

DLYHA MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2026

In Attendance

Board: Brooke Bohls, Luke Preussler, Michael Haggart, Nate Hunter, Kyle Fode, Todd Bohls, Jack Kippen, Charity Reese

Others: Natalie Bly, Ashley Kortgard, Rich Johnson, Tom Gulon, Chad Carlblom, Joe Schiller, Jamie McDougall, Jen Frank

Gaming Minutes: Carlblom gave an update on the numbers, keeping the Board up to speed on where things stand. Hunter with a motion, T. Bohls provided the assist, and the motion carried.

J. McDougall presented an update and shared the goal of selling out all raffle tickets this year. To keep the pressure on and finish strong, proposals made for every extra book sold will earn an entry into a drawing or incentive. Added as agenda item.

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

USA Hockey Board Roster Status: Bly informed the Board that Hunter is currently redlined on the USA Hockey Board roster. An email received from the district states: "Board Members: If they are redlined, they are unable to participate in board activities, meetings, voting, etc., until the redline is removed." Schiller sent a follow-up email to Hunter requesting completion of SafeSport requirements.

Agenda –Kippen made the motion, Fode provided the second, and the agenda was approved without delay. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes – Keeping the play moving, Kippen made the motion to approve the meeting minutes, Haggart seconded, and the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report – The Treasurer's report was still being worked through following a busy tournament weekend and was not distributed in advance. A verbal update was given from the bench. No concerns were noted by the Board. Bohls will finish reviewing and verifying the numbers, and the full report will be shared tomorrow.

Open Forum

Reports

Arena Commission – An EIA analysis is in progress, and the Arena Commission will need game schedules and tournament dates to set the lines. The Rhinos tournament will be held March 6–7, after which the ice will be pulled, and the rink will transition to the off-season setup.

Referee – Last weekend featured a 16-team tournament — the biggest field hosted in quite some time. A total of 68 referee assignments were needed, with five officials logging heavy ice time by covering 48 games. Rich proposed a move to increase the Level 4 pay grade, increasing compensation by \$5 per game, with an additional \$5 per game for 17-minute periods. T. Bohls made the motion, Reese seconded, and Kippen abstained. Motion carried. The call went out to the bench: if you know any recent high school grads interested in wearing the stripes, now's the time to get them in the game.

Equipment – A few more items were picked up at The Sports Shop to keep the locker room stocked. The Board is also looking at goalie chest protectors for the Pee wee level to make sure our netminders are well covered. Kippen made the motion, Fode seconded, and the motion carried.

Scheduler – The schedule ahead is filling up fast: Pee wee Districts (February 13–15, five teams), Pee wee Regions (February 27–March 1, eight teams), and the Rhinos tournament (March 6–7). Crossbar allows for locker room

assignments but does not support projecting schedules on arena TVs. Practices will be scheduled throughout region week. A Mite Jamboree was also discussed as part of the upcoming slate.

Registration – Player registration is closed; however, coaches may still be added to team rosters. Any coach on the ice or bench must be listed on the roster. District guidance was reiterated: unrostered or redlined participation could result in penalties, forfeits, fines, or voided insurance coverage — a situation everyone wants to avoid.

Concessions – Concessions are currently showing a net profit of approximately \$16,000. The shelves are stocked, the grills are hot, and profits are expected to keep climbing as the season rolls on.

Tournament Coordinator – Four tournaments remain on the calendar. Tournament weekends for next year are being discussed with Ashley to get ahead of the schedule. The Brehm Tournament raised over \$5,000, which will be donated to The Brother Fund in support of the annual scholarship — a big win off the ice.

Hockey Director – The Hockey Director is working on the summer hockey schedule, getting the next season’s game plan drawn up early.

Old Business

Essentia EMT Contract – Brooke met with Essentia regarding EMT coverage, as they are unable to sustain full coverage for all DLYHA tournaments under the current agreement. A revised contract is being awaited, and the issue remains in the queue until the new terms are received.

Coach pay/reimbursement – To keep the bench staff taken care of, Haggart made a motion to reimburse hotel expenses for non-parent coaches. Reese seconded, and the motion carried.

New Business

Banner photo – Ashley ordered the full player photo file from Caulfields so it can be featured front and center on the association’s website homepage — a nice way to showcase the full roster.

Game Jerseys – Reese will take the lead on researching jersey options for players, with updates to follow once some potential lineups are pulled together.

Tournament Feedback – The Board discussed an email received following the Squirt tournament. As the first games for many of the Squirt teams, the feedback was encouraging — a good tone-setter for the season.

Raffle Tickets – J. McDougall reiterated the goal of selling out all raffle tickets this year and asked the Board to consider incentives for individuals who sell extra books. Reese made a motion to offer \$50 off registration for each additional raffle book sold. Haggart seconded. Motion carried.

Sound board (rink 1) – Connection issues continue with the sound board in Rink 1. J. Frank will talk with arena staff to get the right contact and work toward getting things back in order.

Sponsorship Banners – B Bohls will send out a report on sponsorship banners.

Action Items

- B. Bohls to close accounts.
- 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: February 9th at 6:30 PM. Bring your ideas and your energy.