

**APPROVED**



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

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Date: 1/28/26

Time: Meeting Called to order at 5:07 pm

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### **Board members present:**

Kelly Burns	Tom Zabka
Chad Rau	Cole Peterson
Dan Yantes	Kari Horbacz
Trevor Betley	Mindy Dawber
Rebecca Olson-Ball	Dustin Schwarze
Tim Johnston	Mike Olsen

### **Board members absent:**

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

John Engstrom

### **Public Guests:**

Nicole Skattum, Amber Anderson, Mark Kilmer, Pam Schwarze

### **Open Session:**

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

#### **2. Approval of December 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes**

- a. Dan Yantes motion to approve December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Second by Kelly Burns. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- a. December was another good month.
- 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 February, which includes a transfer of \$130,000 from Gambling to the General Fund. Second by Dan Yantes. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. We will have e-tabs at Riverside Tavern.
- d. Big Ticket Raffle for 2026

- i. Nothing changed on payout
- ii. Proposal is to increase 12U, Peewee, and Bantam levels by \$100 per player; if increased we would need to update handbook and packets that go out. Mike Olsen motion to increase raffles for 12U, Peewee, and Bantam levels by \$100 per player. Chad Rau second. Motion passed unanimously.
- iii. Rebecca to update handbook.

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

- a. Assets are up from 2024-2025
- b. December Financials
- c. Overall things are looking well; about \$160,000 over plan for revenue vs. expenses (end of year expenses still to come in); solid months for November and December
- d. Shane Buntje Scholarship - paperwork
- e. Family scholarship fund

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

- a. Chiller
- b. Plan for Hallett improvements

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

- a. Fair play
  - i. Motion by Cole Peterson to approve Playing Time Policy w/ an edit to remove "opponent strength" and "tournament formats." Second by Mindy Dawber. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Spring Skills
  - i. Two calendar options for Breezy and/or Hallett; 16 sessions
  - ii. Minimum buy at Hallett and the chiller
- c. Potential for another sheet of ice to rent (with fitness room included)
- d. Dan Yantes motion for \$500 per game to support the Blueline club and cover the broadcasting fees for Sections. Second by Kari Horbacz. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- a. Game jerseys ordered from Gemini – no update
- b. Pucks ordered from Clifton Skate for mites – no update
- c. 2<sup>nd</sup> year bantams could buy their jail break jerseys for \$100
- d. Practice jerseys for mites – quote from Clifton Skate – 180 jerseys – 5 colors – no numbers – just logo on the front. Motion by Rebecca Olson-Ball. Second by Mindy Dawber. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. New Bantam goalie – new leg pads; Motion by Cole Peterson to offer to pay \$350 towards goalie leg pads. Second from Dan Yantes.

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

- a. To update website for board applicants and coach of the year

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

- a. 1 new squirt; 2 mites and a potential bantam
- b. The new squirt and bantam cannot play in any games as they cannot be rostered

- c. At 233 registered for this year – biggest year since 2019 and 2020
- d. MN wild grant – for growing the association (e.g., equipment expenses, etc.)

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

- a. Open house at Crosslake school
- b. Come Try Hockey event on March 7 (Saturday) – table for this year
- c. International pin board

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

- a. Nothing to report
- b. Crosslake Chamber has asked about helping with parade; pay would be \$2,000 – would need 10 bantams and 5 parents – meet at 9:30 AM (Kari to put out ask on website)

### **12. SafeSport (Dustin)**

- a. Nothing to report

### **13. Other Business**

- a. Hockey Day Minnesota 2027
  - i. Scheduling really run by MN Wild
  - ii. Jeff DeGrote will help schedule games outside – not necessarily on Hockey Day MN
  - iii. Plan for the High School team to play Little Falls on Tuesday night
  - iv. Biggest thing may be volunteers (pretty set financially right now)
  - v. More to come
- b. End of Year Banquet @ Resort- do it during figure skating week – April 14<sup>th</sup>
- c. Board Terms and Applicants – paperwork (we will have 4 spots open) – will need to post forms
- d. Outstanding Coach of the Year Nominations
- e. Dan Yantes motioned to approve gift card for Erin Vargo in the same amount last year. Second by Trevor Betley. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at Dockside.

Motion by Dan Yantes to adjourn. Second by Cole Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.