2026 Annual Meeting

Open Meeting Called to order at 6:30pm

Board Members in Attendance: Dave Shipperbottom, Kate Holman, Jennifer Konecky, Matti Roinila, Mike Todd, Griffin Gale, Dane Todd, Nate Henke

Staff in Attendance: Spencer Peery, Eric Alexander, Michelle Bellamy, Shelly Tyser

Members in Attendance: Scott Keys, Lisa Marquardt, Matt Marquardt, Brian Morrison

President's Welcome

Director/Staff Introductions

Member Introductions

Financial/Membership Update: Spencer reported a net profit for the past season, a run down of expenses and membership numbers.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws: Kate reported that we had no amendments to the Bylaws this season.

Coaching: Matti reported that we had a Coaches Meeting at the beginning of the season. Also reiterated what we work on overall with skaters, etc. Next season we are hoping to hold a Coaches Meeting mid-season so that we can make adjustments, etc. Also let everyone know that Coaching Applications are open, Travel Coach applications are closed.

Disciplinary: Dave reported that this season went fairly well, no big issues. Hoping that trend continues next season.

Equipment: Griffin reported that we should only have to buy about a dozen helmets this season due to expired helmets. Will need to buy sticks and jerseys for the 6U/8U program. Cross Ice Pads will need to be repaired at both rinks. Will need to buy straps and Velcro for the pads.

Fundraising: Throughout the year we try to raise funds for LIHA, had a very good Give to Lincoln Day in 2025. We also had some home tournament income, would love to host more tournaments but we don't currently have enough ice.

Girls Program: Nate reported that the main goal is to get girls interested in playing hockey and then retaining them. We have been offering Girl's Clinics to help with the mission. Griffin reported that we should have enough girls at the 10U level to have a team.

Goalies: Matti reported that we've been working on having a Goalie Director for LIHA for years and finally this season we found a great solution in Jacob Morgan. He would like to run a clinic and work with Goalies again next season.

High School Club: This year we had 3 HSC Teams. All of those teams play within the Omaha Hockey Club.

House: We had 2 teams at both 10U and 12U and one team at 14U. They play games with Omaha during the season and then in the Joust end of season tournament.

Ice: This season we did not have to utilize early morning hours during the week but that is an option as we move forward and more teams are added in Lincoln.

LSHL: The advanced and novice leagues are done for the season. The intermediate group will finish this weekend. We got a lot of good feedback after switching to 3 divisions.

Lincoln Stars: They did ticket packs for all players over 8U. They had staff changes so it's hard for us to get traction on working together. We are always trying to work on better locker room options at the Ice Box and other improvements.

Marketing: Trying to keep up with game day posts for all teams and working toward more visibility for the Members. Please like and share everything on social media.

MWAHA: Regional Affiliate Annual meeting is coming up in June. They discuss rule changes, etc.

Officiating: Overall the past season went very well. Creating a shared spreadsheet when Team Managers could look up their game was a positive change. Plans to hold an Officiating Clinic in August.

Player Safety: Neck protection rule came into play this season. We purchased 250 neck guards. We got Stop the Bleed kits for all coaches to keep on hand. Dr. Caze is now our Concussion expert and things went very smoothly.

Program Expansion: We currently have 382 Youth Skaters, two seasons ago it was at 221. We are close to maxing out the 6U/8U enrollment. Lisa suggested a 10U New Skater Round Up day to help parents understand the changes going from 8U to 10U (equipment, practice times, games, etc.)

SafeSport: This was a much better year than last season, still not without incident though. The biggest struggle we have is cell phones. Going to address that in the Coaches Meeting.

Scholarships: We offer scholarships every year, award them in August. We also award 2 scholarships at the Shamrock Showdown. We also have the Kyle Bellamy Memorial Scholarship that we have awarded for the past 2 seasons.

Select: The select team season went well, they travel to tournaments when the House Teams are not playing. Select Teams are rostered from 8U to High School.

Team Managers: We had 16 Team Managers this season, we are thankful for them as they help the organization run smoothly and help parents navigate all sorts of things.

Tournaments: We currently do one tournament each season, Hocktoberfest is held in the fall for the 10U, 12U and 14U Travel Teams. Teams did raffle baskets, etc. to help raise money for their teams. Rick Davis runs the Shamrock Showdown every year.

Travel: Jr Stars tryouts will happen in June, followed by High School Select in July and then 10U, 12U and 14U in August. Dates are posted on Facebook and our website.

Hockey Director: Eric felt the season went really well, the on-ice Coaches meeting was a benefit to everyone. Skills on Wednesday went well, would like to see better numbers but it's hard for some to attend both their team practice and the skills camp. Felt the players that wanted to improve did improve throughout the season. Eric and some of the Jr Stars players went to the Children's Museum for their Winter Olympics Event. Was a great community outreach event for LIHA.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Board Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2026

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Agenda Items:

1. Open Board Meeting with Members
2. Closed Meeting 7:39pm
3. Discussion/Feedback from Annual Meeting
4. Review Minutes from March 24, 2026 Board Meeting, Dane motion, Mike 2nd all approve.
5. Update on Financials –Spencer reviewed the financials as of March 31, 2026. All Travel and Select teams are paid up as of today. Dane 1st, Nate 2nd, all in favor.
6. Officers & Committees
   A. Bylaw-Required Officers
      i. President: Dave nominated by Kate, Nate 2nd, all approve.
      ii. Vice President: Kate nominated by Dave, Nate 2nd, all approve.
      iii. Secretary: Nate nominated by Matti, Griffin 2nd, all approve.
      iv. Treasurer: Griffin nominated by Matti, Kate 2nd, all approve.
   B. Bylaw-Required Positions
      i. Player Safety Coordinator: Dane nominated by Matti, Nate 2nd, all approve.
      ii. Registrar: Bruce Hiller nominated by Dave, Jennifer 2nd, all approve.
      iii. Referee-in-Chief: Chris Hadfield nominated by Dave, Mike 2nd, all approve.
      iv. Coaching Director: Matti nominated by Dave, Griffin 2nd, all approve.
      v. MWAHA Representative(s): Eric, Mike and Nate nominated by Griffin, Dane 2nd, all approve.
      vi. SafeSport Administrator: Mike nominated by Matti, Griffin 2nd, all approve.
   C. Bylaw-Required Committees
      i. Executive Committee: Dave, Kate, Nate, Griffin nominated by Dane, Mike 2nd, all approve.
      ii. Coaching Committee: Matti, Dave, Eric, Griffin nominated by Kate, Dane 2nd, all approve.
      iii. Tournament Committee: Jennifer, Rick, Kate, Michelle nominated by Dave, Dane 2nd, all approve.
      iv. Scholarship Committee: Kate, Dave and Spencer nominated by Matti, Mike 2nd, all approve.
      v. Disciplinary Committee: Dave and Eric (Dave talking to Gabe Hampton) nominated by Jennifer, Mike 2nd, all approve.
   D. Other Positions
      i. House: Tami Batt
      ii. Select: Tami Batt
      iii. Travel: Rick
      iv. HSC: Rick
      v. Team Managers: Jennifer

vi. Program Expansion: Griffin
vii. LSHL Advanced: Griffin
viii. LSHL Intermediate: Rick
ix. LSHL Novice: Jennifer
x. Fundraising: Dane
xi. Marketing: Jennifer
xii. Equipment: Griffin (Dane assist)
xiii. Ice: Michelle
xiv. Goalies: Matti
xv. Girls: Nate
xvi. Lincoln Stars: Kate (Mike assist)

7. Other Items
   A. Matti shared Coaching Evals, will be sending team evals to the Coaches on that team.
   B. Travel Coach applications are closed, did get an application at every level.
   C. Contact Form: Jr Stars Questions addressed with managers.
8. Contact Form: Hello, my name is Kohl Hedquist. I am coaching a 2014 and 2012 tournament team in Denver May1-3 and was looking to see if you would relay the message to your players? It is a AAA tournament with the CCM Selects at a perfect time of year with the Rockies beginning, avs in playoffs and some beautiful weather. I have coached the last 8 years ranging from youth to pro and will be joined by a Finnish pro coach. I have played at the NCAA and pro level and will be using this as a development tournament so players can go home this summer understanding some strengths and weaknesses while making sure they have a great experience meeting new players. They are welcome to contact me at 4805995872 19kohl@gmail.com

9. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 19th, 6pm