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# Northern Lakes Youth Hockey Association
## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/24/25
Time: Meeting Called to order at 5:00 pm

**Board members present:**

Kelly Burns
Chad Rau
Dan Yantes
Trevor Betley
Rebecca Olson-Ball
Kari Horbacz
Chad Rau
Tom Zabka
Cole Peterson
Mike Olsen
Mindy Dawber
Dustin Schwarze
Tim Johnston

**Board members absent:**

**Non-Voting Members:**
John Engstrom

**Public Guests:** Monte Mraz

**<u>Open Session:</u>**

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

2. **Approval of August 20th Meeting Minutes**
    a. Trevor Betley motion to approve August 20th meeting minutes. Second by Kelly Burns. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Chris Crutcher (Tom)**
    a. Chris was not able to attend
    b. Emailed for discussion on his request for matching funds on a new Zamboni for Breezy rink ($96,000 total)
    c. Could keep old Zamboni for use on ODR (could also use @ Hallett if ever need a backup)
    d. Request for more information re: storage, other costs

4. **SafeSport (Dustin)**
    a. One issue still pending; temporary guidelines set up through SafeSport. Dustin Schwarze motion to follow guidelines set by SafeSport and no special accommodations; second by Dan Yantes. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Gambling Report (Chad)**
    a. Had a meeting with The North Star to discuss logistics with gambling.
    b. Another good month.
    c. Chad Rau made a motion to approve Allowable Expenses in the amount of $157,950 with Total Lawful purpose expenditures of $130,000 for the month of October, which includes a transfer of $40,000 from Gambling to the General Fund. Second by Mike Olsen. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **Finance Report (Mike)**
    a. Another good month.
    b. In a good financial position.

7. **Facilities (Mike)**
    a. Crosby rink – compressor not delivered after ordered, chiller to be ordered for this season (like what used for last season) and cost on supplier – pause on locker room and use of space
    b. ODR update – old boards are gone; quote for dirt and cement work; the work to put up new boards can start October 15 ($20,000 for dirt, cement work and putting up new boards). Work continuing with warming house. Motion by Chad Rau to approve the $20,000 for the ODR work, second by Mike Olsen. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Hockey Committee Report (Trevor)**
    a. Non-parent coaches pay/incentives
        i. Discuss increasing per diem.
        ii. Motion by Dan Yantes to increase per diem to $20 for breakfast, $30 for lunch; $50 for dinner, second by Rebecca Olson-Ball. Motion passed unanimously.
    b. Registration numbers
        i. 33 skaters and 4 goalies for bantams
        ii. 27 skaters and 2 goalies for peewees
        iii. 21 skaters and 2 goalies for squirts
        iv. 13 skaters and 3 goalies for 12U
        v. 13 skaters and 1 goalie for 10U
    c. Levels
        i. A, B1 and B2 for bantams (hold pending final numbers)
        ii. A and B level (can bounce between B1 and B2 level) for peewees
        iii. A and B level (can bounce between B1 and B2 level) for squirts; we will be hosting squirt B district tournament
        iv. 12U at B level; work with District for exception for goalies
        v. 10U at B level
        vi. Can adjust levels until end of December; can move down but not up

vii. Trevor Betley motion to move forward with levels above. Second by Mike Olsen. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Coaching positions
   i. 12U nomination for Ellie Williams
   ii. 10U nomination for Mike Weitnauer
   iii. Squirt A nomination for Tim Johnston. Approved by board via text in between September and October board meetings.
   iv. Peewee A nomination for Nate Honzalek
   v. Bantam A nomination for Chris Boelter
   vi. Trevor Betley motion to move forward with all coach nominations with the exception of Squirt A. Tabled for Squirt A. Second by Cole Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Tryout logistics
   i. Day 1 closed; Day 2 open
   ii. Saturday, October 11
      1. Session 1: Bantams 8-9:15 Saturday morning, Peewees 9:30-10:45, Squirts 11-12:15, Goalies 12:30-1:45 PM
      2. Session 2: Pewees 2-3:15, Squirts 3:30-4:45, Bantams, 5-6:15 PM
   iii. Sunday, October 12
      1. 8:45-9:45 1st Bantam session
      2. 10:00-11:00 2nd Bantam session
      3. 11:15-12:15 1st Peewee session
      4. 12:30-1:30 2nd Peewee session
      5. 1:45-2:45 1st Squirt session
      6. 3:00-4:00 2nd Squirt session
   iv. Squirts teams finalized by the end of day Monday
   v. Peewee and Bantam teams finalized two weeks later, after Hibbing tournament

f. Fall skills – ongoing

g. October 29th coaches meeting @ The Bridge Tavern – mandatory

h. Sniper club – prizes finalized and will be ordered

i. Lettermen Sports orders – store will go live 9/26/25

## 9. Equipment Report (Cole)

a. Continue ordering gear to keep up with Come Try Hockey

## 10. Communication Report (Kari)

a. Peewee Hibbing tournament

## 11. Registration (Kelly)

a. 79 mites registered
b. 22 are new (6 from Come Try Hockey)
c. New SafeSport requirements for volunteers in order to roster teams

## 12. Recruitment & Retention (Mindy)

a. Motion by Kelly Burns for $500 for snacks/drinks for tryouts. Second by Kari Horbacz.
b. Come Try Hockey event went well. Nov. 2nd is the next Come Try Hockey event @ Hallett.

## 13. Fundraising Report (Tim)

a. To review wreath numbers for buyouts/those selling

## 14. Other Business

a. Scholarship for skater. Motion by Cole Peterson to use $1,050 of scholarship funds for skater. Second by Kelly Burns.
b. $1750 each approved via text in between September and October board meetings for 10U, 12U and Squirt A pins.

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The next meeting will be October 22nd at 5pm at Lakes Tavern.

Motion by Dan Yanes to adjourn. Second by Trevor Betley. Motion passed unanimously.