

DLYHA MEETING MINUTES

February 9th, 2026

In Attendance

Board: Michael Haggart, Nate Hunter, Brooke Bohls, Jack Kippen, Nick Grabow

Others: Natalie Bly, Rich Johnson, Tom Gulon, Joe Schiller, Jamie McDougall, Jen Frank

Gaming

McDougall skated through the reports previously emailed to the Board by Carlblom. Motion: Kippen; Second: Grabow
Result: Motion carried.

McDougall will draw up a game plan for raffle ticket incentives and identify which players will earn discounted registration fees for the next season.

A parent turned in raffle tickets at the concession stand; the tickets and monies are now missing. The parents will be contacted and permitted to replace the tickets. DLYHA will absorb the cost of the missing tickets and associated cash to replace the tickets to keep things moving forward. Motion: Kippen to allocate; Second: Haggart; Result: Motion carried.

Opening Faceoff (Agenda, Meeting Minutes, Treasurer's Report)

Agenda – A request was made to add Bantam jackets and Board elections under New Business. Motion: Haggart approves the agenda as amended; Second: Bohls; Result: Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes – The previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion: Grabow; Second: Kippen
Result: Motion carried.

Treasurer Report – A verbal financial update was provided. The Association is currently skating with a negative balance. A second gaming check is expected as the season winds down. No immediate red flags were raised by the Board. Bohls will finish reviewing and verifying the numbers, and a full Treasurer's Report will be shared once complete. Approximately half of the sponsorship revenue has been received; follow-up with remaining sponsors will begin. Motion: Kippen to approve the verbal Treasurer's update; Second: Grabow; Result: Motion carried.

Open Forum

Coach's Corner - Reports

Arena Commission – The Arena Commission reported that an updated arena contract was sent to DLYHA to secure an additional week of ice for the Rhino Tournament. The staff will be removing the last row of seats in arena 1 in order to color-coat the seats. A capital campaign was also discussed.

Referee – District and Regional tournaments are approaching. Regional tournaments will be paid at the state rate. Rich is reviewing the use of the RefR app for referee scheduling, management, and payment processing.

Equipment – Equipment returns were discussed – need to set dates. Equipment handout will be provided prior to the start of summer hockey.

Scheduler – The Board discussed cancelled games due to school closings. Moving forward, cancellations of practices or games will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The Hockey Director will make the final call and will be responsible for communicating decisions.

Registration – No updates.

Concessions – Concessions revenue after expenses was reported at a net profit of \$25,200. Bly believes stand will bring in \$30,000 to DLYHA. It was noted that two additional weeks of concessions were added beyond the original schedule. Bly requested additional compensation to cover those two weeks, as well as several shifts worked due to uncovered volunteer shifts by one individual. Motion: Kippen; Second: Haggart; Result: Motion carried. Bly sent request to Bohls to cash DIBS check. Missing raffle tickets covered. Individuals should not have access to the concession stand. The concession stand door code will be updated to prevent unauthorized access.

Tournament Coordinator – Youth tournaments have concluded. Pee wee A Districts will take place this weekend, with Pee wee B Regionals coming up. DLYHA will not have a Pee wee B team participating to staff the regional tournament. A DIBS sign-up will be created to cover game staffing and concessions.

Hockey Director – The Hockey Director discussed adding ice time at the end of the season to provide increased flexibility. Planning is moving forward for summer hockey school. After discussions with hockey staff, the possibility of informal outdoor rink hangouts was introduced, including stickhandling sessions and roller hockey. A waiver may need to be developed for these activities.

Old Business

Live Barn – scoreboard – Fode is currently working on this item.

New Business

Skate Sharpening Room – It was discussed that individuals have been accessing the skate sharpening machines without authorization. The door access will be addressed to prevent unauthorized use of the equipment – possible stand outside of room or coaches place players skate in the room. Funds missing from skate sharpening room too.

Addendum to Arena Use Agreement - An addendum to the arena contract was presented to secure an additional week of ice for the Rhino Tournament, scheduled for the first weekend in March, at a cost of \$4,200. Motion: Grabow; Second: Bohls; Result: Motion carried.

Arena Contract – The arena contract is a two-year agreement with a 3% annual adjustment. DLYHA will request revisions to the school-closure language within the contract.

Capital Campaign – Capital needs were discussed, including a new compressor room and compressors, Zamboni room improvements, locker room updates, and replacement of rink boards. The existing compressor is nearing end of life and will require replacement. Total project costs are estimated at \$4 million. The City plans to bond for \$2 million and is seeking fundraising support for the remaining capital. Hunter proposed assembling a committee to begin the capital campaign. Motion: Haggart; Second: Grabow; Result: Motion carried.

Bantam Jackets – Grabow sponsored jackets for the Bantam team during the VFW Tournament and proposed expanding the program to include all Bantam players, with a parallel option for the girls' program. Jackets and embroidery are estimated at approximately \$100 per jacket and would be presented as a recognition gift marking the conclusion of youth hockey. Motion: Haggart; Second: Bohls; Result: Motion carried.

Board Elections – Board terms for Hunter, Fode, and Grabow will conclude in April. An email will be sent to the Association inviting interested members to sign up for Board positions and to encourage attendance at March meeting. Sign ups to be collected by March 30th marking two weeks before the annual meeting in April.

Action Items

- B. Bohls to close accounts and safe deposit box.
- Bohls to secure EMT contract.
- Reese to research game jerseys.
- Frank to coordinate sound board fixing.
- Bohls to send out sponsorship banner log.

Next Matchup

Next board meeting: March 9th at 6:30 PM.

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