



LDC Youth Hockey Inc
Board of Directors Meeting
August 10, 2025
6:00-8:00 PM

Members Present: Luke, Patrick, Sara, Steve Hataaja, Rita, Brian Moe, Tammie
Members Online: Micki, Bill, Pete
Members missing: Jason, Mandy, Maria
Special Guests: Brent Guyan, Adam Fast, Stacy Puckett

Meeting called to order at 6:00. Motion to approve minutes from 7-13-2025 meeting by Sarah,
2nd by Rita,

Reports-

President- N/A

Treasurer-

Registration is open, 1st payments will be drawn the first week of September, Bank account info is as follows:

LDC YOUTH HOCKEY 62,245.62,
LDC Youth Hockey Equip 1,958.37,
Perennial Bank Checking 6,106.86
Thrivent Investment 4,593.73

Vice President/District 5 Rep

D5

- Ryan stressed abuse of refs will be a game misconduct this year and will result in players or coaches missing the remainder of the game and the next game. They will strictly enforce it.
- Schedule system will be active by September 17th.
- Scheduler meeting will be virtual again this year.

Let Nate and Mike know what we will have for squirt C waive ups so they can consider that when dividing into blue and black divisions

- LDC will host peewee B region this year
- Let D5 know about hosting district tournaments.
- D5 is encouraging squirt teams to use 3/4 nets for cross ice scrimmages
- Hoping to have a Registrar meeting yet this month.
- Out of district Mite games need to be approved by Nate
- Make sure to send pre tryout scrimmage rosters to Nate before the scrimmage, i.e. Willmar tryouts.
- Nate has one season left on his term. He is will to do one more but wants to be done soon. If anybody is interested in being the D5 Minnesota Hockey rep let him know.
- They gave the district tournament dates but I don't have the paper I wrote them on so someone should follow up on that.
- D5 has coasters made up with a QR code that will have links to each association's homepage or a landing page for try hockey for free days. I added this to new business. We should pick a date and do this and let D5 know when it is and add it to our website.

Secretary/Tournament Coordinator-

All tournaments should be booked unless we add another squirt team. Bantam A was hardest to find due to less tournaments overall and early fill of the ones that were released.

Registrar-

Last day of registration is today, then its \$100 increase.

Scheduling-

Scheduling should be easier with Cross Bar, no other important updates

Fundraising-

Pete will get on the permit request and work on the raffle tickets for the sauna raffle. We should be good from a timing standpoint. On the permit it suggests we plan to do a bingo raffle, are we going to do that or not? More to come with that discussion. Pete is going to reach out to printing companies for an idea on pricing for the black/white tickets vs color and will report back. He will reach out to Sams club tomorrow on the toilet paper and paper towel fundraiser and will finalize pricing for the upcoming season, he is looking for the order form from last year, when is the date that this fundraiser kicks off, last season was October 13th. We need to find someone with a semi to go pick the items up and unload at Steffes Auction in Litchfield. He will do some research on this and figure out how to get it all back to Litchfield and let the executive board know.

Advertising, Recruitment & Retention

Got an email from the MN Wild about coordinating the game again this season, will work on a firm date for the next meeting.

Equipment-

Applied for the Gear Up Grant again, waiting to hear on that. We can pick a date to start moving equipment back into the arena soon, would like to open dubs hours up so we don't have to do it all ourselves.

Concessions

We can run the concessions in Litchfield for free for the first year, we can move in the week of August 21 but Sarah will be gone until Labor day weekend. No plan for garbage or cleaning yet, no water hookup for coffee and no outlet for a pop machine, Sarah is meeting with Chadd tomorrow to discuss these items. Grand opening is 9-7-2025 for the new Rec Center but we don't need to be open for it. DC concessions is still under negotiation, more to come on that next month.

Safe Sport-

Nothing new.

Dibs

Dibs for Beno Golf Tournament were posted and all but 2 filled right away. August 23rd is the date of that.

Mites- N/A

Hockey Advisory Committee- N/A

District Tournament Coordinator- N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

Squirt #'s, will we be able to have 3 teams?

Total Numbers for squirts are 26 with 8 that played last season but have not signed up yet. We are really close to 3 teams if they all sign up, more to come on this discussion next month.

Tryout dates-

We will set the tryouts dates as October 11, 12 at the Litchfield Rink. Motion by Sarah to approve these dates, 2nd by Tammie, motion carries.

Home Tournament update-

No new signups for both tournaments, we need to push this to try get signups, we can sit tight one more month and see if we get anything and will try advertise more in the meantime.

Equipment Rental dates

Tabled for now.

Picture dates

Country Gallery has agreed to take pictures on 2 weeknights if back to back, last season at the DC rink it went fine, so we will look to do it at the DC rink again. Siri will connect with Bill about using the DC rink again in late October and get us the dates next month.

NEW BUSINESS:**Coaches on ice dates as per HAC**

Coaching clinics will be held on September 29th at 7:00pm in locker room and 8:00 pm on ice or October 4 @ 8:00am in locker room and 9:00am on ice. Making one of these sessions is mandatory for anyone who wants to help coach this upcoming season. The varsity coaches will plan on running the first week of youth practice.

Tryout proposal from HAC

They are putting the tryout process for us and will send out to us when complete for approval.

Concession Stand Agreement

Don't have one in writing yet but its pending. More to come next month.

Try Hockey Free Date

Beno has one scheduled on 10-18-25 in Litchfield, we need to promote this date for all ages of kids to try hockey free.

Numbers for season-

Bantams- 32 signed up so far, with 6 left who played last season still to sign up (4 goalies)

Peewees- 23 with 4 left from last season. 4 new skaters. (2 goalies)

12U- 8 with 2 more maybe (1 goalie)

10U- 16 signed up. (1 Goalie)

Squirts- 28 have signed up with 6 left who played last season. (3 goalies)

Mites Mini Mites- 35 with 5 left from last season. 7 new skaters have signed up.

Our 12U and 10U numbers are not ideal we may need to discuss further.

Effective (8-11-2025) Crossbar is our main platform like Sports Engine was last season, anyone who needs help with Crossbar is asked to reach out to Rita for help.

Adam Fast-

Mr. Fast would like to discuss letter sent by LDC executive board (7-14-2025) telling him he is not eligible to coach due to a video of an incident that happened at a summer hockey tournament. Luke Huggett explained to Adam that the executive board reviewed the video that was sent to several members of the executive board. The EB met and were unanimous in their concern for what they saw in the video and decided to send Mr. Fast the letter (dated 7-14-2025) without a discussion with the larger board to allow Mr. Fast privacy on the matter. Mr. Fast said he would like to speak to the board and was given the floor. Mr. Fast stated that the

incident happened in the spring and that he was not representing LDC at the time. He admitted that he made a mistake, but said it was a tense incident due to his son getting beat up by another player. Mr. Fast stated that he went on the ice to break up the situation and was "triggered" by what was happening and his "fight, flight or freeze" instincts kicked in. Mr. Fast stated that he knows he went too far in the incident and made a mistake. He understands that his actions need to have consequences. He stated that his PTSD from being a war veteran played a part in him being triggered and that he is seeking counseling related to the incident and is trying to learn how to not be triggered in similar situations. Mr. Fast believes his track record of being a good coach and having fun with the kids prior to the incident speaks for itself.

Mr. Huggett explained to Mr. Fast that the video was very concerning and that hockey only gets more intense as the players get older. The executive board has concern for the safety of LDC players and opponents after what was shown in the video. Mr. Huggett recommended Mr. Fast accept the sanction laid out by the executive board in the previously sent letter, take the year off, and come back before the board preceding the 2026-27 season and revisit the issue. Mr. Fast stated he would like to be a practice coach for the upcoming season. Mr. Huggett agreed that the executive board would meet and discuss the incident further. Likely outcome would be the entire board seeing the video and the letter in a closed meeting and voting on Mr. Fast's status for the upcoming season.

Next meeting September 14th in Litchfield.

Motion to adjourn at 7:03 by Sarah, 2nd by Tammie.