

**APPROVED**



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

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Date: 1/29/25

Time: Meeting Called to order at 5:02 pm

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### **Board members present:**

Dan Yantes

Kari Horbacz

Jen Rikala

Cole Peterson

Kelly Burns

Mike Olsen

Tom Zabka

Rebecca Olson-Ball

Trevor Betley

Tim Johnston

Chad Rau

### **Board members absent:**

Dustin Schwarze

### **Non Voting Members:**

John Engstrom

### **Public Guests:**

Mindy Dawber

### **Open Session:**

#### **1. Public Comment**

- a. No Comment

#### **2. Approval of December 18th Meeting Minutes**

- a. Cole Peterson motioned to approve December 18th meeting minutes. Second by Trevor Betley. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **3. Gambling Report (Chad)**

- a. Should be ready to hand out the Big Cash Raffle Tickets next week.
- b. Chad Rau made a motion to approve Allowable Expenses \$157,950 and Total Lawful purpose expenditures of \$150,000 for the month of February which includes a transfer of \$60,000 from Gambling to the General Fund. Second by Michael Olsen. Motion

- passed unanimously.
- c. Discussion on possible new gambling sites.

#### **4. Finance Report (Mike)**

- a. Approx. \$120,000 net income higher than last year at this point in the year.
- b. Dan & Mike attended the Crosby City Council Meeting to just get a feel what the city is willing to do for the Hallett in the future.
- c. 2 - \$750 High School Scholarships - Buntje Family
  - i. Will be awarded to a male & female senior hockey player.
  - ii. Family will be a part of the selection process.
  - iii. Will need to create a scholarship committee.
- d. Hallett Upgrades
  - i. Portable Chiller - \$10,000/mo
    - 1. Rice Lake has donated a majority of the construction & other misc. Costs.
    - 2. Believe some or all of the electrical costs are donated too.
  - ii. Long-term solution in the works for a new Compressor/Chilling System.

#### **5. Hockey Committee Report (Trevor)**

- a. Spring Skills
  - i. Tom Zabka motioned to approve the following fee scale for Spring Skills: Mites/Squirts/10u free, Peewees/12u & Bantams \$50 and High School \$100. Second by Mike Olsen. Motion passed unanimously.
  - ii. MHC bought some ice time at breezy in April that is usually set for Spring Skills, so spring skills days will get adjusted. Both Brainerd & NLYHA skaters can participate.
- b. New Player Development Ice Time
  - i. This will be discontinued in February. Those ice time slots will now be available if anyone would like to have an extra practice.
  - ii. Good feedback from Mike. This was a great addition for those new squirts.
- c. Sniper Gear - Still waiting for a few things to be delivered. Will be distributed soon.
- d. Varsity Coaches want to have a meeting with all coaches again soon - Trevor will let all coaches know.

#### **6. Equipment Report (Cole)**

- a. Waiting to hear back on the new jerseys from Gemini. Hockey Day MN took priority.
- b. Cole has been ordering replacement equipment for what we are low on.
- c. Socks - Will look into ordering socks now for next year.
- d. Goalies aging out of association going into high school
  - i. Give them the option to buy the gear. Cole will speak with the families on costs.

## **7. Communication Report (Kari)**

- a. Kari keeps posting the updates from the managers.

## **8. Registration (Kelly)**

- a. Still trying to get birth certificates for redlined mites.
- b. 225 players registered. Kelly was contacted by one new mite player so may have one more registering.

## **9. Recruitment & Retention (Rebecca)**

- a. No Report

## **10. Fundraising Report (Tim)**

- a. Still trying to collect wreath buyouts. We can send invoices.
- b. No pizza fundraiser this year.

## **11. SafeSport (Dustin)**

- a. No Report

## **12. Other Business**

- a. Scheduler Job Description
  - i. Dan updated the job description.
  - ii. Trevor Betley motioned to approve paying Jeff DeGrote \$10,000 for the Scheduler position for the 2024-2025 Season. Second by Cole Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. End of the Year Banquet - 4/8/25
  - i. Menu: Burger & Chicken Breast Bar; Will see if there is a Mac & Cheese or buttered noodles option to add.
  - ii. Mite Gifts - Logo pucks
  - iii. Raffle Gifts
    - 1. \$100 Play it Again Sports GC
    - 2. \$100 Scheels GC
    - 3. \$100 Pure Hockey GC
    - 4. Day on the Lake Boat Rental
    - 5. \$100 NorthStar GC
    - 6. Up to \$200 for 1 Hky IQ Stick
    - 7. \$100 Lettermens GC
- c. Board Applications
  - i. Kari will try to set it up to be fillable online and communicate it out.
- d. Coach of the Year Nominations
  - i. Need to communicate out for families to vote.
- e. Hallett Board Advertising
  - i. Keep it on the outside of the boards.
  - ii. Will need to set up a payscale for the advertising costs.
  - iii. Talk with K&M Signs to do it
- f. Come Try Hockey event - 2/22/24
  - i. Discussion on if we want to do one.

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The next meeting will be held at Maucieri's on 2/26/25 at 5pm .

Motion by Mike Olsen to adjourn. Second by Chad Rau. Motion passed unanimously.