



CHISAGO LAKES AREA RECREATION ASSOCIATION Minutes of the October 27, 2022 Board Meeting

PRESENT:

Joe Bjelland, Nikki DeVries, 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

Board members present are indicated with an underline.

Jim called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

AGENDA

The agenda was adopted on a motion by Jay. Second by Leslie.

GUESTS

Jon Wrolstad – New Soccer Director

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

September minutes were approved on a motion by Mallory. Second by Alex.

TREASURER'S REPORT (as of September 30th, 2022)

- Checking Balance: \$294,609.23
- Cash on hand: \$0
- CD Balance: \$43,675.44
- September P/L: (\$29,003.67)
- Fiscal Year P/L: \$27,513.76
- Credit Card Balance - \$3,564.25

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Tom. Second by Mallory

GAMBLING MANAGER'S REPORT (as of September 30th, 2022)

Account balance: \$12,354.82

EFTs-\$12,879.95

- \$165.20 MN Revenue – State tax withholding
- \$3,772.00 MN Revenue – August Gaming Tax
- \$651.40 IRS – Payroll Tax
- \$7,547.52 Three Diamond
- \$743.83 Electronic Gaming System

Allowable Expenses

Estimated allowable expenses in the amount of \$23,000 was approved on a motion by Pete Leadholm. Second by Pete Lawrence.

Lawful Purpose

Gold Star - \$9,000

Tom is looking for additional bingo staff for winter season. Pay is \$40 per session plus tips. Starts next Saturday and lasts until 4/15 or until jackpot is hit. Tom provided paper copy of bylaws given to Jim West. Electronic tabs are outselling paper pulltabs at both sites.

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



ELECTIONS

Terms Ending in 2022

Joe Bjelland - Webmaster

Nikki DeVries - Rec Soccer & Rec Volleyball Director

Leslie Schrul - VP & Traveling Softball Director

Cory Lindgren – Treasurer

Nikki DeVries will not be renewing her Rec Soccer & Rec Volleyball Director positions. Motion was made to appoint Jon Wrolstad as new Rec Soccer Director by Pete Lawrence. Second by Pete Leadholm. Motion approved and Jonathan joins the LARA board. Nicole Larsen will remain in her Rec Volleyball Director position until her term ends.

A motion was made to renew all other expiring terms by Alex Turk. Second by Mallory. Joe Bjelland will remain Webmaster through 2025. Leslie Schrul will remain Vice President through 2024 & Softball Director through 2025, and Cory Lindgren will remain Treasurer through 2024.

BASKETBALL

Fall In House League wrapped up last week and went really well. Traveling season is just getting started and many teams have started practicing. All tournaments have been registered and paid for except for MYAS State Tournament in Feb. Traveling numbers are at 133 compared to 106 last year. Our home tournament is December 3rd & 4th.

SOCCER

Transition of directors is going well. Previous directors had things very well organized with checklists and good paperwork.

REC VOLLEYBALL

No update.

TRAVELING VOLLEYBALL

28 players registered so far. There is 1 scholarship request which needs to be sent to Joe Bjelland. Mallory said that the coaches that were lined up previously are no longer able to coach so she is still looking for new coaches. We will likely have 3 teams at 13U, 14U, and 15U age levels. Tryouts are scheduled for November 15th with the HS aged tryouts 2 weeks after. Mallory will work with Community Ed for gym scheduling.

FLAG FOOTBALL

Season has complete. Brian said they had great coaches, with 160 kids participating.

LACROSSE

Nothing to report.

TRAVELING SOFTBALL

Evaluations were complete for 12U and up. Teams have been announced. Winter gym space is going to be scheduled. They need to get the equipment out of the shed to prep for each team and the 10U clinics.

TRAVELING BASEBALL

Diamond Dr. has completed work at Shafer Yards. Subcommittee has sprayed and deep drag a handful of city and county fields. Paradise was scheduled to pick up weeds from drags, and Cory should see a bill coming soon. City of Lindstrom has been contacted and will order Ag Lime, with the understanding LARA will spread the Ag Lime. Subcommittee is working on scheduling meetings and will present issues at hand with fields, getting fields maintained as well as the amount of players that we need to be able to supply a place to play. Subcommittee is working on getting an annual bid from an outside contractor to deep drag and spread ag lime annually. Discussion was had on making Moody fields a practice field and installing new field at Ki-Chi. Discussion took place that umpires need to be paid in a timely manner. Most umps



don't get paid until months after services are provided. Discussion on doing a T-Ball camp instead of league would be beneficial.

REC BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

No update.

COMMUNITY ED

Nothing to report.

WEBSITE

Proposed Karen Lawrence come to next meeting and get opinions on web design. Pete will bring logos and provide a presentation to vote on next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- Nicole reminded the LARA Board members to make sure they are up to date with their background checks.
- Discussion was had regarding scholarship opportunities and Peter Leadholm said he would take the lead on researching potential scholarship criteria to make sure all families and all sports are equal when it comes to the scholarships provided.
- Community Ed still owes LARA funds from revenue they collected for our girls lacrosse league last year.
- 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.
- Was brought to attention by Tony, next year (2023) will be the 50th Anniversary of LARA. Start planning/suggestions on how to celebrate the Anniversary.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 16th at 7:30pm at the Chisago Lakes Meeting room.

ADJOURNMENT

The October meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm on a motion by Pete Lawrence. Second by Tom.