



3800 Sunner Ave PO Box 10 Spirit Lake IA 51360

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/3/2025

Time: 530PM

Location: LAHA

Call to Order at 534pm

- **In attendance-**

Board Members: Michael Meyers, Ben Raveling, Allison Worrell, Cassidy Howard, Mark Maeyaert, Greg Stafford, Kristin Hansen

Other Leadership: Brett Hetland, High School Coach, Brad Shumway, Hockey Director, Maddie Ruesch, Figure Skating Director

Guests:

Introduction and Open Discussion

1. **Approval of Agenda and Request to Add Items**

Greg motions to approve the agenda and Kristin seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

2. **Reports**

- a. Secretary

Cassidy motions to approve previous month minutes and Mark seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

- b. Treasurer

- Nothing to report.

- c. President

- Midwest Affiliate compliance forms submitted
- USA Hockey/SafeSport/Background checks are needed for all board members.
- Bomgaars charge account: Who is on the account? Who should be on the account. Get updated.
- Other accounts?
 - Hyvee for concessions and other needs. Allison has card.
 - Credit Cards need updated.

- d. Hockey Director

- Registration
 - 19 High School
 - 69 Youth
 - LTS 17
 - LTP 1
 - House 1
- Tournaments
 - Squirt and PeeWee are full
 - Bantam 1 spot left
- Spirit Lake and Okoboji schools have been given LTS flyers
 - Will be sending to Spencer, Lake Park and Estherville also.
- LiveBarn
 - Coming September 10 to upgrade and move camera
 - Will need to access chiller room.

- Coaches Meeting
 - 9/28
- Started Scheduling Games
 - Hotel blocks have been booked for away tournaments to make sure that the teams have rooms. Managers are welcome to change if they want.
- e. SafeSport
 - Nothing to Report
- f. Growth
 - Still working on getting stencils done. About 20 left
 - Fall Fest at Camp Foster
 - Oct 19th 10am-2pm
 - Need help!
 - Oktober Fest?
 - Push for registration on social media and at schools
 - Boost Facebook post?
- g. Figure Skating
 - Spoke with Okoboji School Secretary. Send PDF of flyers that we want sent out.
- h. High School Team
 - Last youth roller hockey on Tuesday, HS on Thursday
 - Working on scheduling pre season games
 - Helmets and gloves ordered.
- 3. Old Business
 - a. Construction Updates
 - Zamboni door has been fixed.
 - New hinge needed.
 - Rollers need adjusted.
 - Made a ramp out of wood to see how it would work. Will rot over time.
 - Drain needs to be updated→grates are not the best option
 - Locker Room
 - Frame for walls is done, almost ready for FRP. (Monday?)
 - Electrician should be there before FRP goes in on Monday.
 - Where should outlets go?
 - 2 on each wall, high up.
 - No donation of FRP.
 - Should stay in budget.
 - Score Table
 - 5ft tall glass.
 - Penalty box doors will stay the same ht
 - Who is building the stairs?
 - Add signage to help keep people out.
 - Concreate marked out for players door
 - Glass and Brackets have been ordered.
 - Kick Plates replaced in spots.
 - Lights need replaced before ice goes in.
 - Glass Cleaning
 - No Chemicals→ best is hot water and magic erasers.
 - Holes filled in cement.
 - Chiller will be looked at on 9/8. Will start up and stay around to make sure it is going good.

- Mezzanine Carpet and painting done.
 - Bleachers still need carpet.
 - Need for new tables and chairs for Mezzanine?
 - Wall mounted baby changing table for bathroom.
 - Rink clean up day? TBD
- b. No Pay No Play Policy
- Policy has existed for awhile but not really followed.
 - Brad willing to be the contact and reach out to those that need to make payment.
 - Should this be Brad's responsibility?
 - Brad is ok with doing this and will always be at the rink.
 - Treasurer will handle payment arrangements.
 - Coaches will be notified of players not being able to play.
 - If approved Brad is willing to start making contact with people.

Allison motions to approve as written and Cassidy seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. New Business

- a. Hets High Tempo Camp
- 10/6-10/9
 - Cost
 - Level 1: \$45
 - Level 2: \$75
 - Proceeds will go to High School Team after small payment to coaches for helping.
 - Questions regarding moving away from free ice time.

Greg motions to approve as written and Ben seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

- b. Siouxland Sled Hockey
- Aaron Wavra reached out to inquire about ice time.
 - Historically have had practice times on Sundays. We have donated the ice time. Requesting every other week this season.
 - Do we have the ice time available?
 - First have of the season, yes → after that it will be tight.
 - Give them 5 (1 ½ hour) dates for free. Re-evaluate after that.

Ben motions to approve 5 (1 ½ hour) ice spots for Siouxland Sled Hockey, contingent on availability (re-evaluate for more later) and Greg seconded. All in favor.

- c. Coaching Reimbursement Policy
- Parent coaches
 - Reimbursement for coaching certificate, classes, modules, CEP, and registrations associated with hockey.
 - Non Parent coaches
 - Same as parent coaches → also reimburse mileage and lodging
 - Lodging
 - i. New policy states they must stay at hotel with team or not eligible for reimbursement.
 - ii. Non-parents may want to stay elsewhere to save money, Coach Heitland states last season the high school coaches started staying in VRBOs as they found that they could all stay in one and it was cheaper than them each getting a room at a hotel.
 - C. Is this a budget concern or a supervision concern?
 - D. Parents take players and are responsible for them.

Ben motions to approve policy changing that coaches can stay in cheaper accommodations and Greg seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

d. MN D4

- Brad spoke with Mike Pigman, D4 has voted that LAHA is welcome to schedule games with D4 teams that willing, but will not be in any leagues.
- Should have success scheduling with Windom, Luverne, Worthington, and Fairmont.
- Still ok for us to use their ref scheduling platform and GameSheet
 - They will bill us for using.
- Mini/Mite Jamboree TBD
- No notice was give to us, thinking it stems from teams that are farther away not wanting to travel here.
- Brad will work on scheduling games.
- Midwest League
 - Usually 12 games needed with 4 different teams to qualify for end of season tournament.
- Does Brad think this is short term? Probably not.

e. GameSheet

- D4 will bill us
 - \$8 per game→ \$500-\$700 for the season
- Midwest has a new program. Brad will reach out for information on that.
- Could go back to pen and paper
 - 100 sheets for \$36

Adjourn at 741PM

Allison motions to adjourn and Ben seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Next meeting 9/24/2025 530pm at LAHA

Respectfully Submitted,
Allison Worrell
LAHA Secretary

Board Approved: 9/24/2025AW