APPROVED

Northern Lakes Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 8/26/26
Time: Meeting Called to order at 5:04 pm

Board members present:

Nathan Honzalek
Trevor Betley
Tom Zabka
Rebecca Olson-Ball
Ray Horton
Mindy Dawber
Chad Rau
John Zmuda
Mike Olsen

Board members absent:

Kelly Burns

Non-Voting Members:

John Engstrom

Public Guests:

Mark Kilmer, Bryce Butcher

Open Session:

1. **Public Comment**

2. **Approval of July 29th Meeting Minutes**
   a. Trevor Betley motion to approve July 29th meeting minutes. Second by Ray Horton. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Coach Kline**

4. **Gambling Report (Chad)**
   a. Chad Rau made a motion to approve Allowable Expenses in the amount of $158,470 with Total Lawful purpose expenditures of $130,000 for the month of September, which includes a transfer of $40,000 from Gambling to the General Fund. Second by Rebecca Olson-Ball. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Raffle turn-in dates sent out via email – can be turned in sooner by contacting John Engstrom.

5. **Finance Report (Mike)**
    a. Wreath buyouts
    b. Financials – not a lot going on yet

6. **Facilities (Mike)**
    a. Breezy rink – good discussion with David Spizzo; glass installation tool
    b. Breezy – check on payment of GameSheet fee
    c. Hallett/Breezy rink – board advertising not yet finalized
    d. Hallett – refrigeration system not fired up yet; will stay in the loop on potential additional locker room space

7. **Hockey Committee Report (Trevor)**
    a. Director of Player and Coaching Development job description
        i. Add a line-item to Board agendas to discuss each month once season starts
        ii. Checking and dryland can be done upon request of head coaches
        iii. Trevor Betley motion to approve contract for Muller three years. Second by Mike Olsen. 10 yes; 1 nay – motion passed.
    b. Coach nominations
        i. 12U Coach – Ellie Williams and John Engstrom; Trevor Betley motion to approve, Second Mindy Dawber. Motion passed unanimously.
        ii. Bantam A – Mike Muller; Trevor Betley motion to approve, Second John Zmuda. Motion passed unanimously.
        iii. Bantam B – TBD.
        iv. Peewees and Squirts – TBD. Wait for tryouts to be completed.
    c. Tryouts
        i. Mike will be part of the tryout process – running the on-ice portions.
        ii. Working on one uniform tryout sheet
        iii. Little Falls will be at tryouts day 2 – one Bantam team, one Peewee team, and 2 squirt teams
        iv. Some evaluator ideas; feel free to send additional ideas to Trevor Betley
    d. Park Rapids bantam goalie potential – Park Rapids goalie must reach out to President of Park Rapids Association and Director of District 15 first to complete those steps.

8. **Equipment Report (Mindy)**
    a. Working with Breezy on dryland space
    b. Inventoried both rinks
    c. Coaches backpack – first aid kit, extra neck guards, mouth guards, helmet repair kits; will be all levels (including 1 or 2 for travel mite teams). Motion by Mindy Dawber for backpacks within equipment budget, second Dustin Schwarze, motion passes.

9. **Communication Report (Ray)**
    a. Keeping emails going
    b. Continue to keep people updated on important dates/events.

10. **Registration (Kelly)**
    a. Registration numbers: 118 kids registered
    b. Coaching clinics went live on July 15th (December 15th is the cut-off)

c. Separate registration link that will be coming for volunteers
d. Reminder: $250 pure hockey gift card for any coach who goes through and completes their level certification by October 15th
e. Lettermen store will open in a couple weeks
f. Log pucks for Sniper Club

11. Recruitment & Retention (John)

a. Crosslake School – open house attended this week
b. Eagle View – will attend next week (9/2)
c. Come Try Hockey – getting prepared; October 3 if the first one @ Breezy Point.

12. Fundraising Report (Tim)

a. Wreath company was bought by another company
b. Board agreed to maintain current pricing for 2026

13. SafeSport (Dustin)

a. Nothing to report

14. Other Business

a. Hockey Day Minnesota
    i. Representatives want to come to September Board Meeting
b. Gun Raffle – proceeds will be split with Heroes Helping Heroes; event is October 17th – add to FB communication as reminder
c. Donation request – long-term gambling employee asking for donation to help with building homes in Honduras; Trevor Betley motion for $500 donation, Second by Mindy Dawber, motion passed.

The next meeting will be September 30th at Cedar Chest at 5pm.

Motion by Rebecca Olson-Ball to adjourn, second by Tim Johnston. Motion passed unanimously.