



LDC Youth Hockey Inc
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2025
6:00-8:00 PM
Litchfield Civic Arena

Members Present: Luke, Bill, Patrick, Tammie, Sarah, Maria, Brian, Micki, Abby, Pete, Siri, Mandy

Members Online: Matt, Steve

Members Missing: Rita, Leah, Brett, Chris

Guests: Adam Fast, 10U Parent Group.

Meeting called to order by at 6:00 by Luke, (acting president with Jason on leave)

Motion to approve minutes from 9-14-2025 meeting by Sarah, 2nd by Micki. .

OLD BUSINESS:

MN Wild game date update-

1- Wild Game is scheduled for 3/12/26. I reserved 200 tickets. They are \$43 each and I have also looked into an option for a school bus for \$12-15 per person depending on interest. We have several experiences that will be drawn for for those that purchase tickets by the end of October including Bench Buddies, Fist Bup Tunnel, and Zamboni ride. We also have a perk of having our whole group in the ice for a photo after the game. I will be sending an email with a Google form and info on how to purchase tickets this week to all families.

2- Varsity hockey players will read hockey themed books to LDC kindergarten classes Tuesday morning. They will have flyers that I created to send home with students including information on free hockey days, girl's hockey kickoff, and the start date for Mites as well as our website and my contact info.

3- Girl's hockey kickoff is scheduled for 4:30-6:00 at the Litch rink on October 4th. We will have ice time for skating, beads, etc to create bracelets or key chains, and ingredients for girls to make their own snack mix. Similar to last year. Girls Varsity players have been invited- although it's homecoming dance for DC, so we won't get them all.

4- I've been in talks with Matt Hogg about a mentorship program with the varsity and mite-10u players. This is TBD on details. I'm wondering if we could possibly look into this for squirts and Boys Varsity as well- but may hold on that to next season as we see how it goes with the girls.

Home Tournaments update-

Bantam B2 we have 6 total teams including us, 2 spots left to claim. 10U has 0 signed up, we will give it until after tryouts to make the determination if we will have this or not. Discussion tabled until after tryouts.

Picture Times-

Pictures will be at DC this season on times are TBD.

The Prospect Exchange software discussion-

Luke will email us all the link to demo this platform, more to come on this discussion if we want to purchase or not.

Mite Waive up decision

We discussed the potential waive-ups extensively as an executive board. We currently have 34 Squirt players (enough for 3 teams).

It is the executive board's recommendation that we do not allow waive ups to squirts this season as we do not need the numbers.

It is our recommendation that we do allow one squirt to waive up to PeeWee due to family situations.

It is our recommendation that we do allow 1 peewee to waive up to Bantams.

These decisions were voted on via email by the board and all passed via majority vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve tryout plan and evaluators-

Luke went over the evaluator list and we offered to pass the tryout plan that the hockey advisory group presented around to all members and parents present. Evaluators will first provide & discuss their list of kids/teams in a group (with a member of the executive board) after the tryouts without the HAC, when it comes to the bubble players they will then discuss those players with the HAC/high school coaches to complete the teams. Motion to approve the Evaluators list and tryout plan by Micki, 2nd by Tammie.

Note that all players must have full gear to go on the ice for practice

Injured players and tryout discussion

We have 2 kids that may not be able to participate in tryouts, they are both A Team players last season. Those kids will practice with the next lowest team until they are healthy and will then have a few evaluators come to see if they go with the upper the team or not. We don't want to just put them on the A team since they may potentially miss tryouts. We will take the numbers into consideration so nobody else will have to be moved if this happens. Motion to approve by Tammie, 2nd by Micki.

The next meeting on October 12 at 7:00 and will be only to discuss and approve teams and coaches for each team, everything else will get addressed at the meeting on October 26. Motion to approve this by Tammie, 2nd by Sarah.

Fundraising-

Raffle permit is approved, we need to send \$100 check to the state of MN. TP and paper towel pickup will be 10-25-2025 at Steffes auction site again. Raffle tickets for the sauna are about ready to hit the printer. These can be handed to the parent rep for distribution.

Equipment rental day for mites will be done on 10-22-2025 at 6:00 (their first practice) and we can hand out jerseys for those that did not purchase.

Leah will get the try hockey free flyer to send to schools to send home with kids.

Luke will talk to arena manager about getting the mail boxes set back out in Litchfield

Parents of the 10U team showed up to discuss our plan to have tryouts and send a few girls to the 10UB team which may get less ice time. Luke explained that due to numbers (17 kids) which is too much for 1 team we discussed many options for this, we found some kids that wanted to play on a lower commitment team and a few mites who may want to wave up so we are really close to 2 teams, the 2nd team could play less games and have less practices but will also cost less. We will have to take a few kids after tryouts and place on this lower team. Some discussion about how many kids is too many for a 10U team and the board feels that this may be the best way to move forward given the situation. Parents are concerned that taking kids from the A team and placing them on the other team will break their hearts. Other kids have given up other sports to commit to hockey and they don't feel it's fair to the kids to cut ice time like this. Discussion on having 2 year wave ups and placing them on the lower 10U team so we don't have to make cuts and the A team would have a large number of players, we would then potentially have enough kids to make this happen but the board is not excited about having 2 year wave ups playing with age appropriate players. Discussion tabled and the executive board will meet with the parents of the 10U team to discuss and hopefully find an answer to this situation without having to put some dedicated kids on a lower commit team.

Adam Fast came to discuss the Mite Program and he has 2 jamborees he wants them to play in and has a bunch of games he wants them to play. He was told to contact Chris Olson (mite

coordinator) and they will work with schedulers to get games set up for the mites.

Motion to adjourn at 7:01 by Sarah 2nd by Micki.