



City of Lakes Youth Hockey Association

October Board Meeting

October 16th, 2025

1. Call to Order:

Current board members:

President: Cory Larson

Vice-President: Michele Bednar

Treasurer: Peter Grotans

Secretary: Aaron Flannigan

Ice Director: Brandon Arneson

At- Large Members:

Teresa Eisenbise

Jared Roddy

Stephania Anderson

Liz Hendren

Jay Rasmussen

Jill Whitney

Nancy Nordeen

Seth Spangler

Tracy Williamson

Macarena Barnes

Mike Ullmer

Dan Hatzung

Kim Luong

Tim Bednar

Clayton Howatt

Bria Florell

2. In attendance (Board, Appointed Positions): Michele Bednar, Bria Florell, Peter Grotans, Maca Barnes, Brandon Arneson, Nancy Nordeen, Cory Larson, Kim Luong, Aaron Flannigan, Jen Flannigan,

Total attendance and determination of membership quorum: Quorum is 11

3. Previous meeting minutes: [September 2025 Minutes](#)

Previous Minutes Moved To Accept by:

Seconded by:

Accepted:

4. President's Report:

- Current Registrations
 - Minis - 20
 - Mites - 15
 - 8U - 15
 - Squirts - 14
 - 10U - 12
 - Peewees - 12
 - 12U - 17
 - **Total - 105**
- Current Projections
 - Minis - 23
 - Mites - 15
 - 8U - 16
 - Squirts - 15
 - 10U - 13
 - Peewees - 13
 - 12U - 18
 - **Total - 113**
- Last Year
 - Minis - 23
 - Mites - 23
 - 8U - N/A
 - Squirts - 12
 - 10U - N/A
 - Peewees - 14
 - 12U - 10
 - 15U - 12
 - **Total - 94**
 - **(83 Registered by this time last year)**
- Waivers
 - Current Year
 - 13 Waivers In
 - 11 Waivers Out
 - Last Year
 - 5 Waivers In
 - 11 Waivers Out

Report Moved To Accept By:
 Seconded by:
 Accepted:

5. Treasurer's Report:

- 7/1/2025 - 9/30/2025

CURRENT BUDGET SUMMARY	BUDGET	ACTUAL	UNDER/OVER	Forecast	
Total Income	\$ 128,325	\$ 65,366	\$ (62,959)	\$ 135,888	51%
Total Expenses	\$ 125,195	\$ 22,919	\$ (102,276)	\$ 132,878	18%
Difference	\$ 3,130	\$ 42,447		\$ 3,010	

- - Current Budget Snapshot through 9/30/2025 above.
 - September 2025 Income = \$27,999.39
 - September 2025 Expenses = \$10,657.35
 - Huntington Bank balance as of 9/30/2025 = \$58,907.23
- To Do List: Outsourcing tax return?
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6. Vice President's Report:

- Puck Drop
 - Great event - kids were excited to get back on the ice
 - Jersey sizing confusion
 - Any additional feedback?
 - Equipment to be better organized next year
- Apparel Sales - Store closes 10/24
 - Feedback has been minimal and mixed - Please share the good and bad!
 - Would be helpful to show a proof on the site of customizations
- Sponsorship requests sent to NE Lions, NE Kiwanis, and Eastside Old Timer's
 - NE Lions - Cory will reapply in January

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7. Secretary's Report:

- Followed up with Broken Clock regarding opportunities to collaborate, also introduced sponsorship levels
- Followed up with Margo at Fridley Parks and Rec on potential for a learn to skate collaboration (Brandon scheduled Meeting) They have skates, helmets and a small warming hours
 *Fridley Options

After-school Class – 6 sessions – 4:10 – 5:10 p.m. on Wednesdays, January 7 – February 11

- We would take registrations and charge a fee, we would have staff on-site to facilitate bringing kids to the rink and supporting with putting on skates, etc.

Special Event – 1 or 2 times – Friday evenings – we would take registrations and charge a fee, we could keep the cost down by not hiring additional Recreation staff and have parents assist with skates and stay on-site during the program.

Combo with Open Gym – we currently offer a Family Open Gym program on Saturday mornings from 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. beginning on Nov 1 and running through Mar 31. This is a drop in

program and we charge a minimal fee. If you wanted to have an instructor on-site during any of the Saturdays in January, we could offer this as a free addition to the open gym program.

- Reached out to Forgotten Star for Donations - donation, silent auction item, sponsorship or location for spaghetti dinner all introduced.
- Reached out to Brothers Justus for donation, silent auction item, sponsorship or location for spaghetti dinner all introduced.
- Reached out to connect with the Fridley Lions Club

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8. Ice Director's Report:

- Practice/Game schedule through the end of November is scheduled
 - 10U D2 games will be released in the next week
 - D1 Peewee/Squirt schedule will be scheduled soon
- Solo ice time for scrimmages in November

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9. Gambling Manager's Report:

- Starting Balance: \$18,824.99
- Income:
 - Gambling Income: \$2,545.00
- Expenses:
 - Consulting:
 - Machine Lease: \$602.40
 - Utepils Lease:
 - Pull Tab Supplies: \$500.01
 - Supplies:
 - MN gaming:
 - MN tax: \$187.74
 - City Taxes:
 - Licensing:
 - Payroll: \$231.43
 - Ending Balance: \$19,848.41
- We are live with all three new locations; Merlin's Pub, Lyons Pub, and Smorgies.

Projected expense report Moved To Accept By:

Seconded by:

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- Report Moved To Accept By:

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10. **Appointed Positions Reports**

Equipment Manager (Jared Roddy):

- No report

Coaching Coordinator (Brandon Arneson):

- Dryland training is up and running
 - Will be modifying to keep numbers down and allow for more individualized training
- The first skills night was a success!
 - Goalie coaches, power skating specialists

District Representative (Cory Larson):

- Squirts will play 15 league games
 - Each team three times
 - Edgcumbe
 - Langford
 - Dinomites St. Paul
 - Dinomites Minneapolis
 - Richfield Lil Spartans
- Peewees will play 12 league games
 - Each team four times
 - Edgcumbe
 - Langford
 - Dinomites

Fundraising Chair: (Jay Rasmussen)

- 8 Teams - Looking for 15 wreaths / skater & \$2K per team
 - 150 items / team - if goal met - **Pizza Party**
 - Can solicit direct donations to the website
- Looking for a volunteer to host the wreath distribution location?
 - Stewart / McQueen family
- Looking for someone to spearhead the Spaghetti Dinner
 - Krystal Cheah?
- Looking for a Spaghetti Dinner Venue (holds 300 people)

Registrar/Safesport Coordinator (Sarah Carsello/Kim Luong):

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Volunteer Coordinator (Jill Whitney):

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Tournament Coordinator (Anne Monnens):

- No Report

Webmaster (Aaron Flannigan):

- Updated August Minutes to site
- Added donation slider and linked to the GTTM flyer that was added to the documents page.
- Updated Rink Rats file on the website to include Titans and Starwhals as well as adjusted language to reflect both teams and added an image of the patch to the site.
*Consider adding a Starwhal branded Patch
- Updated Language on 1,000 shot challenge to reflect Titans / Starwhals as well as added the updated tracking sheet. Added an image of the patch to the site as well.
*Consider adding patches with Starwhal colors?
- Added North East Arena to the Google business profile

Manager Coordinator (Cookie Anderson)

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Communications Lead (Bria Florell):

- New families are receiving personalized welcome emails with managers (and now head coaches) copied. They're also receiving a paper copy of the Parent Handbook
- Social Media:
 - Board Member Introductions: Cory (first) and Michele (second) – still to come
- Managing Sponsor “rewards” with Teresa
- Google My Business profile is in the process of opening (needs full verification, but we're already getting hits for “Minneapolis Youth Hockey”). Please leave the Titans a review from your personal experience as a parent and/or coach:
https://g.page/r/CSsSgLSq6_5FEBl/review

Promotions (Teresa Eisenbise):

- Promotional materials are currently stored in the NE Ice Arena storage locker (canopy, banners, tote bin of flyers and supplies, swag, etc)
- [Still reaching out to schools](#). Thanks to those who have connected with their kids' schools! Claim a school on the list if you're able to. I will provide any materials you might need.
- Planning Skate-A-Ween event. Want to help run the popcorn machine? Play music?

Learn to Skate Coordinator (Brandon Arneson)

- September 2025 Enrollment - 15
- August 2025 Enrollment - 16
- September 2024 Enrollment - 13

- Opportunity to collaborate with Fridley Parks and Recreation
 - Events/programming to be held on outdoor rink at Hayes Elementary
 - Mutual need: Fridley wants more people to utilize outdoor rinks. Titans want more engagement/outreach.
 - Weekly after-school sessions (Jan - Feb)
 - Fridley would collect payment and distribute portion to Titans
 - Special event programming
 - Titans hosted events

Grant Coordinator (Mike Ullmer)

- Grants Applied/Awarded
 - Learn to Skate/THFF - \$500
 - Applied 10/1/25
 - Pass the Puck - \$2500
 - Applied 10/11/25
- Upcoming Grants
 - MN Wild Community Power Play - \$10,000
 - Applying for Second Round
 - Deadline **Dec 15th**
 - Second round focus is to cover ice time expenses with the expressed purpose of making hockey more accessible for associations to support new or existing programming.
 - Herb Brooks Foundation
 - Reached out to Kelly at the Foundation, all 2025 funds are disbursed
 - Now accepting donation requests for 2026, will meet in early 2026 to review applications

Girls Coordinator (Dan Hatzung)

- 10/2 at 7pm: In-person Starwhals Committee meeting at Bar of their Own (all welcome)
- Cory's note from D1 Mtg:
 - DinoMites 8U/10U & Edgcumbe Mites have strong girls' numbers for possible 3-on-3 or scrimmaging

11. Old Business:

- Sponsorships Received
 - Titan (\$2,000)
 - Village Orthodontics
 - Black (\$500)
 - Marsden Services
 - Turbo Tims
 - Community (\$250)
 - Metropolitan Perio

- 15 hours of volunteer time is allocated to the manager and assistant manager position per team to be assigned by the manager coordinator.
 - Motion: Jay Rasmussen
 - Second: Peter Grotans
 - Approved: 8:59

12. New Business:

- Resignation of Liz Hendren & Clayton Howatt
- Mentor families have been assigned
- Locker room monitors need to be identified
 - Locker Room policy update: monitors need to be SafeSport certified and pass a background check
 - Mite & Mini: one adult per skater, and encourage kids to learn to dress themselves as young as possible. If there are parents who are not SS-cert and background checked, the door needs to be propped open.
 - Titans will reimburse the fees involved with SS & background checks
- Send 12U and 10U schedule to D1 referee scheduler
- Sponsorship Received
 - Titan (\$2,500)
 - Larson Dental

14. Adjournment:

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