

September 2025 LFYHA Board Meeting Minutes – 9.22.2025

PRESENT: Kari Houle, Megan Schulte, Lynn Houle, Robin Pohlman, Don LaBorde, Andy Petersen, Heather Brill, Emily Branum, Kimberly Hilmerson, Staci Stoerzinger, Chris Dobis, Ben Newman, Jason Brown, Tyler Cook

Call to Order: 5:30pm

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 August Minutes: Kim Hilmerson
Motion 2nd: Lynn Houle
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

3. Treasurer's Report – Lynn Houle

- a. BMO Checking:
 - i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 8/31/2025
\$16,191.64
 - ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 8/31/2025
\$16,191.64
- b. Mid MN FCU Checking:
 - i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 8/31/2025
\$41,508.23
 - ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 8/31/2025
\$41,247.23
- c. Mid MN FCU Concession:
 - i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 8/31/2025
\$1,901.63
 - ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 8/31/2025
\$1,901.63
- d. Concession Stand Petty Cash:
 - i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 8/31/2025
\$0.00
 - ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 8/31/2025
\$0.00
- e. Mid MN FCU Savings:
 - i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 8/31/2025
\$40,204.80
 - ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 8/31/2025

\$40,204.80

- f. Edward Jones Money Market
 - i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 8/31/2025
\$19,605.55
 - ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 8/31/2025
\$19,605.55
- g. Other Notes: Registrations continue to come in. We are seeing a lot of income and not a lot of expenses but that will soon flip. Net income for the month was \$22,937.18 and \$5,882.31 was for Fall Camp. That will be paid directly to the high school hockey program.
- h. Motion to Approve August Treasurer's Report: Kim Hilmerson
Motion 2nd: Emily Branum
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

4. Gambling Report – Robin Pohlman

- a. Ending Checkbook Balance as of: 8/31/2025
- b. Ending balance: \$166,282.65
- c. Taxes to be paid: \$10,166.68
- d. Net profit/loss for August: \$43,153.83
- e. RTO: \$1,930
- f. Rent: Rustic: \$10,345.66
- g. Main gate: \$2,366.25
- h. Ballroom: \$134
- i. Other Notes: The amount to pay for raffle tickets is \$344.27. The total donation from gambling for jerseys and equipment is \$6,347.98. We have a good ending balance so it is a good time to pay for equipment needs. We will start paying for ice time soon so we will see that balance decline. The audit report came back and there were a couple of items to note. The first was signatures – a year ago we could no longer have stamps and we are still trailing on that but we have made the change. The second was certified cash count and inventory – because we use gambling employees to do that – hopefully we will see some changes in the next year that will make this easier. We have talked to all locations about changes that will need to be made. Meat raffles will start in October and we will start with meat packets. Bingo is the first Wednesday of October. Miscellaneous expenses for the month were \$193.50.
- j. Motion to accept \$6,347.98 from gambling fund: Kim Hilmerson
Motion 2nd: Emily Branum
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved
- k. Motion to Approve August Gambling Report: Jason Brown
Motion 2nd: Emily Branum
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

5. Concessions Report – Open Position

- a. Two people are interested and we will conduct interviews in the next couple of weeks.

6. Referee Coordinator's Report – Don LaBorde

- a. We have two new refs and a few people returning. Working on putting together clinics.

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

- a. All tournaments are full with 4 teams each. White Wolf will do the team store again this year. Team store information will be sent to team managers and the other associations.

8. Scheduler's Report – Matt Poepping – Not Present

- a. All district games are scheduled for all teams except a couple at squirt level. Currently working on setting practices through December. Need to make PEP practices different from regular practices for viewing on the schedule. Hotels for away tournaments should be ready to go soon.

9. Registration Report – Heather Brill

- a. Intro to Hockey program – we have a lot of skaters who are already registered for LFYH. LFYH registered skaters who want to participate in Intro to Hockey for additional practice should not have to pay and register for Intro to Hockey.
- b. A family that owes a balance from last year proposed paying \$240 instead of \$600 based on other completed volunteer work.
- c. Motion to approve accepting the \$240 in payment based on precedence set by previous years: Emily Branum
Motion 2nd: Kim Hilmerson
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved
- d. We are maintaining our numbers for registration, not going backwards.
- e. Veterans are looking for broken hockey sticks to help collect wreaths – we will put out a social media post.

10. Member at Large Report – Emily Branum

- a. Nothing to report

11. Fundraiser's Report – Open Position

- a. Team sponsorship has been pulled together and will be sent soon.

12. Publicity Report – Kimberly Hilmerson

- a. We have a new photographer who is interested in taking on picture night – need to get some more details like pricing and number of photographers, etc. before making a decision.

13. Girls Coordinator's Report – Staci Stoerzinger

- a. Try hockey for free went well with 26 kids signed up. The girls skate event will be Oct. 18th - need social media posts and flyers to hand out at schools.
- b. Not sure what the girls teams will look like yet for the youth level depending on what happens at the high school level but we are hoping to keep a 15U team, other options include a 12U team and 13U team.

14. Coaches Coordinator's Report – Chris Dobis

- a. We need to wait on voting to approve coaches until after Squirt tryouts. We have a lot of coaches interested – Ice Mites 9, Mites 10, Squirts 7.
- b. Still need to work out paid positions vs volunteer. In previous years, the travel levels pay one head and two assistants, rates vary. Head coaches got 12 Dibs hours and assistants got 6.
- c. Ice Mite and Mite levels – likely two rosters at each level with one head coach. Need to sort out the Dibs.
- d. The Pro Shop has Bauer jackets for travel coaches. Once coaches are appointed, they can go get them ordered. Sweatshirts are an option for Ice Mite and Mite coaches but we will need to source some options.
- e. Coaches will know if they are cleared or not to take the ice before Monday.

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

- a. Fall Camp is off to a good start and going well.
- b. 30 kids will complete the 10K Puck Challenge. We need keep shopping around for sweatshirt options as prices have been high.
- c. It has been determined that there will be two teams for Squirts (30 skaters). Evaluators at try outs will determine how many kids are on each team. Goalies will get equal playing time. Squirt tryouts will be held Oct. 10th-12th. Friday is a run through of drills for Saturday. Saturday is drills running for an hour and half and an in-house scrimmage. Sunday is scrimmages against Breezy Point in Breezy. Peewees and Bantams will scrimmage as well and have the option to practice on open ice time Friday and Saturday.
- d. We will want to make sure we give the Mites opportunities to play some more challenging scrimmages and games.
- e. PEP Camp is scheduled.

16. Facilities Director's Report – Jason Brown

- a. Practice jerseys are in so we will have them when practices start.
- b. Scheels is great to work with for fundraising. We received 28 pairs of skates, helmets and pucks. There won't be a lot of availability in the next couple of months for equipment. We received \$800 from Dicks Sporting Goods for the grant and \$200 in bonus dollars. We should do a social media shout out to Scheels and Dicks Sporting Goods.
- c. We still need new hoses for ODR and blue pucks for the Ice Mites and Mites.
- d. 20 more bags have been ordered.

17. President's New Business

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18. Open Floor

- a. Academic Recognition Program – all agree that it's a good idea but we need to determine what we would want to do. Emily will look into what other associations are doing and bring it back to the group.

19. Meeting Adjourned: 6:48pm

- a. Motion to Accept: Kim Hilmerson
Motion 2nd: Jason Brown
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

20. Next meeting will be held – Monday, October 20th, 2025 at 5:30pm at the Exchange Arena. Room is TBD.