

LAKEVILLE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2010

Members Present: Jeff Atkins, Brad Atol, Mark Brown, Steve Burns, Barb Haeg, Julie Hokeness, Kent Johnson, Robin Lundberg, Liam McDonald, Carol Pankow, Steve Papacek, Tonyea Patterson, Todd Perry, Rhonda Rasmusson, Dave Rucki, , Kevin Wetzel, Bart Winkler.

Members Absent: Brett Belschner, Joe Bystedt, Frank Eichmann, Linda Freemark, Herb Harvey, Sherri Harvey, Deb Hazlett , CJ Johnson, Buck Kochevar, Brent Lothrop, Brian McKinney, Bill Monahan, Dan Sender, Randy Schmitz, Matt Swaney, Kurt Weber

Guests: Chris Bye, Kevin Boland, Mike Jackson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Dave Rucki at 7:10 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Carol Pankow

Motion by Carol Pankow to approve the minutes of December 10th, second by Brad Atol.
 Motion carried.

Carol suggested having the by-laws reviewed dealing with electronic voting and also clarifying the appointment process. Dave said he would check with an LHA member that is also an attorney.

Speak Out to the Board:

Mike Jackson addressed the board and inquired about obtaining a trophy from the trophy case when it is moved out. The trophy is from the 2005 Squirt A Championship and he requested the plaque and picture. Dave Rucki took his name and number and the board okayed this request.

Gambling Report: Todd Perry

Actual Income and Expenses for December 2009

LHA Gambling	MTD Dec 09	YTD Dec 09
Gross Receipts	\$84,954	\$1,195,527
Prizes paid	\$68,256	\$943,020
Other Income	\$2,103	\$104,874
Total Profit	\$3,804	\$130,110
Cash Balance	NA	\$61,028

Todd reported on the actual income and expenses for December. There was a profit of \$1700. Todd Perry made a **motion** to approve the actual income and expenses for December 2009, second by Carol Pankow. Motion carried.

Todd also reported that the audit was just completed and he would give a full report in February. Bart asked is there is any concern with the losses last year. Kent and Todd explained there are two audits that review the gambling operations. All over gambling has been down for the past two years. The City of Lakeville signed off on Harry's having pull tabs. This will be a new location for the LHA.

Budgeted Income and Expenses for January 2010

Todd reviewed the budgeted income and expenses for January 2010. Todd Perry made a **motion** to approve the budgeted income and expenses for January 2010, second by Kent Johnson. Motion carried.

V.P. of Development-Bart Winkler

Bart reported he spoke with Gus regarding development. Gus has been meeting with coaches and players and suggested having a better beginning to the season next year regarding Gus’s role. That way coaches will know what to expect. The morning skate continues to go well although participation has dipped slightly.

Tonyea mentioned Bill’s email about the mid-season player evaluations. She also asked about the parent survey and timelines. Last year the survey went on-line in mid February. Bart recommended keeping the survey the same as last year and putting it out on the website February 15th.

V.P. of Operations-Mark Brown

Brad suggested sending out an email to coaches about using Gus.
Steve reported the alumni game went really well.
Liam reported the Mite Prep season is going well and the season ends 2/28.

V.P. of Administration-

Julie is working on a newsletter.
Kevin requested that the HDC define the tryout process and get ice needs to Kevin by the March board meeting. Kent will send the registration database to Mark Brown.
Kent reported on the girls Ignite Tournament. They are currently short 14 shifts for volunteers. The Freeze tournament is full. Robin will work on getting the volunteer shifts out on the website.

Treasurer’s Report: Kent Johnson

Kent reviewed the December 2009 LHA financials.

LHA Financials	MTD Dec 2009	YTD Dec 09
Gross Income/ Receipts	\$31,281	\$665,620
Net Income/(Loss)	-\$71,079	\$299,232
Total Checking/Savings	NA	\$406,695
Concession's Profit	\$4,459	\$9,773

A **motion** was made by Kent Johnson to approve the December statement as presented, second by Liam McDonald. Motion carried.

Kent reported he was still waiting for the draft audit report from the accountant. The city also dropped the cost of rent when Kent showed them the actual electrical costs.

Steve Papacek reported it was a slow month for sponsorships. Lakeview Bank did renew.

Rhonda gave a fundraising update. The raffle drawing was held on 1/22/10. Some families still have not handled in their tickets. Kent asked if the board should set a timeline for turn in. Will kids be taken off the ice and how will that be enforced? Kent did suggest publishing the list of members that did not pay on the website. Rhonda was asked to send the list to Tonyea for distribution to the managers. The managers are to talk to the families and if they do not pay within two weeks, it will be posted on the website.

Rhonda also said that Green Mill is interested in doing something with LHA. They are proposing that during the Monday’s in February, any patron stating they are with the LHA will have 10% of their bill donated back to the association at the end of the month. Rhonda made a **motion** to approve Monday night as LHA night for the month of February with 10% of the bill returning to the association. Second by Liam McDonald. Motion carried.

Green Mill also said they would offer the LHA pizza's for \$10 and slices could be sold for \$3. Dave suggested using this option for the upcoming boy's tournament. Liam volunteered to call to see about getting a better price and Mark suggested having someone make a call to Sherri to see if selling pizza would be okay for the FREEZE tournament.

Rhonda also presented a fundraising proposal for an LHA and NHL skate. The proposed date is March 6th from 5:45-7:15 at Hasse. The alumni would skate against LHA coaches. Acceleration has offered to sponsor the coaches and volunteers, providing jersey's with numbers and names. Rhonda also proposed having chuck a puck, the mascot from the Wild, and a social after the game. Green Mill proposed selling tickets for \$20 and LHA would get \$5 back. Each person would get 2 drinks and 1 hour of appetizers. Babe's proposed having a bash and would donate the printing of tickets, posters, pay for advertising and having a drawing of Wild tickets. Individuals would get 4 drink tickets.

Total cost for the event is as follows: NHL Charge \$1000 and \$500 for autograph signing. Brochures-\$300, \$400 miscellaneous, \$300 appetizers and \$310 for ice time. Liam offered to pay for the ice time if he can play. Tickets would be presold at the concession stand for \$10 per adult and \$5 for kids. Rhonda made a motion to approve \$2500 to fund the LHA skate with a party March 6th at Babe's. Liam seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Elect Report: Dave Rucki-President Elect

Dave discussed the new residency proposal which was sent via email and is attached below.

Update on the Participation Rule

By Minnesota Hockey

Action taken on the Participation Rule at the Winter Board Meeting

Participation Rule

At the 2010 Winter Board Meeting, Minnesota Hockey (MH) unanimously approved an updated Participation Rule, effective for the 2010-2011 Season. The changes were based on inputs received and internal discussions on how the revisions implemented for the 2009-2010 Season were working.

Prior to 2009, MH had a "Residency Rule" which used players' residence to determine the hockey association in which they were to play. There were provisions for waivers, but the various MH associations and districts were somewhat inconsistent in the consideration and approval of such waivers. The most prevalent reason that waivers were requested was that a player had enrolled in a school which was outside of their Association of Residence's boundaries.

For the 2009-2010 Season, MH changed the rule to a "Participation Rule" using the location of the school a player attends to determine the hockey association in which they were to play. A one-time choice option, with a few provisions, was added to allow players to continue to participate where they live if they wished.

Beginning in 2010-11, the MH Participation Rule will now allow players the option of essentially playing where they live or where they go to school. Changes in the rule approved for the 2010-2011 Season include:

Reverting default association membership back to residence
Mandating waivers requested from players enrolled and attending school in another area
Defining "Home Association" as either the Association of Residence or the Association of School Attendance to which a player has been properly waived
Further defining options for players changing schools

The review process and resulting changes were handled by MH's Discernment Committee, co-chaired by Dave Bakke - Planning VP and Greg Nagan - District 2 Director. The intent is to acknowledge school attendance while preserving the community-based foundation of Minnesota Hockey.

The text of the approved 2010-2011 Participation Rule is included below.

If you have comments on this initiative, please contact your District Director or e-mail us at info@minnesotahockey.org.

IV. PARTICIPATION

A. RESIDENCY POLICY

MH is a community-based amateur hockey program. Members in good standing are to participate on teams from their local association (local affiliate) based on the residence of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s). The boundaries of the geographical area served by each local association are determined by MH and recorded in the Affiliate Agreements. In some circumstances, players **may** participate in another association by requesting a formal waiver from this policy.

B. RESIDENCY RULE

1. Youth Hockey players must register and participate with the association whose boundaries incorporate the player's residence. If a player desires to participate on a team from any other association, the player must obtain a waiver.

a. All waiver requests must be submitted on the current Waiver Form provided by MH.

b. The Waiver Form must indicate the reason for the waiver request. (school attendance, opportunity to play on travel team, co-op team, etc.).

c. Any conditions that apply to a waiver must be indicated on the Waiver Form and initialed by all parties executing the waiver.

d. Waiver Forms must be signed by the releasing and receiving association presidents before being submitted to the District Director responsible for those associations for approval. If the releasing and receiving associations are in two districts, the waiver form

must be submitted to both District Directors for approval.

2. Definitions

Association of Residence: the association whose boundaries incorporate the player's residence.

Association of School Attendance: the association whose boundaries incorporate the location of the school the player attends.

Home Association: either the Association of Residence, or the Association of School Attendance to which a player has been properly waived.

3. A waiver shall be granted to any player who wishes to participate in the MH association whose boundaries incorporate the school in which the player is enrolled and is attending. For schools with multiple campuses, the "main" campus shall prevail unless agreed otherwise by the affected District Director(s). Players waived based on school choice shall be deemed to be members of their Association of School Attendance and shall have full rights and privileges accorded to all members of that association, including voting rights. (Exception – see "Changing Schools" below.) Players receiving a waiver based on school attendance shall register with their Association of School Attendance for as long as they are qualified students of that school (including the first year).

4. Players waived for non-school attendance reasons shall be subject to the receiving association's policies in accordance with MH governing documents (e.g. **may** not be eligible for "A" team, **may** be assigned to lowest available team, etc.). They shall remain members of their Home Association, not the association they were waived into, with full rights and privileges accorded to all members of their Home Association, including voting rights.

5. Changing Schools

a. Players whose Home Association has been based on residence:

Players who newly enroll in a school outside of the boundaries of their Association of Residence without a corresponding change of residence, shall elect one of the following:

1. Retain full eligibility to compete at any classification in their Association of Residence; or
2. Be eligible at the "B" classification or lower in their new Association of School Attendance for one (1) year beginning with the first day of attendance in the new school (a waiver is required).

b. Players whose Home Association has been based on school attendance:

Players who newly enroll in a school outside of the boundaries of their Association of School Attendance without a corresponding change of residence, shall elect one of the following:

1. Have full eligibility to compete at any classification in their Association of Residence; or
 2. Have full eligibility to compete at any classification in their new Association of School Attendance if they completed the grades of school offered at their former Association of School Attendance; or
 3. Be eligible at the "B" classification or lower in their new Association of School Attendance for one (1) year beginning with the first day of attendance in the new school if they did not complete the grades of school offered at their former Association of School Attendance.
- c. Unusual circumstances **may** be submitted to the District Director for determination. The District Director's decision is final.
6. A player that participates without a necessary waiver is considered an ineligible player. Refer to the Section entitled Eligibility Provisions. A waiver must be obtained before a player can participate outside of their Home Association. During a season, a player that registers or participates with one association cannot participate with any other association without a waiver (applies to players with dual residency).
 7. A player denied a waiver by his/her Home Association **may** appeal in writing to the District Director having jurisdiction over the Home Association, who after investigation will issue a ruling. The decision of the District Director is final. Also see Section entitled Eligibility Provisions.
 8. Players having dual citizenship, one being the United States, must also conform to the residency rule.

Other Business:

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carol N Pankow, LHA Secretary