

# DLYHA MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:**

May 12, 2025

**TIME:**

6:30pm

**MEETING LOCATION:**

Kent Freeman Arena

**MEETING CALLED BY:****APPROVAL OF:**

Agenda:

Meeting Minutes:

Treasurer's Report:

Other:

**NOTE TAKER: MH****REGISTRATION:****GAMBLING UPDATE**

- Gambling overview and approvals: Motion to approve gambling by Nate, 2nd by Jack Kippen

**ARENA COMMISSION**

- Boards have been cleaned
- Signs/advertising needs review and approval
- Water heater installed
- Brine pumps will be installed by end of this month and/or middle of June.
- Jason - wants to remove the bars in arena 2 warming room glass. Getting a glazing estimate to update/enhance (Tom recommended)
- Need an estimate and we will assess.
- Working on penalty boxes
- Hasn't made decision on east end door entry....it would need to be a gate on the North and South side. Wants to see if he could maybe put a temporary wall up behind that door on the East wall.
- Positive cash flow for two more years; big ticket items that will have to be done.
- City takes in X amount from us, they contribute their share and HS share....then Capital Improvement fund over a 10 year span
- Replacing Zamboni, condensing
- Chiller and condenser units are past their lifespan, could it last 10 years? sure...but maybe repair.

- Summer hockey hours are set and good to go (approved by City).

## OPEN FORUM

No requests

## HOCKEY DIRECTOR/ COMMITTEE

- **District 15 meeting updates:** Hosting PeeWee A district (February 13-15, and PeeWee B Regional (Feb 27 - March 1). Perham is back in the district for Mites/Termites
- Gamesheets: MN hockey no longer covers gamesheets, on association to pay...\$8/game (goes into Team Fees)
- Bantom and U-15: waiting on approval for USA Hockey to get tag-up offsides and penalty kill icing...still being determined.
- HP 14: 10 kids from district 15, 3 made it to the Summer Festival (30%)...first time DL has ever had that many kids make it. One 15 made it; 4 overall from DLHYA.
- Formalizing process of bumping down to B2 with other northern districts (15, 16, and 11 and 12)
- Avoid scheduling district games the last weekend before districts; keep open for weather/make up games.
- Fall meeting in October/November will be in Zoom; shifting away from in-person meetings.
- **MN Hockey Association Leader Excellence Conference:** great learnings and takeawa's from Mites, growing girls game, model association program.
- **SNH Performance strength and conditioning proposal:** Nate and Mike met with Aaron
- Aaron shared his proposals with Joe and he will circulate with the rest of the board
- Nate: "Could we do the training support without buying equipment from/through him?"
- Big numbers for the equipment; he would go with a 5-year commitment (years 2-5 he would send a strength and conditioning coach to run those sessions).
- Separating the on-ice goaltending vs off ice strength training options
- **Hockey Director contract renewal:** his contract is ending, and up for renewal.
- Current at \$20,000, calculated 800 hours (\$25/hour)
- 3-year contract starting at \$30,000,
- Running Fall 3v3, morning skates, other on ice sessions that he has been leading. Has shifted much more to a 12 month commitment.
- Ton of recruiting work currently
- \$30,000 year 1, \$32,500 year 2, and \$35,000
- Motion to approve from Kyle, 2nd approved by Nick
- All yes's (Todd, Nate, Nick, Kyle, Jack, Mike); Tom White voted no
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## EQUIPMENT

- Identify equipment coordinator (TBD; Sarah is likely out).

## TOURNAMENTS/ SCHEDULING

- Ashley Courtgard:
- Motion from Jack, 2nd from Kyle
- Ay (all), nay (Tom)

## REFEREE COORDINATOR

- Anyone interested in becoming a ref can be reimbursed for background check, send request to treasurer Brooke Bohls.

## ALL COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Finance Committee: - n/a
- Marketing Committee: will help with upcoming recruiting events.
- Girls Hockey Recruitment Committee: - Lilac Loons program
- Recruiting Committee: "the big event" / Glow Nights / how to engage more hockey parents to get involved.
- Grievance Committee: - Grievance webpage is up and running.

## DIBS

- Jamie - Running into DIBS issues with regard to help and no shows:
- Families signed up together (husband and wife), did not get the full work from them....gentleman showed up late and then left early
- Cancel BINGO at Zorbaz in April (Husband and Wife signed up together and no showed)
- People have been dropping shifts after the season is over; lock them in, and they would need to make a phone call
- Encourage them to find somebody by themselves.

## OTHER / CONTINUED ITEMS

Natalie Bly - making her pitch to take over the marketing/comms and other administrative tasks.

Social media question; she's done it at the Water Carnival  
 Overall positive sentiment from board members to hire her to run with all these  
 Jack motion to approve working with Natalie, and second from Todd  
 All in favor to move forward  
 Going to negotiate actual payment and what add on's she will cover.

Tom White

- Feels compromise is needed with regard to hockey direction; congrats Jack and Mike on getting elected to DLYHA board
  - However, our culture association culture and membership is divided, as indicated by my nomination and emphasis on trying to enact change to our hockey program.
  - Squirt program at Moorhead; Oct 25th picked their Squirt teams....first games on November 3rd (at Noon). In-house teams made up of 4 teams...1 day a week travel team practice...spread their wings and get out of a small area. Led every practice 15-20 minutes of skating.
  - Tom highlighted and read to emails from disgruntled parents:
    - "Biggest issues last year 0-10, 0-15, nothing changed from a coaching perspective. Coaches wouldn't communicate with parents...elected to have private 1:1 meetings with each parent. Nothing changed....Squirt team went 0-21. The only way you spell fun is WIN....
    - "Congrats on new title...sending our thoughts. Particularly in the past year, unprepared to play games as they didn't know how to play going into the game. Some parents don't have hockey knowledge, and we don't. KID LOVES it...after Squirt-acular. We should be able to have a \*ucking meeting without sharing what should be discussed. This is like a dictatorship. This season was humiliating.
  - Ben Noah should be implementing systems in PeeWee and Bantam, part of his farm system.

**NEXT MEETING**

July 14, 2025

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6:30pm

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**