

**APPROVED**



## **Northern Lakes Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

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Date: 2/22/23

Time: Meeting Called to order by Marissa Raushel at 5:00 pm

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### **Board members present:**

Jen Rikala	Kelly Thompson
Matt Balmer	Mike Paulbeck
Carrie Stueven	Chad Rau
Marissa Raushel	Eric Kueker
Mike Olsen	Glendon Nyberg
Stephanie Horst	

### **Board members absent:**

Dan Yantes

### **Non Voting Members:**

John Engstrom

### **Public Guests:**

### **Open Session:**

#### **1. Public Comment**

- a. No comment

#### **2. Approval of January 25th Meeting Minutes**

- a. Eric Kueker motioned to approve January 25th meeting minutes. Second by Mike Olsen.  
Motion passed unanimously.

#### **3. Gambling Report (Mike Olsen)**

- a. John has the Big Cash Raffle tickets and will be dispersing them to the teams to be handed out.
- b. Chad Rau made a motion by email on 2/27/23 to approve Allowable Expenses \$131,565 and Total Lawful purpose expenditures of \$100,000 for the month of March which

includes a transfer of \$30,000 from Gambling to the General Fund. Second by Mike Paulbeck on the same date. Motion passed by email on 3/6/23 with 10 yes votes, 2 members did not vote.

**4. Finance Report (Dan Y.)**

- a. Cash balance is sitting well.
- b. Would like to have more discussion in the next meeting on whether we want to spend our profit or earmark it.

**5. Equipment Report (Mike O.)**

- a. \$3500 invoice to submit for Clifton's for Jerseys & misc items. Mike stated he is about \$1500 under his budget.
- b. Mike stated he has started researching for replacement Jerseys. Brought samples that were sent to him. Mike will take a look at the jerseys we have to determine the wear & tear, also work some new designs up and bring it to the next meeting

**6. Fundraising Report (Glendon)**

- a. Pizza Fundraiser
  - i. Only 1 order missing, it was delivered but did not get to the correct family.

**7. Communication Report (Carrie)**

- a. Marissa will get the Board Application & Coach of Year Nomination together to get out and posted on the website
- b. Need to post Year End Banquet information.

**8. Registration (Kelly)**

- a. 40 players registered for spring skills.
  - i. Working on getting the registration straightened out for goalies.

**9. Recruitment & Retention (Stephanie)**

- a. Girls Coaches from 8u-varsity met last night 2/21/23.
  - i. Ideas for field trips
  - ii. Promotion posters/videos
- b. Trying to set dates early for come try hockey & Girls Hockey events.
- c. Brainstorming more ideas for recruiting in Crosby & Aitkin.
- d. Kelly suggested the Board think about hiring a paid position for a Marketing/Promotion position.

**10. Hockey Committee Report (Matt)**

- a. No report

**11. SafeSport (Eric)**

- a. Nothing to Report

**12. Other Business**

- a. Year End Banquet
  - i. Marissa will be seeing if 4/4/23 works for Breezy to hold the banquet.
  - ii. Ideas for Year-end gifts for Mites & raffle prizes.

1. Stickhandling balls for mites.
  - iii. Speaker needs to be lined up.
  - b. District 15 updates
    - i. District 15 had a surplus, they will hold on to the funds to put towards the Gamesheet fees for next year. This year's state fee was just under \$17,000.
    - ii. 15u pilot program - did not get good reviews. Will keep us updated on any news.
    - iii. Mites will be allowed to play more full ice games in order to train more refs
    - iv. Names will be different - no more mites, peewees, bantams.
      1. Will now be youth 13, youth 15, etc.
    - v. Locker room monitors will be pushed to be assigned next year. If we assign those we need to make sure they are properly registered with USA Hockey.
    - vi. Refing for Regions will match what was in District play.
    - vii. District periods are 15 min across the board.
    - viii. Redistricting is in the works but not set yet. Sounds like Brainerd & Northern Lakes might be moving to District 12. Little Falls may be moving to District 5.
  - c. Breezy Point Contract
    - i. Meeting with Breezy on Monday.
    - ii. Discussion on contract & talking points for the meeting.
  - d. Year End Spend/Arena Improvements
    - i. Mike is getting quotes on scoreboards for both arenas. 23x5 and includes a panel underneath for advertising.
    - ii. Quote for netting for Breezy came to \$12,375
    - iii. Dan will be getting numbers together so we have a finalized amount of what we have to work with on the year end spend.
  - e. Zamboni Wrap Update
    - i. Communication between party transporting & installer finally came to the conclusion that the wrap will be done after the season is over.
  - f. Wireless Booster in the Hallett
    - i. \$3000 system was donated by Arctic Cat.
    - ii. Bryan Larson facilitated this donation.
    - iii. Mike Olsen will find out who we need to send a Thank you to for this generous donation.
  - g. Eric Kueker stated that 7 girls are moving up from 12u next year. There are 6 Senior girls graduating. There is a concern if these seven 12u girls want to play 15u then there would not be enough to fill a JV team. No updates on if there would be a 13u option next year.
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The next meeting will be March 22nd at The Bridge at 5pm .

Motion by Glendon Nyberg to adjourn. Second by Stephanie Horst. Motion passed unanimously.