APPROVED

Northern Lakes Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/25/25
Time: Meeting Called to order at 5:00 pm

Board members present:
Kelly Burns
Chad Rau
Kari Horbacz
Mindy Dawber
Trevor Betley
Tom Zabka
Cole Peterson
Rebecca Olson-Ball
Mike Olsen

Board members absent:
Tim Johnston
Dan Yantes
Dustin Schwarze

Non Voting Members:
John Engstrom

Public Guests:
Nicole and Brett Skattum
Raymond Horton

Open Session:

1. **Public Comment**
   a. No Comment

2. **Approval of May 21st Meeting Minutes**
   a. Kelly Burns motioned to approve May 21st meeting minutes. Second by Kari Horbacz. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Gambling Report (Chad)**
   a. Application in for Mad Rabbits; potentially another site (would bring us to 14 sites).

b. Four storage buildings for holding paper; working a new 1500 sq. ft. location. Will work on getting locations down to 2 over the next year. Cost will end up being the same.
c. Chad Rau made a motion to approve Allowable Expenses in the amount of $156,950 with Total Lawful purpose expenditures of $130,000 for the month of July, which includes a transfer of $40,000 from Gambling to the General Fund. Second by Mike Olsen. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Finance Report (Mike)

a. Finalize and approve budget for fiscal year-end 3/31/2026. Mike Olsen made a motion to approve the budget. Revenue or income of $600,500 and expenses of 582,700 (net income $17,800). Second by Cole Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Facilities (Mike)

a. Working on old compressor room at Hallett; waiting for things to dry out to poor slab, otherwise everything is on schedule at this point for ice in October.
b. Working with Rice Lake on other facilities updates at Hallett – access to bathrooms, etc.

6. Hockey Committee Report (Trevor)

a. Final level coordinator approvals. Meetings put off until finalized.
b. Trevor Betley made a motion to approve the following designated level coordinators that were yet TBD. Second by Mike Olsen. Motion passed unanimously.
    i. Girls – Mark Azmus
    ii. Peewees – Monty Mraz (with assistance from Tom Zabka)
    iii. Mites – Mike Wietnauer (Eastside) and (Westside) Kyle Ball
c. The following level coordinators were approved at the May board meeting.
    i. Bantams – Chad Raushel
    ii. Squirts – Tim Johnston
    iii. Goalies – Cole Peterson
d. Signed up for Hibbing Jamboree for Peewees and Bantam tryouts (tentative at this point – to be discussed at Hockey Committee). Hibbing would be open for parents to attend and watch.

7. Equipment Report (Cole)

a. May not be able to get an additional 50 sets of mite jerseys – or if we can, not clear on timing. With rush to get ahead of tariffs, etc. they are behind; so there may be an issue with jersey repairs.
b. Starting to order gear. Mite goalie sets (2 sets on each side). In next month start order skates from Clafton.

8. Communication Report (Kari)

a. New Crossbar website
b. Unsure if able to keep existing URL (northernlakeslightning.com). Working with GoDaddy; northernlakeshockey.com is available as a last resort.
c. Working on scheduling; can filter what you see for you team(s).
d. Once they are up, Kari can coordinate social media for new ODR boards and include recognition for those who helped, including companies who donated equipment.

9. Registration (Kelly)

a. Registration will be ready pending new website launch.

10. Recruitment & Retention (Mindy)

a. Approve expenses for NLYHA hot dog/brat fundraiser; we have tents, tables and volunteers. Total cost on the high end would be $750 total. Anticipate about 300 meals. Reordered koozies and pucks and will use those during the event as well for recruitment during event. Mike Olsen motioned to approve up to $1,000 for hot dog/brat fundraiser. Second by Trevor Betley. Motion passed unanimously. Kelly to look into permit.
b. Parades – Pequot and Crosby are on the 4th. Aitkin is 1st week in August.
c. Come Try Hockey Dates/Recruitment – Need to settle on dates.
   i. Sunday, September 21st – starting at 1 or 2. With boys and then girls back-to-back. Would like to send out flyers in the school ahead of this date.
   ii. Do we want another date in September during the week at night? Discussed just one event in Breezy and one in Crosby.
   iii. Crosby date will need to be after tryouts. TBD.
d. Season Kick-off Party Update
   i. City has all the information – just need their approval.
   ii. Tentative date is Sunday, September 14th.
   iii. May not be able to get insurance certificate until after September 1st – should be able to, but not confirmed yet.
e. Confirmed table for Pequot and Crosslake school open houses and tentative for Crosby and Aitkin.

11. Fundraising Report (Tim)

a. Nothing to report.

12. SafeSport (Dustin)

a. Waiting for responses from the Center for SafeSport for previous issues.

13. Other Business

a. Update on ODR boards – boards came in. Superior Arena boards. Came with benches and penalty box. Right now, only set up for boards and glass. If we had the opportunity to put benches and the boxes in, we would need to set up for that. Did come in under budget (@ $26,900). Can't start work until August timeframe. Estimating $15-20K for install (removal would be done through volunteers).
b. Hockey committee to review/confirm Fall/Spring skills with Mueller.
c. Bylaws review – bring concerns and potential updates to July meeting.

The next meeting will be July 28th at 5pm at The Bridge Tavern.

Motion by Trevor Betley to adjourn. Second by Mindy Dawber. Motion passed unanimously.