



**CHISAGO LAKES AREA RECREATION ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the November 20th, 2024 Board Meeting**

PRESENT:

Joe Bjelland, Nicole Larsen, Amanda Farrell, Cory Lindgren, Brian Marquardt, Leslie Schrul, Alex Turk, Tony Walker, Jim West, Jay Brown, Pete Lawrence, Peter Leadholm, Mallory Holmen, Jonathan Wrolstad, Cindy Farrell, Sara Yates, Holly Cardoni, Viktorija Richert, Nick Miller, Amanda Oman

Board members present are indicated with an underline.

AGENDA

The agenda was adopted on a motion by Tony. Second by Viktorija. Motion passes.

GUESTS

None

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

-October Minutes were approved on a motion by Pete Lawrence. Second by Sara. Motion passes.

TREASURER'S REPORT (as of October 31st, 2024)

- Checking Balance: \$9,620
- Savings Balance: \$87,368.76
- Cash on hand: \$0
- CD Balance: \$253,748.16
- October Loss: (\$11,444.97)
- Fiscal Year P/L: \$2,644.22
- Credit Card Balance: (\$2,835.40)

-Checking balance is getting low, Cindy will be doing a transfer from Savings to Checking this month.

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Pete Leadholm. Second by Viktorija. Motion passes.

GAMBLING MANAGER'S REPORT (as of October 31st, 2024)

Account balance: \$39,543.00

October Loss: (\$10,805.82)

YTD Profit: \$22,622.00

EFTs-\$18,200.99

- \$5,809.47 Three Diamond
- \$209.19 Gopher State Storage
- \$1,537.21 Diamond Games
- \$3,175.25 Intuit Payroll
- \$5,940.14 Minnesota Revenue - August & September Gaming Tax
- \$24.00 Minnesota Unemployment
- \$1,147.62 IRS Payroll Taxes
- \$27.00 Minnesota Revenue Payroll Taxes
- \$331.11 Amazon - Supplies

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Allowable Expenses

Estimated allowable expenses in the amount up to \$17,000 was approved on a motion by Pete Leadholm. Second by Alex. Motion passes.

Lawful Purpose

Lawful Purpose Approved - \$30,903.49

\$6,091 for October Taxes

\$9,000 For General Fund To Pay Balance of JV Baseball Field Improvements to School (501c3)

\$2,500 for Memento Mori - Profits From Gun Bingo (501c3)

\$6,602 to Prism Embroidery for Volleyball Uniforms (Youth Athletics)

\$2,750 to Blaine Athletic Traveling Baseball Association (Travel Baseball Tournaments)

\$2,454.96 City of Chisago (Q3 City Tax)

Lawful purpose in the amount of \$28,591 was approved on a motion by Pete Lawrence. Second by Jay.. Motion passes.

Final meeting with Gambling Control Board was held and we are now up to compliance and have met all of their audit recommendations per email dated 11/18/24

Current Star rating is at 4.0.

The Gambling Committee will be made up of Cory, Jim, Peter Lawrence, Sarah, Viktoria, and Jay. Roles will be more defined and trained by the end of the year. Will meet each month before the Board Meeting.

Uncommon Loon - Spoke with the Compliance Officer. We were looking to hold 12 cash bingo events in 2025 at this location. Since we are a licensed organization, we cannot just do bingo as an exempt permit. They would need to bring in paper pull tabs, which isn't likely with the current owners.

We will look to host special bingo events monthly at Ozark on the 1st Saturday of each month since Gun Bingo was a success. Cash Bingo events would be every other month, with funds being utilized for Special Items for sports. Each sport could volunteer bingo helpers to increase event profit. Funds could be used to help pay for extra state/national tournaments for Baseball/Softball or other events for other sports or unbudgeted equipment and improvements. Gun Bingo, Ice Fishing Bingo, or other Merchandise Prize events will be partnered with Memento Mori, or another organization, to donate the profits to. Memento Mori is based out of Scandia.

The Gambling Manager's Report was approved on a motion by Pete Leadholm. Second by Jonathan. Motion passes.

BASKETBALL

First tournaments have started. Our home tournament is coming up on December 7th-8th. Still working on getting kids registered for Forest Lake Rec League for grades 2-6 that are not interested in Traveling Basketball. Have 44 signed up right now, have 2 teams for the boys side. 1 team for the girls, looking for a few more tournaments.

SOCCER

-Traveling soccer is still in the planning phases. Pete is looking into potential leagues for our teams to participate in as the TCSL Soccer league will not work for our teams as we don't meet the requirements.

REC VOLLEYBALL

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-No update.

TRAVELING VOLLEYBALL

-Have 8 teams this year, which is one more from last year. Looking for more girls for 15U and 16U. Start practice Dec 2nd. First tournament is December 21st. Varsity Coach Hannah Lindstrom will be meeting with the coaches and doing some coaches training as well as the high school players helping out for volunteer hours.

FLAG FOOTBALL

-No Update

BOYS & GIRLS LACROSSE

-Kicked off the skills clinic on Monday. Getting 1 on 1 coaching with high school players and coaches. Registration will open January 1st.

TRAVELING SOFTBALL

-No Updates

TRAVELING BASEBALL

-Request from Ron Kimlinger for Shafer Yards:
\$530 for on deck circles, \$880 for turf for batting cages
Motion to approve payment for upgrades to Shafer Yards by Tony. Second by Pete Leadholm. Motion passes.

REC BASEBALL

-No updates.

REC SOFTBALL

-No updates.

COMMUNITY ED

-No updates.

WEBSITE

-No updates.

NEW BUSINESS

-First Health & Wellness Committee newsletter came out. Asking for an advertisement of \$1,200 for the year. Motion by Pete Lawrence to approve. Second by Tony. Motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS

-Adding Youth Tackle Football as a LARA activity - our current insurance company does not cover tackle football. Could potentially look into using another insurance provider. Varsity Head Coach Ryan Anderson would like to be involved in the process but cannot commit time to meeting to discuss until after football season. Further discussion tabled until Ryan can be involved.

NEXT MEETING

Sunday, December 15th, 2024 at Ozarks. 5:00pm Officer's Meeting, 6:00pm Dinner.

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ADJOURNMENT

The November meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm on a motion by Pete Leadholm. Second by Amanda. Motion passes.