



**CHISAGO LAKES AREA RECREATION ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the January 18, 2023 Board Meeting**

PRESENT:

Joe Bjelland, 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, Jonathan Wrolstad,

Guest: Cory Spencer

Board members present are indicated with an underline.

Jim called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

AGENDA

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

GUESTS

Cory Spencer

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

Revision of November minutes (Treasurer's report) were approved on a motion by Leslie. Second by Jay.

December minutes were approved on a motion by Brian. Second by Jay.

TREASURER'S REPORT (as of December 31, 2022)

- o Checking Balance: \$278,069.59
- o Cash on hand: \$0
- o CD Balance: \$43,707.12
- o December P/L: \$4,048.92
- o Fiscal Year P/L: \$9,942.77
- o Credit Card Balance - \$2,495.28

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Jay. Second by Leslie.

GAMBLING MANAGER'S REPORT (as of December 31, 2022)

Account balance: \$30,381.12

EFTs-\$18,759.00

- \$335.20 MN Revenue – State tax withholding
- \$11,152.00 MN Revenue – November Gaming Tax
- \$1,454.92 IRS – Payroll Tax
- \$5,957.96 Three Diamond
- (\$141.08) Electronic Gaming System Credit
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Tom thanked members who assisted in annual year end inventory.
The Bingo Jackpot is currently at \$999.



Allowable Expenses

Estimated allowable expenses in the amount of \$25,000 was approved on a motion by Pete Lawrence. Second by Joe.

Lawful Purpose

The following lawful purpose expenses totaling \$12,875.17 was approved on a motion by Jay. Second by Leslie.

- Lakes Free Church - \$1,312.50 Travel Basketball Facility Fee
- Lakes Free Church - \$656.25 Travel Basketball Facility Fee
- Prism - \$222.00 – Travel Volleyball Jerseys
- Prism - \$2,939.69 – Travel Volleyball Jerseys
- Prism - \$100.00 – Travel Volleyball fan store set-up
- CLHS Scholarships - \$2,000
- Ervasti - \$1,669.19
- Ervasti - \$903.58
- Ervasti - \$3,071.96

Tom is requesting a check from the non-gambling account to pay a BINGO that was not recognized and was missed by the workers.

The Gambling Manager’s Report was approved on a motion by John. Second by Joe.

BASKETBALL

Season is going well. A couple more tournaments left and we will be wrapping things up the end of Feb/early March.

SOCCER

Scheduling: July 10th starting Rec Soccer. Clinic in early July.
Motion made for \$450 reimbursement for software. Motion made by Joe second by Leslie
Jonathan wants to reach out to HS players to get into refereeing.

REC VOLLEYBALL

Nothing to report.

TRAVELING VOLLEYBALL

Nothing to report.

FLAG FOOTBALL

Nothing to report.

LACROSSE

Nothing to report.

TRAVELING SOFTBALL

Leslie asked for fence posts to be purchased up to \$800 that were damaged in storm. Motion by Tony, second by Pete.
10u evaluations date is set for March 19.
12u coaches and numbers are currently in a tough spot. Working by early March to have teams finalized.



TRAVELING BASEBALL

Jay had questions about how other travel groups conduct uniforms. All groups were a bit different. Travel registration opens soon.

Chloride application for approx. \$2500 was discussed being paid by LARA for Shafer yards. General discussion took place but no motion was brought forth. Discussion tabled.

REC BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Tony reported that the County is tearing down the building at Ki-Chi and building a concessions stand. Estimated time for construction is spring, planned to be done by late summer.

Tony provided proposed budget to view for Rec Baseball & Softball.

Tony asked if a billboard could be placed on highway 8 to advertise. He will look into the options further.

Tony asked for expanding field 3 at Ki-Chi to discuss

Tony provided advertising in proposed budget. Leslie motioned, Joe seconded to approve this expenditure.

Tony looking to get LARA booth at home show. Jim suggested asking if Community Ed will allow us to run one free of charge. Tony will look into this.

COMMUNITY ED

Nothing to report.

WEBSITE

Karen Lawrence was unable to attend tonight but will come to next meeting and get opinions on web design. Pete will bring logos and provide a presentation to vote on next meeting.

Karen will have items ready next meeting.

Leslie discussed teams should look through LARA website and add more details/dates/times when respective leagues start/end and general Q&A to assist parents with their questions to help alleviate emails etc.

NEW BUSINESS

- Status of unpaid invoice to Complete Game for October Softball Evaluations. Received by Complete Game 1/15/23. Need discussion with Treasurer to complete invoice payments in a more timely manner. Discussion also took place to provide itemized details on invoices paid etc. This has been paid.
- Discussion took place also to figure out how we can get bills paid in a more timely manner. Board members are wondering if it is possible to get a monthly line item/breakdown so we can see what funds are going out and coming in by treasurer for Gambling and general funds. This would include a line item breakdown of checks written/bills paid etc. Jim and Leslie said they would look further into this and see how membership can have this info provided at every meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- 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, this year (2023) will be the 50th Anniversary of LARA. Start planning/suggestions on how to celebrate the Anniversary.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 7:00pm in the WCC Meeting Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The January meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm on a motion by Jay. Second by Joe.