October 2026 LFYHA Board Meeting Minutes – 10.19.2026

PRESENT: Kari Houle, Megan Schulte, Lynn Houle, Robin Pohlman, Lisa Bitz, Don LaBorde, Andy Petersen, Heather Brill, Emily Branum, Kimberly Hilmerson, Staci Stoerzinger, Chris Dobis, Justin Welle

Call to Order: 5:36pm

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

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

3. **Treasurer's Report** – Lynn Houle
    a. First Citizens Bank Checking:
        i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 9/30/2026 $4,173.84
        ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 9/30/2026 $4,173.84
    b. Mid MN FCU Checking:
        i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 9/30/2026 $98,455.43
        ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 9/30/2026 $97,529.14
    c. Mid MN FCU Concession:
        i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 9/30/2026 $1,794.15
        ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 9/30/2026 $1,794.15
    d. Concession Stand Petty Cash:
        i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 9/30/2026 $0.00
        ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 9/30/2026 $0.00
    e. Mid MN FCU Savings:
        i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 9/30/2026 $24,402.49
        ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 9/30/2026

$24,402.49

f. Edward Jones Money Market
    i. Ending Statement Balance as of: 9/30/2026
    $20,407.32
    ii. Ending Register Balance as of: 9/30/2026
    $20,407.32
g. Other Notes: Net income for the month was $4,507.69 due to skater registrations and fundraising at the Craft Fair and after reimbursements from Fall Camp were made.
h. Motion to Approve September 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: 9/30/2026
    b. Ending balance: $144,031.14
    c. Taxes to be paid: $17,213.26
    d. Net profit/loss for September: $34,660.75
    e. RTO: $2,195
    f. Rent: Rustic: $7,821.23
    g. Main Gate: $3,621.55
    h. Ballroom: $87
    i. Misc expenses: $451.11
    j. Other Notes: Miscellaneous expenses included fixing the switcher box at the Main Gate. Audit is nearly done and raffle tickets are coming in.
    k. (Proxy Vote 10/8/26) Motion to make two prepayments of $24,375 for ice time from the gambling fund to the arena: Lynn Houle
    Motion 2nd: Heather Brill
    All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved
    l. Motion to Approve September Gambling Report: Heather Brill
    Motion 2nd: Kim Hilmerson
    All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

5. **Concessions Report** – Lisa Bitz
    a. Starting to get ready to open at the end of October. Need costs for new vending machines, want to focus on a smaller company.

6. **Referee Coordinator's Report** – Don LaBorde
    a. We had two ref practices that were fairly well attended, one ref quit.

7. **V/P Tournament Director's Report** – Andy Petersen
    a. The Mite Jamboree is scheduled for February 6th and the Ice Mite Jamboree is scheduled for February 7th. Tournament teams have moved around a bit but everything is set now.

8. **Scheduler's Report** – Matt Poepping – Not Present
    a. Still looking for Bantam and Squirt games.

9. **Registration Report** – Heather Brill
    a. 39 Mites and 37 Ice Mites registered – several players are being added and moved around.
    b. Not all raffle tickets are disbursed yet but will be by this weekend.
    c. We had one recruitment registration so far.

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

11. **Fundraiser's Report** – Open Position
    a. Need to re-post the position to get more interest.

12. **Publicity Report** – Kimberly Hilmerson
    a. Need date for picture night, Mondays work best. The 16th would be the first choice followed by the 9th.

13. **Girls Coordinator's Report** – Staci Stoerzinger
    a. Retention and Recruitment Committee:
        i. 24 kids registered for Try Hockey and we had national representation.
        ii. Stick and Puck event went really well, we have two more to come.
    b. (Proxy Vote 10/2/26) Motion to approve an October recruitment incentivized initiative for currently registered LFYHA players/families. Currently enrolled LFYHA players/families will receive up to 2 DIBS hours, OR, $50 off next year's registration (whichever they choose) for EACH new skater that registers with LF youth hockey now through November 15, 2026: Staci Stoerzinger
    Motion 2nd: Emily Branum
    All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

14. **Coaches Coordinator's Report** – Chris Dobis
    a. Motion to approve Lori Pekula as the Squirt B2 manager (12 Dibs) and Mark Anez as an Ice Mite coach: Heather Brill
    Motion 2nd: Kim Hilmerson
    All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved
    b. Motion to approve not adding additional Squirt coaches due to current player to coach ratio: Heather Brill
    Motion 2nd: Kim Hilmerson
    All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved
    c. Would like to have a coaches meeting with all head coaches, Squirts and up, and the Referee Coordinator.

d. (Proxy Vote 9/28/26) Motion to approve Kyle Johnson as the second Bantam assistant coach ($600, 12 Dibs): Chris Dobis
   Motion 2nd: Staci Stoerzinger
   All in Favor – No Objections – Motion
e. (Proxy Vote 10/1/26) Motion to renew the Ice Hockey Systems coaching tool for $350: Chris Dobis
   Motion 2nd: Kim Hilmerson
   All in Favor – No Objections – Motion
f. (Proxy Vote 10/7/26) Motion to approve Sierra Meyer as a Mite coach (6 Dibs hours): Andy Petersen
   Motion 2nd: Staci Stoerzinger
   All in Favor – No Objections – Motion
g. (Proxy Vote 10/12/26) 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. Squirt A
      1. Chris Dobis – head (12 Dibs, $900), Brett Speer – asst (12 Dibs, $400), Dan Stoerzinger – asst (12 Dibs, $400), Kari Houle – Manager (12 Dibs)
h. (Proxy Vote 10/15/26) Motion to approve the following coaches for the 2026 – 2027 season**:** Chris Dobis
   Motion 2nd: Lynn Houle
   All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved
   i. Squirt A
      1. Tyler Cook – practice asst (6 Dibs)
   ii. Squirt B2
      1. Tyler Neu – head ($900, 12 Dibs), Emily Branum – asst ($400, 12 Dibs), Josh Klosowski – asst ($400, 12 Dibs), Josh Solem – practice asst (6 Dibs)
         * Practice coach means they are not on the bench for games unless one of the three other coaches is unable to be on the bench.

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

a. (Proxy Vote 10/7/26) Motion to approve a new Squirt eligible player, Easton Wieczorek, petitioning to play Mites: Ben Newman
   Motion 2nd: Kim Hilmerson
   All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved
b. (Proxy Vote 10/8/26) Motion to approve compensation for tryout evaluators totaling $450: Emily Branum
   Motion 2nd: Andy Petersen
   All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

c. (Proxy Vote 10/9/26) Motion to approve a new Mite eligible player, Kasen Hermsen, petitioning to play Ice Mites: Ben Newman
Motion 2nd: Lynn Houle
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

16. Facilities Director's Report – Justin Welle

a. Went through helmets and replaced a bunch with money we received from a grant.
b. Rather than moving the ODR boards we should offer them to the association for a donation. We will do a random draw if multiple people are interested. Rather than focus on rebuilding the ODR, we should focus on offering more open ice time with stick and puck sessions, 3v3, etc. Christmas break would be a time to focus on.
c. Motion to offer the ODR boards to the association for a donation: Emily Branum
Motion 2nd: Heather Brill
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

17. President's New Business

a. Motion to give up to $200 to the Marie Sandman memorial: Heather Brill
Motion 2nd: Andy Petersen
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved
b. We currently give $5,000 a year to the boys' high school program in lieu of splitting fundraising dollars. We would like to give $2,500 to the girls' program as well given that we attribute to half the numbers. We want to make sure the boys program continues to do fundraising on their side and incorporates the youth program.
c. Motion to donate $2,500 to the girls' high school program and get clarification from the boys' program on what the current donation is being spent on with the expectation that they incorporate youth hockey into their program: Andy Petersen
Motion 2nd: Heather Brill
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved
d. District 15 Updates:
    i. Districts in the state are being challenged by waiver policies. Sticking with current process with school waivers only, doesn't impact us too much.
    ii. Formed a hockey committee, inviting all PDC chairs to join district meetings. Pulling things together to form district knowledge base. Ben will be able to join these meetings.
    iii. Squirt net use will be at the discretion of associations this year. We have the nets and need to make a decision on what we want to do.
e. Arena Board Updates:
    i. Zamboni was fixed and was $4-5,000 in repairs.

ii. Working to get locks changed, there are a lot of keys floating around right now.
iii. Bathrooms are getting remodeled soon – donated materials and labor. Some expense might not be covered and the arena might ask for consideration of some of our money we have delegated for the arena.
iv. Scheduling ice time at the arena will have some new stipulations to help cut down on dead ice time and improved efficiency. There needs to be three hours of ice a day in order to open the arena.
v. Working through agreement pieces right now. Questions have come up on rent for the bantam locker room, office space, equipment closet, etc. We currently don't pay anything to use these spaces. We also don't pay back the arena for concessions. We are currently working to clean out some of the storage spaces we've taken up in years past. Questions will continue to be asked.
vi. Arena is asking that we are an additional insured.

18. Open Floor

a. Motion to donate $100 to the Limborg family: Heather Brill
Motion 2nd: Kim Hilmerson
All in Favor – No Objections – Motion Approved

19. Meeting Adjourned: 6:44pm

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

20. Next meeting will be held – Monday, November 23rd, 2026 at 5:30pm at the Exchange Arena.