed to do a count of cash and inventory, will check with compliance person at the convention on the best way to do this going forward because the person will need to have some guidance and knowledge of gambling processes. Because we are a smaller organization we don't have proper segregation.
- j. Motion to approve the purchase of a new computer for bingo at the Main Gate not to exceed \$1,200 for the new model totaling approx. \$750 plus additional accessories: Jason Brown
Motion 2nd: Jason Sadlovsky
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved
- k. Motion to Approve September's Gambling Report: Kimberly Hilmerson
Motion 2nd: Jason Brown
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

5. Concessions Report – Brittany Cook

- a. (Proxy Vote 10/2/24) Motion to approve the purchase of a new freezer for the concession stand. Cost of the freezer is \$2,223.30, delivery fee is \$109.00, taxes

are \$167.97, disposal of current freezer is approx. \$20-\$30.00 at MC Landfill – total approx. \$2,526.27: Raena Wellman

Motion 2nd: Jason Sadlovsky

All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

- b. Freezer has been delivered and it will be setup this week. Tryouts went well and we resolved the issue of having to move funds.

6. Referee Coordinator's Report – Don LaBorde

- a. Nothing to report

7. V/P Tournament Director's Report – Andy Petersen

- a. Two tournaments coming up - Squirt B1/Squirt B2 and Bantam B1
- b. White Wolf won the bid for tournament t-shirts, and they will offer an online team store.
- c. We are down to two teams, Little Falls and Litchfield, for the Pee wee tournament, we will offer the remaining spots for free to other associations.
- d. Need to determine dates for the Ice Mite and Mite Jamboree, it has typically been at the end of February (Feb 22-23). Also need to determine how we want to structure the jamboree for Mites.

8. Scheduler's Report – Matt Poepping

- a. 95% of games are scheduled and practices are scheduled through Dec 31st. Communication with coaches has been good. There might still be a few changes moving forward.

9. Registration Report – Heather Brill

- a. There are currently 142 registered skaters.
- b. There have been several questions regarding DIBS credits for coaches. Coaches should be filling out their contracts if they have not already done so. Coaches must fulfill 80% of the first half of their contract before they receive their DIBS credits. They are guaranteed DIBS for their paid position, two teams is the max for DIBS credits, they can have one paid position and can help with other teams. There is no transfer of DIBS. There will be a follow up email to confirm DIBS hours.
- c. Determined that the association will continue to track outstanding balances from previous seasons.

10. Member at Large Report – Jason Sadlovsky

- a. Nothing to report

11. Fundraiser's Report – Raena Wellman

- a. Team sponsorship communication is ready and will be sent out by the end of the week. There will be multiple ways to sponsor including utilizing social media

callouts and tournament sponsorship, etc. Also discussed reaching out to the Pierz and Royalton communities.

12. Publicity Report – Kimberly Hilmerson

- a. Pictures are scheduled for Monday, November 18th and the times are TBD.

13. Girls Coordinator's Report – Staci Stoerzinger

- a. (Proxy Vote 10/12/24) Motion to approve a Flyer Girls Skate event on October 25th, 2024 from 5:45-6:45pm at the Exchange Arena. Food and beverage provided by LFYH with a budget not to exceed \$200: Staci Stoerzinger
Motion 2nd: Heather Brill
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

14. Coaches Coordinator's Report – Trent Schmidgall

- a. (Proxy Vote 9/26/24) Motion to approve Ben LeBlanc as a parent head coach for 12U Flying Warriors: Trent Schmidgall
Motion 2nd: Kimberly Hilmerson
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved
- b. (Proxy Vote 9/26/24) Motion to approve \$100 payment to Mitch Schulte to work the on-ice tryout sessions Oct. 4-6 and help with various off ice tasks during the weekend: Trent Schmidgall
Motion 2nd: Kimberly Hilmerson
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved
- c. (Proxy Vote 10/6/24) Motion to approve Mason Doble as a non-parent assistant coach for Bantam A, Trent Schmidgall as head coach for Bantam A, Jason Sadlovsky as assistant coach for Bantam A, Jeff Patnode as head coach for Bantam B, Luke Solinger as head coach for Peewee B, Chris Dobis as head coach for Squirt B1, Brett Speer as assistant coach for Squirt B1, Isaac Smieja as assistant coach for Squirt B1, Barney Czech as head coach for Squirt B2, Megan Goebel as a parent assistant coach for 15U Flying Warriors: Trent Schmidgall
Motion 2nd: Lynn Houle
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved
- d. Motion to approve Victoria Vacek as a parent assistant coach for ice mites and Jason Brown as assistant coach for Bantam B: Trent Schmidgall
Motion 2nd: Kimberly Hilmerson
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

15. ACE Coordinator/Committees Director's Report – Chris Dobis

- a. Tryouts are complete – worked out well having Northern Lakes to scrimmage as well as traveling to Northern Lakes to help them with their tryouts, everyone was happy with the arrangement.
- b. Need to find ways to incorporate the use of PEP equipment into ice time and have opportunities for goalies to get some instruction during practices.

- c. 10K Puck Challenge – still need to work out the logo but we have samples of the sweatshirt. Would like to recognize the individuals who met their goal at a Youth Night for a Flyer varsity game, preferably early in the season. Plan to do the drawing for the sticks (two kids from each level) during the recognition.
- d. Want to start brainstorming ideas on how we can recognize the accomplishments of our hockey program and individuals with noteworthy achievements. Possible name idea is “Couture’s Corner”. This is something that should be part of arena upgrades. Would also need to connect with someone who can collect the necessary information.

16. Facilities Director’s Report – Jason Brown

- a. Nothing to report

17. President’s New Business

- a. Nothing to report

18. Open Floor

- a. Wesley Waytashek gave an update to the mechanical issues that forced him to close the arena on Oct. 20th and 21st. The issues were a result of the malfunction of the compressors. Repairs have been made and will be covered by a blanket coverage account, but the compressors will eventually need to be replaced as we are running out of parts for future issues. A new compressor is approx. \$27,000 and we need three. Replacing the compressors is part of the \$750,000 deferred maintenance plan to get the arena up to code. Wesley confirmed that the boards are fine and only need minor cosmetic repairs.
- b. We need to determine how we can initiate fundraising. LFYHA’s goal is to get the arena up to code and be sustainable. We can start fundraising internally before reaching out to external organizations and would have to determine how much LFYH wants to contribute. We would like to fundraise December – March so we can start construction in the spring. We should keep in mind that we can sponsor all aspects of the arena like concessions, locker rooms, etc. Messaging should be clear that it is a community building. Mitch Schulte was identified as an individual who would be interested in helping the cause.

19. Meeting Adjourned: 7:31pm

- a. Motion to Accept: Heather Brill
Motion 2nd: Jason brown
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

20. Next meeting will be held – Wednesday, November 20th, 2024 at 6:00pm at the Exchange Arena. Room is TBD.