

**LAKEVILLE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**April 11, 2007**

**Members Present:** Andrea Boecker, Tony Canney, Kim Counters, Larry Crosby, Frank Eichmann, Linda Freemark, Jason Gangeness, Joe Hanneman, Deb Hazlett, Tom Hazlett, Julie Hokeness, Kent Johnson, Bill Monahan, Linda Mullenbach, Dave Rucki, Tim Shaw, Greg Vincent, Kurt Weber, Marty Wiitala.

**Members Absent:** Buck Kochevar, Tom O'Donnell, Todd Perry, Gary Podraza, Tim Poehling, Randy Schmitz, Perry Wilkinson.

**Visitors:** Lisa Diercks

**Call to Order:** Tim Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

**Secretary's Report:** Deb Hazlett

Motion to approve previous month's minutes moved by Marty Wiitala, seconded by Dave Rucki; motion passed.

**Speak Out to the Board:** None

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Tim Shaw for a 5 minute time limit for a LHA member to speak out to the Board; seconded by Joe Hanneman and passed by the Board.

**Gambling Report:** Joe Hanneman

Joe Hanneman made a motion to approve the Previous Month's Gambling Report; seconded by Jason Gangeness; motion passed. Joe also presented the gambling report stating it was an excellent month; \$17,809 profit. The profit for Q1 of 2007 is \$69,000 vs \$23,000 for Q1 2006 largely due to the calendar raffle and the higher volume at the pull tabs.

Budget Report - Joe Hanneman motioned to approve the gambling budget for the month of March, seconded by Tony Canney; motion passed. Joe reported there is over \$90,000 in the account.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joe Hanneman

Joe Hanneman reported that he is in the process of closing the books for last year coming out well and the 2006 audit is done to keep the 501(C) 3 status. There is \$353,000 cash for the association. Joe stated moving from cash to accrual accounting with monthly P/L statements should help with the team budgets for next year. Mr. Hanneman also discussed the insurance review; language is needed to clarify what is covered by the city indemnification policy. Also discussed was the need for bonding coverage due to growth and size of association. Motion was made by Joe Hanneman to approve the treasurer's report for the month of February; seconded by Greg Vincent; motion passed.

**President's Report:** Tim Shaw

LHA mission is to become the best youth hockey association in the country. Tim Shaw discussed the framework for this mission being internally the volunteerism and ethics and externally the facilities and competitiveness. Volunteerism - first time that the elections carried a full slate; no appointments needed - big success. Ethics - 501 (c) 3 conflict of interest in the area of outside vendors - need to bid out projects. Facilities - new ice rink and 3x3 will be a great asset to the LHA. Competitiveness - 3 teams in state 4<sup>th</sup> place and 2- 5<sup>th</sup> places. 3 teams one game away from state. Discussion was covered by the board how to "quantify" these aspects of the Association framework.

Mr. Shaw also brought the discussion before the board of how to improve the LHA. He discussed the "barn raising" approach. Everyone on the board needs to be involved to take advantage of the massive skill set within the Board Members. Communication being key, this topic was discussed in great detail by the board members; all VPs were asked to speak out with their ideas. Discussion lead to an **ACTION POINT:** all board members are required to send three FAQ (provide the answer if

known) to Bill Monahan prior to the next Board meeting and Bill will follow to create a FAQ link on the LHA website.

**V.P. of Operation's Report: Larry Crosby**

Mr. Crosby presented the need for a new registration database to include the addresses for LHA members needing for profiling.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Linda Freemark to secure \$500 funding for new program registry including the N/S split among members, seconded by Larry Crosby; passed unanimously.

Larry also brought before the Board the need for the Level Directors to coordinate with all coaches in securing three tournaments per team for the next season. Kim Counters requested the need for 1/3 of the LHA teams to stay home during Thanksgiving and Christmas times.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Kim Counters to seek prior approval from the Ice Director to purchase ice from outside associations when the LHA is responsible for the bill, seconded by Linda Freemark and passed by the Board.

Mr. Crosby also discussed there are up to 40 topics he is in the process of closing out for the past season including white papers from Level Directors, try-outs – possibility of outsourcing, goalie development program, need for a Jr. Gold Level Director, and a presentation of the “Vision Placement” was made. Vision Placement components include such things as ethics, conduct code, discipline, operating structure & protocol, coaches, development, competitiveness of Association.

**V.P. of Administration's Report: Gary Podraza**

The S.K.A.T.E. program was presented by guest speaker Lisa Diercks. LHA players qualifying for this program are being awarded with a certificate, T-Shirt and pizza party at KTMS.

Originally granted \$500 for this program the need for additional dollars is apparent.

**MOTION:** Made by Larry Crosby for \$500 additional dollars for the SKATE program, seconded by Frank Eichmann; motion passed.

**New Business:**

**Miscellaneous Reports:**

City Ice Policy: Thank you to those who contacted school board members to come to the city meeting. Mr. Shaw confirmed a written proposal was sent to city requesting a change to the proposed Facility Ice Usage Policy. City's original tentative date for agreement was 4/16/07, possible delay with presentation of new information from LHA and possibly other associations. Tim Shaw also confirmed that having a unified Hockey Association in Lakeville continues to pay great dividends. Bill Monahan stated the new President Elect position is a great asset for new President. Mr. Monahan also discussed the need for budgeting, participation by the LHA in the LV Athletic Assn, and organizational charts for the LHA.

Larry Crosby made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave Rucki; motion was carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.