APPROVED

Northern Lakes Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/29/26
Time: Meeting Called to order at 5:05 pm

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:
Dustin Schwarze, Tim Johnston

Non-Voting Members:
John Engstrom

Public Guests:
Amber Anderson, Nate Geike, Mark and Stephanie Kilmer, Bryce Butcher, Mike Weitnauer, Ryan Mueller, Nick Spaeth

Open Session:

1. **Public Comment**

2. **Approval of June 24th Meeting Minutes**
    a. Kelly Burns motion to approve June 24th meeting minutes. Second by John Zmuda. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Hockey Committee Report (Trevor)**
    a. Director of Player and Coaching Development
        i. Hockey Committee recommends Muller with a three-year contract (with certain caveats); Trevor Betley motion for Muller for new contract @ $50,000; second Mike Olsen. 6 yes, 4 Nay. Motion passes.
    b. 6 Move-Up Petitions

i. 4 squirt petitions – without we are at 18 skaters (with petitions we are at 22 skaters and 2 goalies). Trevor Betley motion to move the 4 skaters up. Second from Ray Horton. Motion passes.
ii. 2 10U petitions – will benefit the group. 8 and goalie with them moving up. Trevor Betley motion to approve the 2 skaters. Second from Ray Horton. Motion passes.

c. Finalize Squirt Levels
   i. A and C approved for Squirt Internationals.
   ii. Hockey Committee still recommending A and C for Squirts.
   iii. Ray Horton motion to approve Hockey Committee recommendation for A and C levels, second Mike Olsen. 6 yes, 3 Nay. Motion passes.

d. New Bantam player potential – at 33/34 skaters now – could get us closer to three teams; will move forward to get District approval.

4. Gambling Report (Chad)

a. Down $15,000 for month of June (mostly due to taxes; so, we will see what the month of July brings).
b. No change in sites.
c. Kelly Burns 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 August, which includes a transfer of $40,000 from Gambling to the General Fund. Second by John Zmuda. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Finance Report (Mike)

a. Financials – pretty quiet
b. Buntje Scholarship Award Recipients – winners approved and communicated to

6. Facilities (Mike)

a. Hallett Chiller – arrived!
b. Hallett Locker Room
   i. Will not be able to provide temporary locker rooms
   ii. There may be other options, but we will not explore until chiller is fully installed.

7. Equipment Report (Mindy)

a. Equipment Room/Team Meeting – proposal to use the yoga room for equipment and dryland and give up existing rooms. Some costs to put up caging for equipment; group agreed this was a good idea.

8. Communication Report (Ray)

a. Continue to keep people updated on important dates/events.

9. Registration (Kelly)

a. Registrations are coming in
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

10. Recruitment & Retention (John)

a. Come Try Hockey – getting prepared; October 3 if the first one @ Breezy Point.

11. Fundraising Report (Tim)

a. Dasher boards (Kelly) – Kelly brought dasher boards sponsorship proposal; Kelly will price out Home of the Lightning for ODR at Breezy; move forward with sponsorship proposal/pricing
b. Snipers Club (Kelly) – looking at prizes; working on store for August; last day for Snipers Club is August 31

12. SafeSport (Dustin)

a. Raffle Beneficiary – discussed below.

13. Other Business

a. Raffle Beneficiary – 14 Lakes Pub & Brewery – event is sometime in October; they need a 501(c)(3) as beneficiary to do the raffle. They need a couple of NLYHA association board members to help. Mindy Dawber motion to support. Second Rebecca Olson-Ball. Motion passes.
b. Breezy is requesting help purchasing glass handling equipment for rink. Total cost of $3,600 for the equipment (our cost would be $1,800). Mike Olsen motion to approve purchase of equipment, second from Trevor Betley. Motion passes.
c. NLYHA boys high school advertising – purchase advertising in the program. Mike Olsen motion for best advertising we can get, second Trevor Betley. Motion passes.
d. Hockey storage cart – City of Aitkin is requesting $539 for the storage cart for use at the ODR in Aitkin. Motion to approve request by Trevor Betley, Second Rebecca Olson-Ball. Motion passes.
e. Hockey Day MN Golf Classic @ the Classic at Maddens on August 12th; hole sponsorship cost is $500; sponsorship for a specific hole during the event. Mindy Dawber motion to approve the sponsorship, Second John Zmuda. Motion passes.

The next meeting will be on August 26th at Block North at 5pm.

Motion by Rebecca Olson-Ball to adjourn, second by Trevor Betley. Motion passed unanimously.