

LIHA Board Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2024

Board Members in Attendance: Kate Holman, Shelly Tyser, Matti Roinila, Mike Todd, Dane Todd, Hillary Swain, Nate Henke, Dave Shipperbottom

Non-Board Members in Attendance: Spencer Peery, Michelle Bellamy, Eric Alexander

Open Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Shamrock Showdown – Rick Davis shared information for the 2025 Shamrock Showdown. 48 teams max.

Prices will be \$525 for 8U and \$250 for 6U per team.

Stars – Curtis Brown, 16U & 18U AAA Coach for the Stars joined us to discuss his possible involvement with our program. Curtis would like to have the Stars be a support system for our organization and help develop youth hockey in Lincoln.

Closed Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm.

LIHA Meeting Minutes:

Dane made a motion to accept the June, 2024 Board Meeting minutes into record, Mike 2nd, all in favor.

Financials

Spencer reviewed the financials as of June 30, 2024.

Dane made a motion to accept the financials into record, Hillary 2nd, all in favor.

Hockey Director Update:

- MWAHA Coaching Clinic, need to make a Hockey Roadmap (we could update and use our Hockey 101 document). They suggested eliminating the use of cones, etc. use a Coach instead or markings on the ice. Work to get Coaches more involved and not stand against the boards.
- Coaches meeting will be on and off ice on Saturday, August 24th, 2024 in the morning.
- They have worked on a Tryout Outline for upcoming tryouts.
- Also working with Curtis from the Stars on the 8U Skills and Drills.

Committee Updates:

By-Laws (Kate): On track for By-Laws (with proposed changes) to be sent to the Board next month.

Coaching (Matti): The Coaching Committee has put together age level Coaching Manuals for each Coach to have.

Travel – See Matti's email regarding tentative Travel Tournament Schedules dated 7/24/24.

HSC – Bryan and Patrick are back.

Working on House Coaches, 12U is set. 14U and 10U House will be decided after Travel Tryouts are complete.

Kate made a motion to increase the non-parent 14U Travel Coach per player stipend from \$150 to \$200, Matti 2nd, all in favor.

Disciplinary (Dave): No report.

Equipment (Griffin): Mike shared that proceeds from private summer hockey camp raised enough to purchase 4 Tutor Shooters for LIHA.

Fundraising (Dane): Give to Lincoln day gave us over \$300.

Girls Program (Nate): New MWAHA Rules regarding girls rosters make it important for us to roster a 10U Girls Team ASAP. Nate has some tournaments identified.

Nate would like to set up a Girls Try Hockey for Free in August.

Goalies (Matti): Matti talked with Luke, would like to have it figured out by the middle of August. Has another option he will also pursue. MWAHA is working on Goalie Coaching ideas as Goalie numbers are down across the affiliate.

High School Club (Shelly): Julie Thielen will be the liaison between LIHA and OHC.

House (Shelly): League scheduler is asking for number of team predictions.

Ice (Michelle): Practice schedule on hold until Breslow gives us available ice slots. Board needs to communicate with the members regarding lack of ice, will be a separate email from the Board to the Members.

LSHL (Griffin): They are going to 3 Divisions this year, 4 teams per division.

Lincoln Stars (Kate): Kate will schedule a pre-season meeting with the Stars. Need to talk about locker rooms.

Marketing (Hillary): Hillary needs payment form for Registration Advertising. Don't need to target current members. Need to focus on 10U, 12U, 14U Learn to Play. \$1,500 budget (not including dasher boards) was approved in June.

MWAHA (Eric, Nate, Mike): (See recap email from Mike) Mike and Matti will talk to the Travel Coaches about going to the MWAHA League tournament in March. If we have a Select Team and Travel Team at a level, one team is required to go to a MWAHA Tournament.

Need to be reporting concussions on the MWAHA website. Link is on the LIHA website on the Concussion tab.

Officiating (Dave): Dave is setting up a meeting with our reps and Omaha to discuss reffing problem.

Player Safety (Dane): Dr. Caze will be at the Coaches Meeting in August to go over Concussion protocol and information. Pre-screenings are not required. Neck guards are required starting August 1st, travel tryouts have information on registration.

Program Expansion (Griffin): Spencer will add max numbers for 6U/8U registration to the website so registration will close for that age group.

Rules (Nate): No report.

SafeSport (Mike): No report.

Scholarships (Kate): Nothing received to date.

Select (Shelly): No report.

Team Managers (Shelly): No report.

Tournaments (Shelly): Waiting on ice for our home tournaments.

Travel (Shelly): See Coaches report above.

Other Items:

Anonymous Contact Form:

- **Received July 9, 2024**

With the talk of an all girls team, is there a possibility of mixed level girls team for at least practices to get girls more ice time and work up skill? For instance 3 girls from 10U, 2 girls from 8U, a few girls of 12U and so on. Then they practice together to build up inclusivity of girls and girl power. My daughter would

love to play but she can't skate very well yet. Tried the try hockey and wanted to do it, but would not be competitive with any boys at her age or any that have played for many years.

Response: LIHA offered a regular girls skate throughout last season and our current plans include a similar offering for this upcoming season.

- **Received July 20, 2024**

So my kid planned to try out for the select or travel team this year. The other day when we pulled up to Breslow I see the Coach Todd is having a private practice with kids. My question is why should I pay \$40 to let my kid try out for these teams when it already appears that the travel coach has already selected his players for the upcoming season and is already holding practices with them?

Response: The referenced ice time was a non-LIHA, non-USA Hockey sanctioned summer event booked and paid for privately. Participants included 8U, 10U, and 12U players. Travel team rosters are selected by an impartial Evaluation Committee which does not include the coaches of that level or any parents/guardians of players trying out. Select team tryouts are held in October after the start of the House season, and those rosters are also chosen by an Evaluation Committee.

Next Meeting:

August Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 14th, 2024

7 p.m.

Lazlo's South

Meeting adjourned at 9:53pm.

Items via Email Prior to August 14, 2024 Meeting:

N/A

Elected

2024: Gale, Holman, Swain

2023: Roinila, Shipperbottom, Tyser

2022: Henke, D Todd, M Todd

Tournament Weekends: 10U & 12U Hocktoberfest Oct 19th
14U Weekend of January 11th