

Devils Lake Blue Line Club
Minutes of the September 18, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting
Jerome Wholesale

Vice-President Volk called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Philip Jerome, Alex Olson, Adam Eriksson, Scott Volk-Vice President, Chad Greening, Cole Lamb, Brittany Hanson-Treasurer, Steve Geigle-Secretary

Members Absent: Logan Kraft, Jamie Leever-President, Ben Mack, Missy Abrahamson – Club Coordinator

Others Present: Mallory Jevning – Oka Skating Academy, Terry Wallace – DL Park Board, Darin Lindblom

Approval of Minutes

Change needed to August 21, 2023 minutes: Update Leever from VP to President.

Jerome motioned, seconded by Greening with change, to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2023 board meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Hanson reviewed financials. Hanson and Leever will be working on a fix for a donation made by the DLYA in 2021 that was deposited into the general account when it should have been deposited into the gaming trust account. This was a \$10,000 donation to put towards jerseys.

Portfolios Assignments

Banquet - Scott Volk
Equipment – Steven Geigle
Gaming – Jamie Leever
Golf Scramble, Purse Raffle – Alex Olson
Grants, Pronghorn Tag Raffle – Philip Jerome
Grievance – Alex Olson, Logan Kraft
Ice Hole – Adam Eriksson, Alex Olson
Referees – Ben Mack
Signs – Chad Greening
Summer Ice – Cole Lamb

Portfolio Updates

Banquet - No update.

Equipment - New equipment checkout dates are Sept 19 & 20, 3pm-7pm. Will need to post a reminder on Facebook with new dates and update the BLC website. Geigle is needing help if anyone is available.

Summer Ice – No update.

Registrar – Missy sent current enrollment numbers via email. Radio ads are running.

Handbook – Ericksson made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Handbook, Greening second. All in favor, motion carried.

Signs – Anna’s Cocina & Tequila wants a sign. Some signs need contact info updated. Discussion on what to do with old signs – could go back to business. Greening will reach out to businesses to see if they want to keep the old ones. Hanson and Greening will work on cleaning up past due sign invoices.

Contracts for signs – Need to discuss at next meeting. Consider 5-year contract for advertising.

Grants - Jerome is looking for grant opportunities. One is coming due Oct 1st.

Golf Scramble – No update.

Gaming – No update, Leever absent.

Referees - Mack absent. Olson shared there are no issues at this time.

Coaches – Pee wee A – No coach yet. Other levels are covered for the most part. Hope to finalize coaches by Oct 1st. Power skating may not be able to run every Monday like last year. Looking into having Oka Skating Academy assist during the season. Mallory Jevning introduced herself and shared her interest in working with the DLBLC. Oka is currently offering lesson times during early ice and throughout the season. Consensus from the board to put a website link to Oka Skating Academy on the DLBLC website and share to the DLBLC Facebook page.

Ice Hole – Need a debit card for Eriksson to use with the raffle account. Board agreed to hold the cornhole tournament April 12 & 13, 2024. Burdick is available and LaFleur’s are willing to run the cornhole tournament on those dates. Will need to have more advertising. Need something to hand out with Ice Hole tickets to explain the need to sell tickets.

Fall/Early Ice – Following discussion, the board decided to change the schedule from having 6 days of tryouts to only having 3 days of tryouts – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday (October 23, 24, & 26) with a plan to post results on Friday, October 27. October 16 & 17 will become practice days instead of tryouts. Mallory will volunteer time on October 17 to work on half ice with small groups during practices. October 27th will become practice with teams.

Purse Raffle - No update.

Open Discussion

Updates from Wallace

Terry Wallace suggested updating the DLBLC sign on the boards at the Burdick, as it’s in tough shape.

Wallace has started scheduling games for two Squirt B teams, but not wanting to schedule any more until it’s determined we’ll have two Squirt B teams. Board decided enrollment wasn’t looking high enough to accommodate two Squirt B teams. Will move forward with only one Squirt B team for this season.

Wallace attended NDAHA meeting in Bismarck. Bantam A & B state tournament will be moved up to the 1st weekend in March. Games will need to be completed two weeks prior to state tourney. Suggested DLBLC consider reducing the number of out-of-town tournaments considering the need to fit games into a shorter timespan.

Dennis (hired for Wallace’s prior position at DLPB) will start Oct 16th. Dennis will be doing the scheduling next year. Wallace will invite him to next meeting.

Second weekend of March – Devils Lake will be hosting the Bantam Silver tournament. Suggested asking peewee-level parents to assist with hosting if necessary.

Girls12U Recruitment Event, Saturday, Nov. 18th, 2023 – DLYA will put some money towards the program (pay the DL Park Board). Participation in event will be no cost with free equipment rental. DLPB is willing to pay the DLBLC the \$50/person equipment fee. Equipment handout will need to be organized with Geigle if not held that Saturday.

Ice Schedule – Going to be tight with LRSC also using the ice. 12:00-3:15pm for practice, but games will be at night and on weekends. Bill Jerome will be only rink available on weekends during those times.

Steve Strunk – BLC is needing to finalize his schedule so Wallace can block those times out on the schedule.

DLYA approached Leever about gaming site at golf course. Danny w/ DLYA is willing to guarantee DLBLC \$5k/quarter every year. DLYA will give DLPB \$1k/mo. DLBLC is currently paying \$400/mo. Need to discuss further, especially regarding longevity.

Other

Expense Report – Fees on expense report linked on BLC website are different per tab. Need to drop the second tab. Discuss increasing meal reimbursement at next meeting.

Future Meetings

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 7pm, Jerome Wholesale.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.