

APPROVED



Northern Lakes Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/27/23

Time: Meeting Called to order at 5:06 pm

Board members present:

Dan Yantes

Eric Kueker

Carrie Stueven

Trevor Betley

Jen Rikala

Kelly Thompson

Mike Olsen

Kari Horbacz

Matt Balmer

Cole Peterson

Chad Rau

Board members absent:

Non Voting Members:

John Engstrom

Public Guests:

Open Session:

1. Public Comment

- a. No comment

2. Approval of August 30th Meeting Minutes

- a. Mike Olsen motioned to approve August 30th meeting minutes. Second by Cole Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Gambling Report (Chad Rau)

- a. Approx. \$70K profit from the Big Cash Raffle. Chad Rau motioned to approve a transfer in the amount of \$1900 from the General Fund to Gambling Savings Fund to cover the loss of missing ticket money. Second by Mike Olsen. Motion passed unanimously.
 - i. Dan Yantes will be looking into filing a police report for the missing/stolen

money.

- b. Billy's was sold and therefore this pull-tab site will be shut down for a little bit to change owners and get it setup through them.
- c. Chad Rau made a motion to approve Allowable Expenses \$146,250 and Total Lawful purpose expenditures of \$115,000 for the month of October which includes a transfer of \$30,000 from Gambling to the General Fund. Second by Jen Rikala. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Finance Report (Matt)

- a. Ideal Snowmobile Club approached multiple organizations that have gambling/pull-tab sites, including our association, for donations to go towards trail maintenance, equipment, etc. They do not have any gambling licenses or fundraising setup.
 - i. Matt Balmer motioned to approve a donation of \$1,000 to the Ideal Snowmobile Club pending CPA approval. Second by Trevor Betley. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Matt reported that we are still sitting well financially. Gambling is good but still down about 9% from last year.

5. Hockey Committee Report (Trevor)

- a. Tryout Schedule
 - i. Schedule - trying to keep the same as last year. Jeff DeGrote will be sending the schedule to Trevor.
 - ii. Skills session first then the intra-squad scrimmage on Saturday.
 - iii. Brainerd will bring some teams to scrimmage on Sunday.
- b. Coaching Update
 - i. Trevor was informed Nate Honzalek would be willing to coach the Squirt A's as long as he has help if something were to come up.
 - ii. Bantam B Coach - Will need to line up as previous candidates are not able to coach now.
- c. Team Quantities
 - i. Bantams - 31 registered players *2 teams*
 - ii. PeeWees - 37 registered players - 1 more should be registering *3 teams*
 - iii. Squirts - 22 registered players - possibly 1 more *2 teams*
 - iv. Mites - 18 registered players
- d. Tryout Process
 - i. Same process as in previous years, using Outside Evaluators
- e. Mite to Squirt Petitions
 - i. Baylor Proctor
 - ii. Jared Betley
 - iii. Orion Ball
 - iv. Louis Przybylski
 - v. Mike Olsen motioned to approve the move up from Mites to Squirts for the 4 mites listed above. Second by Carrie Stueven

6. Equipment Report (Mike O.)

- a. Tryout Jerseys are ready to be picked up from Gemini.
- b. The Figure Skating room is available for us to use. Can be locked
- c. Mike is requesting to buy a skate sharpener for Association use.

- i. Eric Kueker motioned to approve Mike Olsen purchasing a Skate Sharpener & Accessories in the amount up to \$1,500. Second by Trevor Betley. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Mike organized the Jerseys in the equipment room in Breezy to make room for the new Jerseys.
- e. Mike ordered new black socks for mites so that we have enough.
- f. Mike also ordered the security cameras for the equipment room.
- g. Gear Up Grant - Dan used the Dick's Sporting Goods Gift Cards that we were awarded from the Gear Up Grant to purchase \$850 worth of gear for Come Try Hockey & Association use.

7. Fundraising Report (Kari)

- a. Wreaths - Jen will send Kari the list of volunteers for Wreath Distribution.
 - i. Deadline is 10/31/23 for Wreath Orders

8. Communication Report (Carrie)

- a. Carrie sent out communication for the Apparel Store & other Misc Info.
- b. Communication requested to be sent out for last call on sniper club shots, deadline will be 10/1/23 to get your shots registered.
- c. Matt Balmer requested communication be sent out with information for the High School Boys Team's Pancake Breakfast coming up.

9. Registration (Jen)

- a. No Report, Registration numbers reported in Hockey Committee report.

10. Recruitment & Retention (Kelly)

- a. CTH events so far have had good participation of 36 and 24 participants.
- b. Kelly reported that it worked really well to have the Varsity Players hand out flyers for Come Try Hockey at the elementary school a day leading up to the event.
- c. Discussion on follow-ups for the CTH events.

11. SafeSport (Eric)

- a. No Report

12. Other Business

- a. Field Trip is in the works for a class from Pine River. Dan Yantes is working with a teacher to bring their class to the Breezy Rink. Will need to supply skates. Maybe have it communicated to them to bring their own helmets.
- b. Lock Boxes - Dan Yantes will research and purchase 2 lock boxes for the 2 rinks to install for secure drop-offs of money or any Association Related items.
- c. Training Tarps
 - i. Matt Balmer motioned to approve the purchase of 2 Training Tarps at an approximate cost of \$100 each, 1 for each arena. Second by Trevor Betley. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Hallett Scoreboard Advertising Panels
 - i. Matt Balmer is working with his contact to get the frames built for the advertising panels.

- ii. Advertising Sponsors will be:
 - 1. Aitkin Motors
 - 2. CRMC
 - 3. MarineMax - waiting for confirmation
 - e. Breezy Ice Contract
 - i. Contract has been agreed on by both parties. Dan reported everybody should be signing this week.
 - f. Aitkin City Rink
 - i. Advertising Boards are installed
 - ii. Donation Request - tabled for next meeting
 - g. Hallett Concessions
 - i. Jen Rikala stated Tobey reached out to discuss this upcoming hockey season's concessions at the Hallett Center. He stated the fees were high for him last year and was wondering if they can be negotiated.
 - h. Discussion on Fall Skills Weight Training
 - i. Sessions need to be happening even if the number of participants is low.
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The next meeting will be held 10/23/23 at The Bridge Tavern at 5pm .

Motion by Mike Olsen to adjourn. Second by Cole Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.