

LDC Youth Hockey Inc Board of Directors Meeting July 13, 2025

Members in person: Bill, Patrick, Sara, Tammie, Brian Moe

Members online: Jason, Luke, Rita, Siri, Maria, Members Missing: Leah, Chris, Pete, Mandy, Micki

Meeting called to order @ 6:00 by Jason motion by sara to approve the minutes from 6-22-25, 2nd by Bill.

Reports-

President- Construction coming along nice in Litchfield, should be done in time for the season. Not much else to report.

Treasurer- Registration is open, we have collected some payments, \$37,119.93 in general fund, \$1958.37 in equipment fund for an overall balance of \$39,078.30. \$6,016.86 still in the Perennial account that was set up for gambling which we are not pursuing now.

District 5- Team fees will rise to \$80 per team next season, up from \$70 last season. Game Sheets billing will now be divided out per game, which is good for us. Registration for officials is open now, abuse of officials is going to be monitored next season, big emphasis on it, refs will be checking for mouthguards and assessing penalties as needed. Mite numbers statewide are down, MN Hockey will put together a committee to try to come up with ways to attract new skaters. D-5 is hosting Peewee A South, Peewee B South playoffs and Bantam AA state tournament, if we want to host one we need to reach out to D5 asap. A memo was sent out regarding the A team at each level, there is some flexibility if an organization only has 1 team. If there are 2 or more teams per level they want an A team. There may be only 4 10U A teams in the district, we may need to go to another district for playoffs, Luke will follow up on this.

Secretary/Tournament Coordinator-

Nothing new to report.

Registrar-

Registration is open in Crossbar, if anyone needs help let us know, we are currently at 39 registrants so far. More reminders will get sent out to parents, August 10th is the last day to register to avoid the late fee.

Scheduling-

Nothing new

Fundraising

Watercade went well, sold 600 rootbeer floats and all the water bottles went as well.

Advertising, Recruitment & Retention- nothing new.

Equipment- N/A

Concessions-

Met with City of Litchfield, they are wanting us to run the new concessions, negotiating with them on rent and have not heard back yet on the counter offer but its sounding good. Should know more at the meeting next month.

Safe Sport- N/A

Dibs- Dibs went well for watercade, some people signed up for dibs but they didn't have any kids signed up yet so the system errored out, that is something we will have to figure out. We need to check with Beno on the golf tournament and what they need for help from us.

Mites-

Beno is covering most of the cost so Mites will be \$99 per skater for the season (plus the MN Hockey fee and Raffle tickets), we need to advertise this to attract more kids

Hockey Advisory Committee-

Nothing new.

District Tournament Coordinator-

Nothing New.

OLD BUSINESS:

Concessions update- See above for Litchfield Status. Bernicks has offered to deliver beverages to us in Litchfield and give a large display cooler, our margins go down if we do this but they guarantee stock. Bill made a motion to use Bernicks as our beverage supplier, Luke

2nd, motion carries we will use them for our beverage supplier in Litchfield. DC is pending yet. Sara has reached out to food vendors, we need to commit to \$800-\$1000 per order to qualify. We can order food from Sam's club as they deliver. She will figure out the best option on this.

Set in Person Sign up dates

We need to set equipment rental dates and people can use that day to sign up as well, Jason will follow up with Abby to set these dates.

Home Tournament update

1 Bantam B team has signed up, no new 10U teams have signed up. We need to advertise these better to try to fill them, MN Hockey will post tournaments for free on their website, we will get signed up there and start sending the info to everyone we can think of.

Summer Fundraising discussion (local parades?)

Litchfield Parade went well, we need to get someone to work on the Dassel and Cokato parades. Jason will connect with Pete to discuss.

Beno donation- is donating money to keep the mite cost low this season, we will charge \$99 then there is a \$10 USA Hockey fee and the raffle tickets so it will cost about \$200 for a mite skater next season.

Sauna Supply Co donation-

They are donating a Sauna to raffle off next season and are working with Chadd Benson to find a spot to display the building.

Willmar Warhawk discussion

Any mite who signs up will get a free admission to a Warhawk game as long as an adult is with them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Equipment rental dates- Jason will connect with Abby to get these dates set up.

Tryout dates-

Jason will look at what we have done in the past and we can set these dates, it will depend on ice in date in Litchfield as we need 2 weeks of skating prior to tryouts.

Picture date- Siri will reach out to Country Gallery to see if we can do a week night this season instead of a saturday and maybe have the parent meetings that same night. More to come next month.

Cost (USA Hockey Increase)

USA increased their fee \$10 per kid so we need to make sure mite parents understand that it will cost about \$200 to play, USA Hockey fees are below:

2025-26 USA HOCKEY MEMBERSHIP FEE STRUCTURE	
2019 & Younger\$17.00	All Levels\$52.00
2017-2018\$56.00	OFFICIALS Level 1\$55.00
2013-2016\$69.00	Levels 2/3/4\$110.00
2007-2012\$79.00	Affiliated Non-Skating\$45.00 VOLUNTEER ADMINISTRATORS
2006 & Older (Adults)	All\$0.00

Squirt C Team

We are really close to having 3 teams, we possibly need to waive a few mites up to accomplish this but will discuss more at the August meeting. We would probably have 2 equal squirt B teams instead of a C team, more to come next month.

DC ice in date is 10-20-2025, Litchfield ice in date is possibly 9-22-2025.

Safesport reminders will go out shortly for everyone who needs to renew it so Rita doesn't have to hound everyone.

Next meeting August 10 Motion to adjourn @ 6:40 by Bill, 2nd by Sara.