



LDC Youth Hockey Inc
Board of Directors Meeting
September 14, 2025
Litchfield Civic Arena

Members Present: Jason, Luke, Bill, Patrick, Tammie, Micki, Rita, Sarah, Abby, Siri, Mandy, Chris, Leah Brian Moe

Members Online: Maria, Steve, Matt

Members Missing: Brett, Pete

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Jason.

Reports-

President-

Youth Practices will start 9-27-2045 at Litchfield Arena, schedules will be released shortly.

Treasurer-

We have \$98,277.56 in general fund \$1957 in equipment fund, \$6186.886 in the Perennial account, \$4593.73 in Thrivent account.

District 5-

Swearing is not going to be tolerated, 3 game suspension for any fan caught swearing, no tolerance on this. Sundays are the best for high level games, Bantams and Pee wee As. Better officials are available Sundays typically. MN Hockey tournament portal is open, we can submit our tournaments there. We can fill out a tournament permit to allow a 1 time event, (camps, etc). D5 would approve that. Qwench is now sponsoring MN Hockey, we can reach out for more info. Bantam A will go back to tag up icing, Board rosters need to be submitted. Meeting minutes need to be posted each month.

Secretary/Tournament Coordinator-

will clean up the tournament sheet, and talk to Amber about a tournament for the 3rd squirt team.

Registrar-

Registration still open, so far our numbers are as follows:

Bantams 39

Peewees 27

12U 10

Squirts 33

10U 18

Mite 8U 23

Mini Mite 17

Board Rosters are due 30th, all coaches and board will need to get safesort, background check and USA Hockey # to her for submission.

Scheduling

Working on 1st couple weeks of practice, they will do their best to work around fall sports. High school coaches will run the first week of both boys and girls practices. Bantams will be split into 2 sessions due to the total number of skaters, will split by last name, Rita will get the list to them. We will discuss the longer practices instead of every day, this will be addressed once teams are set. Travel weekend is an option for teams, Fergus Falls has reached out to see if we want to go there again, they will try to work it into Bantam or Peewee schedules. District 10 will be part of the 10U A schedule this year, our list also shows 12UA but not sure if that's final, Luke will look will that and get back to schedulers.

Fundraising

The TP fundraiser is off and running, more to come on this for delivery and such. Raffle tickets for our Sauna are almost ready to print as well.

Advertising, Recruitment & Retention

Leah will reach out to elementary schools about hockey readers again, she is working on a date for the Girls Hockey day again, will reach out to Stacy Puckett about helping.

Equipment

All the equipment is moved back into the arena, equipment room is good, we got \$1,000 grant with gift cards, we need to discuss what to spend it on. Last year we purchased dryland equipment, an email will go out to coaches again to see what is needed and if nothing else we can make the decision on what to order. Abby will look at a set of quick change goalie pads for mites, Chris will look at what else is needed for the mites as well. New socks are in jersey room when ready to sell in concessions.

Concessions

Everything has been moved in to the Litchfield venue, we should be good to start ordering stuff. Bernicks will deliver our first order whenever we request it.

Safe Sport-

Nothing

Dibs

Golf Tournament and equipment dibs filled, nothing else to report.

Mites

Mite start date is going to be October 22, (the wednesday after MEA), Chris will reach out to all mite coaches about a meeting with them about his plan for the season. In the past he did a new mite parent meeting while kids were skating and would like to do that again, he will schedule that direct with the parents. To start with we will do Saturday in DC and Wednesday at Litchfield and once town Hockey starts it will be Wednesdays at DC and Litchfield on Saturdays. There will be 1 hour practices at each location. 8:30 on Saturday mornings, and 6:15 or 6:30 on Wednesdays, Siri will be in touch once the schedule is up. He will run 3-4 practices then have a "game situation" type of practice to keep the kids excited. The Schedulers will help Chris with Jamborees and other games. He will talk to the parents at the meeting about this and try get input on which jamborees to look at. We advised him that parents will need to pay for the jamborees, and put 1 person in charge to collect the money and write 1 check to the association. We (association) will pay for the full ice mite games but not the Jamborees.

Hockey Advisory Committee

All the practice plans are in IHS for the first week, the coaches clinic will also have an IHS plan as well.

District Tournament Coordinator

No updates.

OLD BUSINESS:**Concessions update at both rinks-**

Permit got approved at DC and it will be done by ice in date. Litch is ready to go.

Squirt teams-

We will have 3 squirt teams, A, B1 & B2. We may need to waive up some mites, we have 3 mites that want to waive up and if so they would have to go to the B2 team by D5 rules. We do have 33 squirt players but 1 may waive up leaving us with 32, we did not make a decision on the waive ups yet for any teams, more to come regarding this at the next meeting and we will make a decision on this at that time.

MN Wild game update

We can choose from multiple games and prices, last season was February 25th and seemed to go good since hockey was done. We had 190 tickets last year, we would like to secure 200 to start this time and we could add more later if needed. Leah will pick the date after talking to schedulers and start advertising it.

Home Tournament update-

No new teams have signed up, we have 0 10U and 1 for Bantam B2, we could drop the price, last year we charged \$900 and broke even. We will drop the tournaments to \$1,000 and advertise it, we need to make a decision at least 30 days prior to start date.

Picture dates

Picture dates will be 10-28 & 29th at DC, times will be set at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kids Skate with varsity will be 1-24-2026 in Litchfield after the boys varsity game which starts at 5:00.

Beno is doing try hockey for free 10-18 in Litchfield from 10:00-11:30, we (LDC) will do one in DC on 10-25-25 at 9:00-10:30.

The Prospect Exchange

Is a video analysis service that MN Hockey uses, it allows upload of video of Livebarn or they can submit your own video, they break it down for each player and send a report. Its NHL style stats for all teams and coaches. It's like Hudl but much cheaper, cost is \$1,500 per team per season, do we want to look into purchasing it for the association? More to come on this at the next meeting.

Agreement for concessions

Jason emailed out 2 agreements to the board for us to approve if we all agree to the terms, after some discussion we will need to add a section stating other organizations can't bring their own food or items in to sell from the concession stand, they have to sell the items that we provide, some discussion on the percent that we would give them if they staff it vs us staffing it. Currently we have it so we give up 15% of Gross sales to The city of Litchfield if we staff it, and give up 25% if we do not staff it but it's open for an event. Motion made by Luke to approve the contract with the new clause about no outside items to be sold, 2nd by Leah. Jason will update the agreement and send it over to the City of Litchfield.

Abby brought up an idea of having kids go bag groceries for tips as a fundraiser for LDC Youth Hockey, the DC cheer team does this in Cokato. She will talk to Pete about this.

Jason mentioned he will be taking a 2 month leave of absence to take care of some personal items and will be gone until the first meeting in December. No objections from the board, so at this time he will be taking his leave. The handbook states that the VP will take over but the executive board is all helping. Micki made a motion to approve, 2nd by Bill. The executive board will work together as needed to pick up the slack.

Motion to approve minutes from the 8-10-2025 meeting by Luke 2nd by Bill.

Next meeting is September 28th at 6:00.

Motion to adjourn @ 7:14, by Luke, 2nd by Sarah.

Closed door meeting was then held.