



# MLAHA

## May

# Meeting Minutes

**DATE:**

5/18/2025

**TIME:**

6pm

**MEETING LOCATION:**

Moose Lake Golf Course

**MEETING CALLED BY:** Jordan

**APPROVAL OF:** Mike, Kyle

Agenda:

Meeting Minutes:

**NOTE TAKER:** Jordan Collins - Secretary

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**OPEN FORUM:**

- District 11 Recap: a few blackout dates in December and January 9-11 (we can't schedule home games that require refs due to staffing).
- Voted to remove Hayward and Ashland, removed from all district games, can't sign up for their tournaments, they can't play in ours.
- We are hosting Batam and Squirt B1 districts (starting Feb 15 - 22)
- Coaching requirement will be December 15 (not extended, even though USA Hockey gives us until end of year)

- MN Hockey is no longer going to cover the cost of game sheets (\$8/game, Squirts and above). Other associations are attaching that to the registration fee. Doing the math with 10 games....\$80/team....16 home tournament games....now is the time to change registration if we are going to do it, or if we "eat the cost". Would be about \$1000 for the organization (\$150/team). Ends up being about \$10/player/level, excluding Mites.

**Vote: Approve to add \$10/each registration.**

**First: Mike, Second:**

- Equipment violations are a 10-minute penalty (mouthguard, neck guard, etc.) and it does impact "Fair Play" points.
- Discussed residency and verification of residency. Requested by District 10 director. Unsure how this will be implemented in our district.
- Discussed how to suspend players; 200 suspensions were handed out without Scott Gray being notified to conduct official hearings. Coach suspensions come from District 11, so they are already aware. Need to ensure we're looping them in with player suspensions.
- Reminder to complete Board requirements (notified via email last week).
- Head coaches determined at the beginning of June.

## **GAMBLING/FUNDRAISING (Tasha and Victoria)**

### **Gambling:**

- Reports for April

### **Fundraising:**

- Approve new sponsorship letter, worked with Amber to post on Facebook
- **Raffle Policy:**
  - haven't heard further re: gift cards sponsorship for prizes, so we will cover if they don't.
  - Prizes will be same/similar as last year.
  - Drawing will be Sunday Jan 18th, 6p.
  - Approved for 3000 tickets.
  - We'll need to come up with more prizes to draw for.
- **Steak Fry August 9th**
  - Volunteers needed get sign up on Crossbar
  - Advertisement Facebook event /posters
  - Meat sponsors from B&B or Costco, they'll usually put up \$3-4000 for steaks. Just need to ensure we have people to buy any extras after. Mike recommends 300 steaks (that's what the firehouse goes by). Better to run out than have too many.
  - Shoot for 5p start time.
  - Plenty of tables and chairs
  - Parking considerations....

- **ATV Poker Run August 9th**

- Victoria ran it, looks good, needs to confirm timing. Might start at 9a or so.
- Can sell sandwiches, breakfast for additional funds.
- Facebook event
- Victoria to connect with Maggie to set up times in Crossbar, 2 hour increments
- Parking considerations.....will have space donated in town for overflow parking.

**Hockey Director, Committee (Ashley, Mark Vichorek)**

- Tabled for June agenda. Updated that we've got a couple coaches lined up, they have until the end of the month. Probably won't have a 10U team. No squirt coaches lined up yet. Mark doesn't see any concerns with where we're at right now.

**Registration, Equipment (Bobbi and Stephanie)**

**Registration:**

- Registration begins June 1st.
- Maggie has some tweaks to work out before that time.
- Discount codes will roll out before registration opens.

**Equipment -**

- no updates.

**Tournaments, Scheduling (Maria)**

- All tournaments open to schedule except for Mites.
- If we have tournaments at the Brewery, we'll need about 15 people to help.
- Considerations for cold weather, if we have to bring it inside.
- There are a lot of teams sign up specifically to play outside so we'll really need to ensure we have enough people.
- 2025-2026 Season has been created and the following have been added/blocked in ScheduleWerks. Ready to publish, but will wait until closer to season start.

Home Tournaments

- Mites (December 26th-28th) **\*\*moved to February\*\***
- PeeWee (January 16th-18th)
- Squirts (January 23rd-25th)
- Bantams (January 30th- February 1st)

District Playoffs for Bantam B and Squirts B  
- February 13th-21st

### Finance (Julie)

- Loss in April ( - \$5982.42 for the month)
  - reimburse everyone from 3-on-3 tournament
  - concessions took a hit with unpaid invoices, \$2500
  - had to pay \$1500 for taxes
- \$35,000 in general fund; all the funds are healthy. Raffle money went into capital building fund, which got us through the whole year of payments and will continue to moving forward.

### Rinks and Grounds (Mike)

- Mike to connect with Julie re: budget stuff.
- Discussed maintenance of equipment at the rink (and associated costs).
- Selling ice, camps, steak fry, etc into this fund will have us break even with the condenser loan.
- **Mike requests:**
  - 20 hours for Mike,
  - 20 hours for Frank,
  - 15 hours for Joe Dressel applied to next season for zamboni.
- **Approved**
- Will start flooding after the steak fry is done, knowing the ice won't be perfect due to weather. Will probably have some cancellations due to this but want to try it. Won't sell advertisements during this time due to inconsistent ice.

### Volunteering (Maggie)

- No updates, just cleaning things up. Is meeting with Ashley to discuss how to fold all these changes into our volunteer area.
- Discussion re: various families, how hours attach to volunteers/players, families with split households on record, various scenarios with players leaving mid-season, Mite families, etc.

### Recruitment, Retention and Webmaster (Amber)

- Pulled open house dates so we can sit at tables and recruit
- Create a discount code for early bird registration, but new skaters would be free anyways

- August 28th is Willow and East Central, Moose Lake is the day before
- Wants to use spare swag from the concessions area to entice, give away DQ gift certificates, use up extra candy, etc.

### **Shot Count Competition**

- 8 kids who have signed up, and 5 have registered shots and they are at 4500 shots. Goes through September. Registration is free. Uses Hockey Share to monitor shots input; no one has to send in numbers then.
- Trying to recruit older students/varsity to participate

### **4th of July Parade**

### **Willow River Schools**

- Early out on Wednesdays, 1:50p
- Could we open the rink for practice for them? After discussion, may not be able to coordinate ice time before planned practices. Could offer 45 - 60 minutes since it's voluntary anyways. Doesn't hurt to give extra ice. Offer 2:30 - 3:30p.
- Will need a parent volunteer

### **Concessions (Carlee)**

- Moving to "Toast" (point-of-sale system) for 24/7 support, gave us equipment for free because we are a non-profit. They will charge us zero dollars over the summer when we aren't making sales. Their system also allows for tips/donations (like we see in Subway, etc.).
- Determined that we weren't making money off Bernicks. There's a delivery option through Sam's so we could volunteer to help them unload, or we can pick up orders. Will start moving this direction, terminate contract with Bernicks.
- **Discussed** removing vending machines at hockey rink, things expire before used up. Most people go to concessions anyways. Unanimous approval to remove.

### **Tournament Director (Brittni)**

- Home Tournaments

### **ALL COMMITTEE (including Grievances)**

#### **NEXT MEETING**

**Jun 22, 2025**

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

#### **TIME:**

**6:00p**

Mike, Kyle (1911 hours)

#### **MEETING LOCATION:**

**Golf Course**