

Chippewa Youth Hockey Association



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM

President: 2026 Trevor Bohland
Vice President: 2025 Steve Gibbs
Treasurer: 2026 Dom Ryder
Secretary: 2025 Kacy Bresina
Directors: 2024 Nick Hart, Derek Darrow, Eric Mueller
2025 Doug Custer, Erik Lemay
2026 Jason Darley, Mike Patten
Rink Manager: Bob Normand

Others: Abby Reilly, Melissa Martin, Brad Martin, Liz Bowe, Katy Miland, Ashley Newman, Al Brown.

1. General Meeting:

- Bob introduced Al Brown, who built the original north rink. Thanks Al!
- Melissa Martin clarified some questions about registration.
- Liz Bowe presented current and optional rates for referees.

2. **Secretary's Report:** Sent out and approved via email.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Sent out via email. **Motion to approve by Erik LeMay, seconded by Doug Custer. Motion carried.**

4. Correspondence/Officer Reports:

- **President's Report:** Consider gaps in board talent when electing the new director. Reports needed from all of the strategic planning initiatives. Chiller replacement will cost approximately \$1 million and take 4-6 weeks to complete. Should consider locking in the price now but raising \$1.1 million for contingencies and replacement of the south rink low-e ceiling. Capital campaign committee is being assembled. Focus on Energy and other grants will be pursued. Economic impact study should be updated to demonstrate the importance of our organization to the community. The Chippewa Steel lease renewal expires June 2024. Discussions about the renewal are underway.
- **Vice President's Report:** No updates at this time.

5. **Old Business:** All board members need to complete SafeSport certification.

6. New Business:

- Abby Reilly, board member candidate, introduced herself. The election to replace Billy Bergh will be done during the closed session.
- Barry Bohman is stepping away from rink operations. The board reassigned his tasks.
- A representative from Barron approached CYHA about co-oping. Discussion ensued but co-oping with Barron is not likely.

7. Committee Reports:

A. Finance/Administration (Trevor B, Dom R):

- a. A sub-committee has been formed to evaluate the proposals for the chiller system. **Doug Custer made a motion for CYHA to engage an**

engineer at a cost of \$10k-\$15k to verify the proper design and energy specifications of the project. Jason Darley seconded. Motion carried.

- b. Trevor met with the presidents of Eau Claire, Altoona, and Menomonie to discuss girls co-op options. Co-op committee members are scheduled to meet on July 27th
- c. Referee rates are tabled until next month.

B. Fundraising (Billy B, Jason D): Jason is preparing a presentation for the upcoming capital campaign. Beerfest results are still being tabulated. The golf outing has 114 golfers so far. Bingo attendance is good, the jackpot is almost \$4,000.

C. PDC (Nick H, Eric M): Tryouts will be the third week of October (17, 19, 21). Erik LeMay motioned to approve the list of evaluators. Seconded by Jason Darley. Motion carried.

D. Concessions (Erik L): The concessions committee is prepping for the upcoming season. Steve Gibbs volunteered to build new shelving. New Square registers have arrived but need to be set up.

E. Equipment (Mike P): Jason Darley motioned to approve Adam Erikson as a member of the equipment committee. Nick Hart seconded. Motion carried. Nets will be refurbished with new paint, nets, and pads. Skate tutor material is here but needs to be assembled.

F. Operations and Maintenance (Derek D): Routine maintenance such as changing zamboni blades.

G. Tournaments/Team Reps (Doug C): Bob Normand reported that 38 teams are registered so far.

H. Recruitment/Publicity (Jason D): Goal program registration is set up, posters will be printed soon. The committee plans to attend the National Night Out event. The capital campaign will also be a good opportunity to promote our organization.

I. Facilities:

a. Rink Manager Update:

- i. The north rink was successfully shut down and is back up again. There were some issues with bringing the compressors back up.
- ii. Bob and Trevor met with the Chippewa Falls Chamber and the new Steel coach. Hosted Kids USA field trip on July 19th.
- iii. The WAHA annual meeting is the first weekend of August for anyone interested.

b. Capital Improvements: See chiller discussions above.

8. Closed Session: Erik LeMay motioned to go to closed session at 9:40 pm. Seconded by Mike Patten. Motion carried. Returned to open session at 10:09 p.m.

9. Adjournment: Motion by Erik LeMay to adjourn at 10:10 p.m. Seconded by Nick Hart. Motion carried.