

**APPROVED**



## **Northern Lakes Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

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Date: 11/19/25

Time: Meeting Called to order at 5:10 pm

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### **Board members present:**

Kelly Burns

Chad Rau

Dan Yantes

Trevor Betley

Rebecca Olson-Ball

Kari Horbacz

Chad Rau

Tom Zabka

Cole Peterson

Mike Olsen

Mindy Dawber

Dustin Schwarze

Tim Johnston

### **Board members absent:**

### **Non-Voting Members:**

John Engstrom

### **Public Guests:**

Ray Horton

### **Open Session:**

#### **1. Public Comment**

- a. No Comment

#### **2. Approval of October 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Minutes**

- a. Dan Yantes motion to approve October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes. Second by Dustin Schwarze. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **3. Gambling Report (Chad)**

- a. Hitting a slide on gambling. See how next month goes. Same site-wise.
- b. Chad Rau made a motion to approve Allowable Expenses in the amount of \$157,950 with Total Lawful purpose expenditures of \$130,000 for the month of November, which includes a transfer of \$40,000 from Gambling to the General Fund. Second by Dan Yantes. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. Finance Report (Mike)**

- a. Financials – still in a good position but will watch for changes.
- b. Shane Buntje Scholarship – information will go out once teams are set. Only available to seniors.
- c. No changes to CDs.

#### **5. Facilities (Mike)**

- a. Hallett ice is in. They will be building that up over next week.
- b. Still to work on bathrooms and referee room at Hallett.
- c. ODR update – Might be this weekend or Monday to get the boards up; cement is done.
  - i. Warming house painted
  - ii. Concerns about costs for electric
  - iii. Looking at flooring
  - iv. Recommendation to take out an ad in the local paper to thank those who helped/ contributed with rink once it is completed.

#### **6. Hockey Committee Report (Trevor)**

- a. Tryout weekend
  - i. Bantams
    - 1. Discussed that Boelter has discussed taking at least 13 skaters. He is waiting until the Hibbing weekend, so he would know by Sunday.
    - 2. Keep going back and forth on what is the best route to go
    - 3. Trying to develop kids for high school
    - 4. One bantam invited to Hibbing that had a legitimate reason to miss tryouts
    - 5. Rebecca Olson-Ball motioned to approve two teams for bantams with a minimum of 15 on the top team. Second by Kelly Burns. Mike Olsen Nay. Motion passes.
    - 6. Motion by Trevor Betley via text between October and November meetings to approve Nick Anderson as the Bantam B head coach and to reimburse Phil Martin for his coaching certification expenses. Second by Mike Olsen. 7 Yes, 0 No. Motion passes.
  - ii. Peewees
    - 1. Two peewees with a legitimate reason to miss tryouts; all invited to Hibbing (for 1 or 2 games – possibly the whole weekend)
  - iii. 12U – 29 players. Recommend 13 skaters on A team and 15 skaters on B team. Motion by Trevor Betley. Second by Kari Horbach. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Coaching update
  - i. Reached out for bantams, looking for additional coaches
  - ii. Pee wee B – need coach; motion by Trevor Betley via text between October and November meetings to approve Brian Dawber as the Pee wee B head coach. Second by Cole Peterson. 7 Yes, 0 No. Motion passes.
  - iii. Squirt B – need coach; motion by Trevor Betley via text between October and November meetings to approve Steph Degrote as the Squirt B head coach. Second by Cole Peterson. 7 Yes, 0 No. Motion passes.
- c. Coaches meeting next week at the Hallett.

- d. Hibbing tournament weekend
- e. Fair play – review info and add/revise through next meeting
- f. Sniper Club
  - i. Banners are in the works
  - ii. Products will be ordered soon

## **7. Equipment Report (Cole)**

- a. Some issues we are working out with the shared room at Breezy
- b. Come Try Hockey event coming up in November

## **8. Communication Report (Kari)**

- a. Recaps during season are good
- b. Discussed creating a YouTube channel to share more videos about NLYHA and what goes on during practices. Kari to look into.

## **9. Registration (Kelly)**

- a. 212 registered; 88 mites
- b. Coaches to complete registration, SafeSport, background checks, etc.

## **10. Recruitment & Retention (Mindy)**

- a. Nov. 2; advertise 2-4 PM; pizza

## **11. SafeSport**

- a. No new issues

## **12. Fundraising Report (Tim)**

- a. Need to send out some emails and emphasize they should note where they want to pick up
- b. Wreath orders due Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>

## **13. Other Business**

- a. The Prospect Exchange – Hockey Analytics Platform
  - i. \$1500 per team
  - ii. Discuss interest at coaches meeting
  - iii. Approved via text in between October and November meetings. Cole Peterson motion to approve. Second by Dan Yantes. 7 Yes, 0 No. Motion passes.
- b. IHS Coaching Software
  - i. Got used at all levels last year
  - ii. Dan Yantes motion to approve software. Second by Rebecca Olson-Ball. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Team fund – \$2500 per team. Cole Peterson motion to approve \$2500 per team. Second by Trevor Betley. Mites can order pizzas, food, or other team building items for tournaments /weekends– Trevor to communicate out to level coordinators. On ice apparel must be approved by the board. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Blue Line Club - NLYHA advertising in the hockey program. Dan Yantes motion for page 3 with same design as last year. Trevor Betley second. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at The Cedar Chest.

Motion by Dan Yanes to adjourn. Second by Mindy Dawber. Motion passed unanimously.