FOREST LAKE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Working Meeting

July 9, 2025 – Remax – Synergy

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Gary Bies**

* Board Members Present: Gary Bies, Denny Angrimson, Chris Hill, Andrew Erickson, Tim Ryan, Tim Gibson, Broc Grell, Matt Folsom
* Board Members Absent: Nicolette DeLoye, Danielle Hinze, Marty Rychley, Ashley Bramer, Brad VanTassel

**President Report**

* Mission statement was read
* Discussion was held regarding future closed board meetings being recorded – pros/cons were brought forth and talked through with members present. Discussion was ultimately tabled and will be revisited when more board members are in attendance at a meeting.
* Discussion on best ways to live stream open meetings – purchase of a mic or some sort of sound device would be necessary to pick up voices
* Dryland update: 2 bids have come in
  + First is for $29,000 total (materials and labor)
  + Second is for $22,700 total (less cost as company feels thicker fencing was not necessary) We would want to upgrade materials for $2,000; as to make it look nicer
  + With a great deal of discussion the board feels that the second bid is the best option and Keller Fence will be completing the Shooting Area in the South Rink
  + *Motion made by Gary to vacate the $22,500 previously approved for the shooting area; 2nd by Chris* – **Motion passes**
  + *Motion made by Gary to approve up to $27,000 to accept the Bid by Keller Fence Company and fund the vinyl shooting area, 2nd by Chris* – **Motion passes**
  + Board discussed the need of having a locked door on the dryland area – no decision at this time
* Board discussed a possible storage solution for the previously purchased outdoor rink boards – Erika will talk with Hallberg Marine to see if there is a possibly they could donate storage space for the materials – we also need to plan a solution on how to get the boards and synthetic ice from their current storage spot

**Secretary's Report**

* No new updates

**VP Ops/District 2**

* No new updates

**VP Business**

* There was a request from the membership to spread out the hockey tuition payments to across the season – this has been worked on and there is a solution
  + Talk about making the “down payment” less and evening out payments across the calendar for Squirts/10U and above
  + *Motion made by Chris to modify the payment plan and divide it up to 5 payments; 2nd by Gary* – **Motion passes**
  + Chris updated the board on the differences with Crossbar and tuition and ways we will prevent charges accrued from members cancelling credit cards mid-season that are used for the Volunteer program
* Discussion on“top team” tryout fees
  + *Chris made a motion to charge families up to and extra $100 for players to attend a “top team” tryout + the regular tryout fees of $150 = total of $250 for top players to do tryouts; 2nd by Denny* – **Motion passes**
* Group discussed if committee’s had enough members or if there were any that needed more people – the current people in attendance were ok with the amount of members they have – will check with other board members not present and work to add more if needed
* Arena contract and pricing update
  + Up charge has been requested for an extra $500 fee for the need for extra dumpsters, etc on tournament weekends – this seems feasible and fair
  + Up charge had been requested for an extra $500 charged during fall clinic – this does not seems fair and will continue talks on the arena contract about this
  + Talks continuing about being able to give ice back2 weeks prior to actual use time without getting charged
  + Working through being able to use the Skoglund and Alumni rooms to host board meetings and team meetings with no charge with a 24 hour notice
  + Also hoping to get the storage closet back for our use in this contract
  + Managers will be able to reserve the weight room for $20/hr
  + Managers need to let the association know if their team will not use the scheduled ice for practice – this way other teams will be able to reserve the ice for other events
* Fall Clinic pricing: *Chris made a motion to pay coaches up to $660 instead of the original $500 to insure better instructors at each session; 2nd by Gary* – **Motion passes**
* Group discussion surrounding Dibs: working through figuring out how to help membership cover tournaments as well as concessions – this was a challenge last season
  + *Chris motioned to approve Dibs as 18 hours per player; 28 hour per family Max. 4 per Mini-Mite, 8 per JGold with Senior families being except on Dibs; 2nd by Gary* – **Motion passes**
* Registration: Erika suggested and ‘early bird discount’ of some sort – this may help get an idea on numbers at levels for the help in knowing teams and sizes – Chris looked into this and it out give the association a loss of money so not possible

**Association Treasurer**

* No new updates

**Teams Treasurer**

* No new updates

**Boys Director**

* No new updates

**Girls Director**

* No new updates

**Mites Director**

* No new updates

**Fundraising**

* No new updates

**Gambling**

* Broc is working on choosing a date for the raffle – looking at 12/11/25
* Pizza Pub is high on the list for the raffle location
* Raffle design is completed and ready for print – will print 3500 raffle ‘tickets’ instead of calendars – tickets will save the association money and also hoping families will like a ticket more than the calendar
* 6 per skater/12 per family

**Player/Coach Development**

* No new updates

**Recruitment and Retention**

* Gold tournament is cancelled this year
* Working on creating a Pond Hockey tournament – working through the details
  + Looking at MLK, 1/19/26 to host the even

**Tryouts**

* No new updates

**Tournaments**

* No new updates

**Rules and Ethics**

* No new updates

**Goalie**

* No new updates

**Equipment**

* No new update

**Coach Selection**

* No new updates

**New Business**

* No new updates

**Old Business**

* No new updates

**Electronic Motions**

* No electronic motions

*Motion by Gary seconded by Denny to adjourn meeting at 9:46 PM***- Motion passes**