

APPROVED



Northern Lakes Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/21/25

Time: Meeting Called to order at 5:00 pm

Board members present:

Dan Yantes

Chad Rau

Kari Horbacz

Mindy Dawber

Tim Johnston

Kelly Burns

Tom Zabka

Cole Peterson

Rebecca Olson-Ball

Dustin Schwarze

Mike Olsen

Board members absent:

Trevor Betley

Non Voting Members:

John Engstrom

Public Guests:

Bryce Butcher

Open Session:

1. Public Comment

- a. No Comment

2. Approval of April 23rd Meeting Minutes

- a. Dan Yantes motioned to approve April 23rd meeting minutes. Second by Mike Olsen. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Gambling Report (Chad)

- a. Big Al's Bar and Grill closed and is for sale; gambling is out of Big Al's as of right now. We still hold the license.
- b. Cole Peterson made a motion to approve Allowable Expenses in the amount of \$156,950 and Total Lawful purpose expenditures of \$130,000 for the month of June,

which includes a transfer of \$40,000 from Gambling to the General Fund. Second by Mindy Dawber. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Finance Report (Mike)

- a. Scholarship
 - i. Winners selected by family.
 - ii. Mike to coordinate payment and communication.
- b. Chiller update
 - i. Work to commence this summer.
 - ii. We will hopefully have ice in by October 11-13th for Crosby.
 - iii. Consider adding Facilities line item to the agenda on go-forward basis.
- c. Budget for fiscal year-end 3/31/2026
 - i. In progress
 - ii. If there are larger line items to add to the budget, Board members to reach out to Mike

5. Hockey Committee Report (Tom for Trevor)

- a. Level Coordinator discussion.
- b. Mike Olsen made a motion to approve the following designated level coordinators and for the Board to continue discussions on TBD level coordinators. Second by Dan Yantes. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Bantams – Chad Raushel
- d. Peewees – TBD
- e. Squirts – Tim Johnston
- f. Mites – TBD (Eastside) and (Westside) TBD
- g. Girls – TBD
- h. Goalies – Cole Peterson

6. Equipment Report (Cole)

- a. Jerseys/equipment removed from small room at Breezy. Still equipment in larger room.
- b. Coordinating goalie equipment returns/buy-out for those moving up.
- c. 90 mites and 93 game jerseys for mites. Consider purchasing another set of mite jerseys. Cole to investigate and bring back for June meeting.

7. Communication Report (Kari)

- a. Website/Crossbar
- b. Grand Rapids and Elk River are examples of associations that use Crossbar now.
- c. \$995 per year with no set-up fee (SportsEngine is \$800); more features with Crossbar and there will be few, if any updates for SportsEngine going forward.
- d. Many features, including online jersey management system and tracking for coach requirements. Easy to make updates on the app.
- e. If approved today, can be ready to go by July.
- f. Cole Peterson made a motion to approve moving to Crossbar app. Second by Dustin Schwarze. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Registration (Kelly)

- a. Kelly to assist in coordinating move to Crossbar

- b. Numbers for Peewees currently at 30, but could be at 33

9. Recruitment & Retention (Mindy)

- a. Season kick-off party (e.g., at Crosby park); could have registration booth
- b. Looking to be at all the school open houses
- c. Consider doing Pequot, Crosby, and Aitkin parades and not Nisswa this year

10. Fundraising Report (Tim)

- a. Tim looking into donations for ATV, etc. for second raffle
- b. See if we can get an item donated and what the cost is and bring back to June meeting
- c. Wraps at Crosby – consider pricing for advertising – waiting on quotes for graphic costs for NLYHA logo.
- d. Discussion on hockey day MN and determining what is happening there for planning; see if we can get a seat at the table.

11. SafeSport (Dustin)

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

12. Other Business

- a. Boards for ODR @ Breezy – current boards are proving to be unsafe; full set of boards for sale that could be used as replacement. Concern for summer use w/ camps and wear and tear on the boards. Rebecca Olson made a motion to approve purchase of the ODR boards (pending inspection) for an amount up to \$30,000. Second by Chad Rau. Cole Peterson and Mike Olsen opposed. Motion passed. Tom to relay concerns about use and care w/ those involved in summer camps @ Breezy.
- b. Review Bylaws before next meeting.
- c. District 15 meeting – what teams are hosting – NLYHA hosting Squirt B1
 - i. They are considering adding a B2 regions tournament.
 - ii. Worldshowdown.com happening in the cities this year – if associations have a higher-level B or A team, they recommended the associations consider participating. If you want to participate, sign up sooner than later.
 - iii. Still working on tagging-up and icing on a power play.

The next meeting will be June 25th at 5pm at Block North.

Motion by Dan Yantes to adjourn. Second by Tim Johnston. Motion passed unanimously.