

APPROVED



Northern Lakes Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/23/22

Time: Meeting Called to order by Marissa Raushel at 5:03 pm

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:

Non Voting Members:

John Engstrom

Public Guests:

Open Session:

1. Public Comment

- a. None

2. Approval of August 24th Meeting Minutes

- a. Dan Yantes motioned to approve August 24th minutes. Second by Stephanie Horst. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Gambling Report (Chad)

- a. The Woods have continually come up short on boxes. The Gambling Committee has agreed to not renew the contract with them.
- b. Raffle Tickets - still missing a few books that were not sold. Still working to get those turned in. Total deposit was \$100,860 before pay out. We paid out \$16,250. \$84,610 was the net. We did have 1 bad check at \$60, which gave us a Total for the 2022 Big Ticket

Raffle a Net before taxes \$84,550

- c. MN Dept. of Revenue Letter received for an Audit, we need to have all information in by 10/14/22. Gambling Committee is working on getting it all completed and turned in.
- d. Chad Rau made a motion to approve Allowable Expenses \$99,100 and Total Lawful purpose expenditures of \$110,000 for the month of October which includes a transfer of \$30,000 from Gambling to the General Fund. Second by Mike Olsen. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Finance Report (Dan Y.)

- a. Email motion on 9/6/22 by Dan Yantes to approve a "one time" donation to both the Red and Blue Line Clubs in the amount of \$7,500, for a total of \$15,000. Second by Jen Rikala by email on the same date. 8 - Yes votes, 3 - No votes, 1 - absent vote/no vote submitted. Motion passes on 9/8/22.
- b. Tournament Dues are paid. Coach Reimbursements for registrations have been received.
- c. Cash balance is sitting well, we have had another great month of gambling.

5. Hockey Committee Report (Matt)

- a. Squirt/10u Dryland was canceled after 4 weeks.
- b. Varsity Boys Head Coach Eric V. contacted Matt about having his friend bring a trailer with hockey equipment for sale to tryouts. Mike Olsen suggested we ask Clifton's first since we are working with them when buying our equipment. He will reach out to Clifton's and then we can let Eric know.
- c. 10u Coaching Nomination - Kelly Thompson is nominating Seth Wannebo.
 - i. Matt Balmer motioned to approve Seth Wannebo as the 10u B Coach. Second by Eric Kueker. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Bantam B Coaching Nomination - Matt Balmer and Paul Reier met with Justin Marthaler and are nominating him for the coach position.
 - i. Matt Balmer motioned to approve Justin Marthaler as the Bantam B Coach. Second by Mike Paulbeck. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. Tyler Potter Move-up Petition
 - i. Motion by Eric Kueker to approve Tyler Potter's Move-up request from PeeWees to Bantams. Second by Kelly Thompson. Motion did not pass with 9 no votes, 2 yes votes and 1 non-vote.
- f. Brainerd Tryout Scrimmages for Bantams and PeeWee levels on 10/9/22.
- g. Tryout update
 - i. Outside evaluators setup.
 - ii. Times are up on the schedule.
 - iii. Hibbing Bantam Jamboree weekend of 10/28-10/30/22. Bantam teams will be posted the night of 10/30/22.
- h. Coaches meeting 10/26/22 at The Bridge.
- i. Fall Skills update
 - i. Registration is down but each group has large numbers on the ice each night so attendance has been good.
- j. Handbook Policy - Multisport Athletes missing Tryouts
 - i. The Hockey Committee discussed wording for participation in tryouts & team selection when there is a skater with an injury, illness, or pre-approved extenuating circumstances and came up with changes to

the policy. The wording sections in the policy that is being changed are the following:

1. "Players ~~not participating~~ *choosing not to participate* in the tryout out process will be automatically placed into the lowest competitive level of players for their age classification.
 2. Any player unable to participate in tryouts ~~due to injury or illness~~ *injury, illness, or a pre-approved extenuating circumstance* will be evaluated based on their prior year performance and coaches' recommendations to determine team placement. *In the event of a pre-approved extenuating circumstance, every effort should be made to attend at least one tryout session.*
 3. *Any player transferring to, or registering with, NLYHA after tryouts have occurred will be referred to the Hockey Committee for placement on a team.*
- ii. Matt Balmer motioned to approve the policy wording update to the 'Tryouts and Team Selection' policy as proposed above. Second by Mike Olsen. Motion passed unanimously.
- k. Scheduler Update
- i. About 95% done with the game/tournament schedule.
- l. Snipers Club Gear
- i. Compiling the list and will be ordering gear.
- m. Mike Olsen brought discussion from a parent about changing Squirt Team levels to B1, B2 and C.
- n. Special Board Meeting 10/11/22
- i. Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm at the Breezy Rink. All Board Members were in attendance.
 - ii. Meeting was called to discuss Peewee numbers. It was discovered that a Bantam eligible skater had mistakenly registered as a Peewee. This puts our Peewee numbers at 29 and therefore needs discussion on whether we stay at 3 PW teams or move to 2 teams. Tyler Potter's petition to move up from Peewees to Bantams was also discussed if 2 teams are approved.
 - iii. Matt Balmer motioned to approve changing to 2 Peewee teams from 3 teams per recommendation from the Hockey Committee. Second by Dan Yantes. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iv. Matt Balmer motioned to approve the move up petition from Tyler Potter from Peewees to Bantams. Second by Mike Paulbeck. Motion passed unanimously.
 - v. Carrie Stueven motioned to adjourn. Second by Jen Rikala. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Equipment Report (Mike O.)

- a. Come Try Hockey Event
 - i. Ordered more size 1 - 4 skates due to handing out our supplies
 - ii. Ordered more Sm-Md Helmets due to handing out our supplies
 - iii. Ordered 24 more small gear bags. Need to update policy wording on providing gear bags.

- b. Cost of equipment is going up - we may need to revisit the equipment budget.
- c. Mike changed locks on breezy doors.
- d. Breezy is not providing pucks this year.
- e. Hunter Moreland is requesting the purchase of a custom fit hockey helmet (\$950). He is having trouble finding a helmet that fits him. Board agrees to buy the helmet that fits him.
 - i. Mike Paulbeck motioned to increase the equipment budget by \$5000. Second by Chad Rau. Motion passed unanimously.
- f. Still waiting on Bantam Jerseys, but should be done soon.
- g. Ordering Goalie Leg pads.
- h. Received email from Nisswa Pond Hockey Parent about getting gear.

7. Fundraising Report (Glendon)

- a. Wreath Fundraiser
 - i. Price increase to items. Discussion on if we will increase our prices. Glendon recommends staying with the same prices. Board agreed to keep same prices.
 - 1. Approx. pickup date 11/22/22.
 - ii. Mike Olsen brought a concern from a parent about the quality of the wreaths.

8. Communication Report (Carrie)

- a. Continuing to update website and send emails.

9. Registration (Kelly)

- a. Coaches/Volunteers/Managers need to remember to register.

10. SafeSport (Eric)

- a. Fall Skills Squirt Locker Room Incidents
 - i. Same skater involved with the incidents.
 - ii. Mother will be escorting him to the locker room and monitoring from outside to make sure this does not happen again.
 - iii. Discussion on if we need a locker room monitor for Skills.

11. Recruitment & Retention (Stephanie)

- a. Come Try Hockey
 - i. 26 registered - 3 no shows
 - 1. 23 participated; 19 kept gear; 4 sets of gear were returned
 - 2. Pizza party after the skate was a success.
 - ii. Next event is on 10/8/22 - 12:30 - 2:00pm

12. Other Business

- a. Zamboni Wrap
 - i. Approx \$2500 to wrap/apply. Would also have a towing expense to get it to Nisswa.
 - 1. Should include IRRRB logo, NLYHA Logo, City of Crosby.
 - ii. Mike Paulbeck contacted Luke Spalj to see if he has any interest in sponsoring the wrap since he has made significant donations to our associations in the past.
 - iii. Eric Kueker motioned to approve offering the Zamboni sponsorship wrap to Luke

Spalj at the cost of \$2500 for the wrap and application, plus any applicable towing expenses for a 5 year term. Second by Glendon Nyberg. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be October 25th at the Bridge Tavern at 5 pm.

Motion by Mike Paulbeck to adjourn. Second by Glendon Nyberg. Motion passed unanimously.