

# LIHA Board Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024

Board Members in Attendance: Dave Shipperbottom, Kate Holman, Shelly Tyser, Matti Roinila, Griffin Gale, Nate Henke, Dane Todd

Non-Board Members in Attendance: Spencer Peery, Michelle Bellamy

## Open Board Meeting

N/A

## Closed Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:39 pm.

## LIHA Meeting Minutes:

Dave made a motion to accept the October 29, 2024 Board Meeting minutes into record, Nate 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

## Financials

Spencer reviewed the financials as of October 31, 2024.

Shelly made a motion to accept the financials into record, Matti 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

Hocktoberfest tournament net \$409.

Spencer is working on failed payments, 4 for October, 5 for November.

## Committee Updates:

**By-Laws (Kate):** Will add Coaching Class to the Membership so coaches that are not members would be able to vote. Will change the Approval Time for Membership from 15 to 30 days after registration, LIHA would have up to 30 days to deny membership after registration. Changing the Board of Directors Election timeline so that applications will be due in February, applications will then be posted for a longer time before voting commences for 5 days in March. A clause will be added about Dissolution. Board will have five days to review changes before calling for vote to approve.

**Coaching (Matti):** All of the teams are rostered. A good portion of the 6U/8U Coaches have gotten all of their requirements done. Matti is planning to reach out to Head Coaches this week to check in. Coaches will be given a Coaches Jacket during their 2<sup>nd</sup> season unless they are a Select/Travel Coach who is traveling out of town, they will get jackets their first season.

**Disciplinary (Dave):** Nothing new. Jr Stars were in Mason City 2 weeks ago, games got a bit out of control and players were ejected. Parents were waiting in the parking lot for the refs to come out, parents were not from Lincoln.

**Equipment (Griffin):** Griffin still needs to order an extra set of pads. We still have neck guards and sticks. Are sitting good on equipment. They ordered 100 blue pucks.

**Fundraising (Dane):** Belmont Runza (11/18) is doing a dine out night for LIHA, will be advertised on Social Media. LIHA Apparel site had 405 orders.

**Girls Program (Nate):** Attendance has been ranging from 8-19 players per session. 10U and 12U House have practice at the same time so they struggle with same practice times. Adjust for next season.

**Goalies (Matti):** No report.

**High School Club (Shelly):** No report.

**House (Shelly):** Working through questions, GameSheet app up and running.

**Ice (Michelle):** Michelle working on 8U spring session ice conflicts, currently short 7 hours.

**LSHL (Griffin):** No report.

**Lincoln Stars (Kate):** Dave and Nate met with the Stars today. Everyone needs to enter the Ice Box through the front entrance, to keep the rink secure the doors on the sides cannot be propped open. Stars will open back up the stage during practices, parents need to be reminded to clean up after themselves. They have had issues with the screens in the lobby so they are going back to white boards. Jr Stars will get either the West or East locker room. During Hocktoberfest there was a chair and a refrigerator broken. Girls locker room will be in the Refs Room, Refs will use the Coaches locker room. The Stars no longer want to use the Zamboni Pit room as a locker room.

**Marketing (Griffin/Kate):** Hired UNL Intern, Alana. Griffin and Kate conducted onboarding last week. She will work on monthly e-newsletter, graphics for website and social, posts for social. She will send hours monthly to Kate to approve.

**MWAHA (Eric, Nate, Mike ):** See Safesport Committee notes below.

**Officiating (Dave):** No report.

**Player Safety (Dane):** Coaches and Managers have been doing a good job getting concussion information to Dane. The follow up protocol from MWAHA is confusing. Dane reached out to the MWAHA Concussion Reporting person letting them know that the reporting of Concussion information is not HIPAA compliant. Dane needs Coaches and Parents to make sure player is cleared before they participate in full contact practices or games. Players in concussion protocol need consecutive days on the ice so Matti will send a note to coaches letting them know that we may need them to include these players in their practices.

**Program Expansion (Griffin):** Need to watch registration numbers for 2<sup>nd</sup> Session. Kate will send email reminding parents to sign up for 2<sup>nd</sup> session as spots are filling up.

**Rules (Nate):** MWAHA is voting on rule changes at the Winter Meeting in January. Nate will update on the rules that change after that meeting.

**SafeSport (Mike):** Email from Mike dated 11/11/2024: At this time the following items are SafeSport concerns for LIHA:

- the ladies locker room at the Ice Box (we really need to look at options to get the equipment we use on the ice out of that room so people are not going in and out of that locker room). Need to address with the Stars. Need to think about where to store the equipment for all coach access to it. Maybe the coaches room?
- Locker room monitors for each age group and team (team managers need to make sure monitors are assigned and qualified i.e. SafeSport & background check) Monitors need to be in the locker room.
- We need to reiterate the no cell phone in locker room policies for both adults and kids.
- We need to remind everyone that neck protection is required on the ice at all times.
- Injured players who are on the bench need to have a helmet on.
- Make sure players who are in the concussion protocol are wearing the concussion jersey if they are on the ice. Eric's team has been doing a good job with this.

We need to send the affiliate our stipend of \$100 for the affiliate SafeSport Coordinator by November 30. I will be drafting a letter to the membership on SafeSport with reminders.

**Scholarships (Kate):** No report until next season.

**Select (Shelly):** 10U/12U is doing MWAHA.

**Team Managers (Shelly):** No report.

**Tournaments (Shelly):** Battle at the Box is currently sitting at 2 teams, Lincoln and Worthington.

**Travel (Shelly):** No report.

### **Other Items:**

**From Registrar:** Canadian players need to get a Player Transfer Form completed. Parents need to complete the forms and submit to USA Hockey. Shelly will forward the player names to Matti.

### **Anonymous Contact Form:**

**11/12/24:** “Does LIHA require specific development of skating skills before kids are able to move on to the team leagues? I know the learn to skate and learn to play programs are offered but it seems as though some players have not yet developed those foundational skills in order to be successful, confident, and safe on the ice as they move on to play with teams. It is great that we have teams that range in skill level and teams that require try-outs vs no try-outs but, overall, I believe safety needs to be considered for those players and players on the same team as them.”

LIHA encourages new players at all skill levels. The House program is designed to accommodate players of different skill levels and coaches work with them to continuously improve their skills to compete at that level.

### **Next Meeting:**

December Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

7:30 p.m.

FireWorks

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

### **Items via Email Prior to December 10, 2024 Meeting:**

N/A

### **Elected**

**2024:** Gale, Holman, TBD at 2025 Election

**2023:** Roinila, Shipperbottom, Tyser

**2022:** Henke, D Todd, M Todd

**Tournament Weekends:** 14U Battle at the Box: January 10-12, 2025