

LDC Youth Hockey Inc
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2025
6:00-8:00 PM
Litchfield Civic Arena

Members present: Jason, Bill, Patrick, Micki, Tammie, Sarah, Brian Moe

Members online: Leah, Matt Hogg, Steve Haataja

Members Missing: Luke, Siri, Mandy, Chris Olson, Rita, Maria, Abby

Meeting called to order @ 6:03, motion to approve minutes from the March 23rd and April 6th meetings by Tammie, 2nd by Micki.

### Reports-

President- nothing new.

- **Treasurer** \$54,624.15 in general fund, \$1958.37 in equipment fund. Perennial account has \$6106.86 that was marked for gambling, it will stay in that account for now until the board decides what to do with it. We also have a Thrivent account of \$4,213.73, not sure what it is for or how it started, but it is there for our use if needed. Thrivent has donated to the association in the past to that account for girls hockey day and other things. Stacy Puckett would know more about this if anyone has questions. Jason will dig into why this account was set up and what it was for.
  - **District 5** Nothing to report, Luke was not able to make it.

## • Secretary/Tournament Coordinator-

Tournaments are now posted by other associations, we should start signing up for them as they fill up right away. Will get to work on that next week.

- Registrar- Crossbar changeover is in process, see below.
- **Scheduling** no updates.
- **Fundraising** open position, an email will go out to all members asking for someone to accept this spot. Leah will look into registering for the Watercade parade and get back to us.
- Advertising, Recruitment & Retention- No updates, will start on watercade stuff now so we are not last minute, but can't be there during the parade so someone else will have to take that on. She will reach out to all the elementary schools to get something to send home with all the kids before school ends for the year to sign up for hockey. (Our Mite numbers are a concern)
  - **Equipment** nothing new
- **Concessions** No updates on either location, Sarah will start planning some logistics for the Litchfield concession stand but will not buy anything yet, the City still hasn't committed to letting the association run it yet. The Dc concession stand is set to be built this fall but we haven't met with them to see who will run it yet. Bill has a meeting with the school on 6-24-2025 to discuss.
  - Safe Sport- No updates
- **Dibs** No Updates, waiting on Rita for the Crossbar update, where does she put dibs in sportsengine or crossbar? Bill will send over some training links from Crossbar so we can figure out how to use it. Jason is going to check with Rita to see if we are good to send out an email to all members that we are changing to this platform for next season as of 6-1-2025. We will send multiple notifications all summer.
  - Mites- no updates
  - Hockey Advisory Committee- No update

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Crossbar update** - All board members will need to send Rita an email with a personal email address so she can set up the account for board members. We will also post this to social media that we are changing to this platform effective **6-1-2025**. All members will need to sign up and create a new account for registering kids. We will try to have 2 in person sign up days in September to assist anyone who wants to sign up in person. Jason will follow up with Rita to see if there is anything else he needs to help her with.

Concessions update- see above.

**Update on shooting cage at DC Rink-** (Booster club donation) - The booster club has pledged \$1,000 to the shooting cage if it's a go, baseball and softball do not want to use it, the floor is too slippery so will probably not donate anything towards it. The association will pledge \$2,000 as well and Bill will discuss with the school at his June meeting and report back to the board at the July meeting.

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

Hockey Advisory Committee- We will scrap what was put together last summer as it was too big/too many people involved and it was hard to get a meeting with all members. The boys and girls varsity coaches were asked to put the committee together and discuss how they want it to look (are they ok with the 4 of them only or would they want another person or 2 involved) and will report back to the association prior to the June 22 meeting. The board would like help from the committee with the tryout process and evaluators for tryouts, selecting coaches, practices and direction from the top down based on their vision of the program, and other various things that pop up during a hockey season that we can consult with them on.

**Summer fundraising discussion**- do we want to participate in the Corn Carnival and Red Rooster days or no? We should look at spending some money on advertising stuff for the parades, foam pucks, or mini sticks or other things. The Thrivent account could be used for these items. Leah will get pricing for them and report at the next meeting. We will send an email out to all members to see if we can get help for the watercade and the Dassel/Cokato summer festivals.

Fundraising day is 1-24-2026, as per the varsity coaches let's try to schedule any youth games at home that day if possible.

### Home Tournament discussion-

Bill has 2 home tournaments on paper, a 10U-A tournament on 1-30 thru 2-1, and a Bantam B2 tournament on January 9-11th, we could also do it on 1-16 thru 1-18 if the first weekend does not end up working. We will post them online to sign up now and see how it goes.

# Jerseys-

Do we want to order new jerseys for squirts for next season? We just completed year 3 of the 3-5 contract that we promised sponsors last time around. To avoid having to write a big check for all the jerseys at once we will explore getting the squirts jerseys for next season that they could potentially keep for as long as they fit into them, this would avoid the association having to store them and eventually throw them away as we did with so many old jerseys this past spring. Patrick will get the exact prices of jerseys from several different companies and work with Bill to figure out the best way to pay for them so the kids can keep them, we will discuss and make a final decision at the meeting in June.

An email will go out to all youth girls about a camp in Hutch that the varsity girls coaches will run this summer.

An email will also go out for fall HP Tryouts that happen in June, all parents will get this email.

The next meeting on June 22 will be remote only.

Motion to adjourn at 7:13 Sarah, 2nd by Tammie.