FOREST LAKE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Working Meeting

June 18, 2025 – Forest Lake High School

**Meeting called to order at 7:09 PM by President Gary Bies**

* Board Members Present: Gary Bies, Chris Hill, Danielle Hinze, Broc Grell, Matt Folsom, Ashley Bramer, Andrew Erickson, Brianna Pyka, Marty Rychley,
* Board Members Absent: Dennis Angrimson, Nicolette DeLoye, Nicolette, Tim Ryan, Brad Van Tassel, Erika Siverhus, Tim Gibson

**President Report**

* Mission statement was read
* Minutes were presented for May 21st and June 4 were approved. Chris made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.
* Gary discussed the idea of live streaming the Board meetings. We discussed wireless microphone options and the owl options and conference room microphone options.
* One old business topic to cover, Boards
  + We are exploring alternate options for storage since they do need to be moved
  + The price offer is $5,500 when their value is around $30,000
* Gary shared preliminary levels for boys and girls
  + 4 teams at every level for boys, maybe 5
* A lot of discussion around goalie training, timing and incentivizing goalies at all levels

**Secretary's Report**

**VP Ops/District 2**

* No new updates

**VP Business**

* Crossbar Update
* Tournaments page is live
  + 15-20 teams are registered so far
* Golf tournament page is live
* Critical pages are up and running
* Goal is first week of July to get registrations up and running
* Met with Elam regarding the Fall Clinic schedule
  + Small tweaks need to be made
  + Rates were raised from the school district for Fall Clinic, resulting in a $10,000 increase
  + A meeting will likely be scheduled next week to discuss deferring the cost
  + The issue is that this change was made two months in advance
* Consider adding in the contract, if we alert Elam 21 days before we won’t use the ice that it goes back to Elam to resell
* Luke asked if we could use the ice in another way if it’s not being used, Chris responded that it’s a bandwidth issue.

**Association Treasurer**

**Teams Treasurer**

* No new updates

**Boys Director**

* No new updates

**Girls Director**

* The proposal to increasing the spend from $500 to $800
* Want to explore non-contingent coaches coming in for Fall clinic
* Net increase would be $3,000-$4,000
* Chris talked about increasing the payment for coaches, crossing the $600 threshold FLHA needs to complete a 1099
* Gary asked where we’re at for contingent coaches for Fall clinic
  + Will let Marty know by the end of the month
  + Compensation would put us above $500 and would be split because that could get split between the coaches
  + May need to increase the budget slightly for Fall clinic

**Mites Director**

* No new updates

**Fundraising**

* No updates

**Gambling**

* Julie at Forest Lake Printing is putting together a raffle ticket sample versus a calendar raffle
* Same rules apply
* Brocc is doing his seminar shortly and Gary is working on his clinic September
* The goal is to get the gambling license this year
* Brocc is going to explore Pizza Pub and establishing a relationship
* Lisa asked to clarify if a non-MN resident can win

**Player/Coach Development**

* No new updates

**Recruitment and Retention**

* Golf tournament reminder
* Luke mentioned Stacy Chiropractic
* 4th of July Parade, if anyone is interested in attending, please reach out to Matt
  + 20 people is the max
* Thank you very much for everyone that took the time to complete the surveys
  + There are a lot of communication opportunities we’ll work through during the summer
* Gary added his thanks and reminded the group that this information collected in the survey will be acted upon
* Matt also added that JR Rangers price may need to increase as well, similar to Fall clinic prices

**Tryouts**

* Discussion surrounding having a “top level” tryout at an additional cost
  + Three sessions and then a round of cuts
  + Example: 3v3, 5v5
* Discussion on a separate goalie evaluator this tryout season

**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

**Questions**

* Question around payment plans and if they could be set up at the beginning of the season when registration happens.
  + Chris will explore the options in the new website
* A comment around the fact that it’s important that people register early to help the levels and the quantity of kiddos on each team

*Motion by Gary seconded by Matt to adjourn meeting at 8:31 PM***- Motion passes**

\*Upcoming Meetings:

* Open Meeting
* Working Meeting