



CHISAGO LAKES AREA RECREATION ASSOCIATION Minutes of the February 15, 2023 Board Meeting

PRESENT:

Joe Bjelland, Nicole Larsen, Tom Lawlor, Amanda Farrell, Cory Lindgren, Brian Marquardt, Leslie Schrul, Alex Turk, Tony Walker, Jim West, Jay Brown, Pete Lawrence, Peter Leadholm, Mallory Holmen, Dan Twohy, Jonathan Wrolstad.

Board members present are indicated with an underline.

Jim called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

AGENDA

The agenda was adopted on a motion by Pete Lawrence. Second by Nicole.

GUESTS

None

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

January minutes were approved on a motion by Pete Lawrence. Second by Amanda.

TREASURER'S REPORT (as of January 31st, 2023)

- Checking Balance: \$274,247.92
- Cash on hand: \$0
- CD Balance: \$43,723.89
- January P/L: (\$4,350.66)
- Fiscal Year P/L: (\$4,350.66)
- Credit Card Balance - \$3,032.63

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Amanda. Second by Brian.

GAMBLING MANAGER'S REPORT (as of January 31st, 2023)

Account balance: \$49,085.89

EFTs-\$21,302.08

- \$180.20 MN Revenue – State tax withholding
- \$10,899.00 MN Revenue – December Gaming Tax
- \$749.84 IRS – Payroll Tax
- \$15.93 IRS - FUTA
- \$7,636.20 Three Diamond
- \$1,820.91 Electronic Gaming System

Allowable Expenses

Estimated allowable expenses in the amount of \$25,000 was approved on a motion by Pete Leadholm. Second by Joe.



Lawful Purpose

Estimated lawful purpose expenses of up to \$15,000 was approved on a motion by Jay. Second by Nicole.

- Jimmys Johnny's \$270.60
- Paradise Outdoor Services - \$483.19 Shafer
- Post Haste - \$770 Advertising
- Lacrosse Balls Direct - \$2,325
- Lacrosse Registration - \$1,025

Tom is requesting a check for \$92 from the non-gambling account to pay a BINGO that was not recognized and was missed by the workers. Motion by Pete Lawrence. Second by Brian.

Tom announced that he will be retiring in November. The Board will need to find a replacement to be trained in by then.

The Gambling Manager's Report was approved on a motion by Peter Lawrence. Second by Pete Leadholm.

BASKETBALL

Season is going well. We have a couple more tournaments remaining and we will be wrapping things up the end of Feb/early March.

SOCCER

Working with Joe Tart to get field space scheduled: July 10th starting Rec Soccer. Clinic in early July. Craig Stockel the referee coordinator is a bit concerned with the number of officials that may be available. Jonathan wants to reach out to HS players to get into refereeing.

REC VOLLEYBALL

Had a meeting with the Varsity coach Hannah, and she said she is going to have her volleyball program help run the sessions next season.

TRAVELING VOLLEYBALL

Nothing to report.

FLAG FOOTBALL

Nothing to report.

LACROSSE

Boys registration is open. Jim is in the process of ordering equipment.

TRAVELING SOFTBALL

Leslie asked for fence posts to be purchased up to \$800 that were damaged in storm. Motion by Tony, second by Pete.

10u evaluations date is set for March 19.

12u coaches and numbers are currently in a tough spot. Working by early March to have teams finalized.

TRAVELING BASEBALL

Registration is open.

Fees are \$360 this year, which is lower, but uniforms are not in the budget this year. Parents are covering that cost separately by ordering directly from Prism.

Alex sent the travel baseball budget via email. Motion to approve by Brian Marquardt. Second by Peter Leadholm.



Chloride application for approx. \$2500 was discussed being paid by LARA for Shafer yards. General discussion took place but no motion was brought forth. Alex is going to look into all of our options and get back to the board.

REC BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

All 3 primary school fields will be available for use this year.

Tony is wondering if Lakes Free Church or Chisago Christian School fields could be used for T-Ball this summer. Brian will check with Lakes Free and Tony will reach out to Nicki DeVries about Chisago Christian School as options.

Joe Tart said we can redo/expand fields 2 & 3 at Ki-Chi.

Home show is the 25th and 26th at the high school. Tony will be there both days. Board members feel free to stop in when they are able to provide Tony with breaks.

In House Registration opens February 25th

Tony will be picking up yard signs to remind parents to register.

Tony is also working on getting a LARA billboard to put on Hwy 8 for advertising.

COMMUNITY ED

Nothing to report.

WEBSITE

Karen provided updated logos to the board via email. The website reconstruction is still a work in progress.

NEW BUSINESS

- Peter Leadholm did some research with other local organizations on how they manage their scholarship program, how they gather information from applicants, and what information they actually ask for. Pete provided a report showing his findings and proposed that we keep everything the same in our process, except add an additional step to have the applicant call and speak to the board member who approves scholarships (typically our President). Primary goal is to make sure all families and all sports are equal when it comes to the scholarships provided while also making sure families are not taking advantage of the system.

OLD BUSINESS

- Status of unpaid invoice to Complete Game for October Softball Evaluations. Received by Complete Game 1/15/23. Need discussion with Treasurer to complete invoice payments in a more timely manner. Discussion also took place to provide itemized details on invoices paid etc. This has been paid.
- Discussion took place also to figure out how we can get bills paid in a more timely manner. Board members are wondering if it is possible to get a monthly line item/breakdown so we can see what funds are going out and coming in by treasurer for Gambling and general funds. This would include a line item breakdown of checks written/bills paid etc. Jim and Leslie said they would look further into this and see how membership can have this info provided at every meeting.
- Community Ed has submitted a bill from the previous 3 years of what they say is unpaid gym and field usage fees. The total is roughly \$47,000. Some of this has already been paid. Cory will work with Community Ed to cross reference bills already paid to invoices they have submitted. LARA will also need to set up a contract to be billed in a timely manner. Cory suggested 90 Days to bill once a season has ended. Community Ed also still owes LARA funds from revenue they collected for our girls lacrosse league in 2021.



NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 7:00pm in the WCC Meeting Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The February meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm on a motion by Peter Leadholm. Second by Brian.