

**LAKEVILLE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**January 12, 2011**

**Members Present:** John Barger, Brett Belschner, Kevin Boland, Nick Branson, Steve Burns, Tony Canney, Barb Haeg, Deb Hazlett, Scott Johnson, Chris Kohlbeck, Robin Lundberg, Bryan Mohr, Mark Olson, Carol Pankow, Steve Papacek, Tonyea Patterson, Rhonda Rasmusson, Dan Riley, Dave Rucki, Kevin Wetzel, Bart Winkler

**Members Absent:** Joe Bystedt, Joni Canney, Karen Foshier, Buck Kochevar, Liam McDonald, Brian McKinney, Randy Schmitz, Dan Sender, Kurt Weber

**Other:** Craig Savari, Laurie Chinaurd, Jeff Brandt

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Dave Rucki at 7:03 p.m.

**Secretary's Report:** Carol Pankow

**Motion** by Carol Pankow to approve the minutes of December 2010. Second by Kevin Boland. Motion carried.

Carol reported the results of the electronic vote held regarding the interpreter bills. Vote passed 10 yes- 0 no.

**Speak out to the Board:**

Jeff Brandt, Bantam a South team commented on the great job the coaching staff is doing. They are developing the whole team and playing everyone. He highly recommended that the coach is selected again next year. Lori Chinaurd also came to thank the board. She liked the open try out and the players play rule.

**V.P. of Development**

Bart discussed the fundraiser. Gus suggested selling cards at the high school games. Tony reported that 43 teams have picked up packets. Kevin mentioned that folks seem to "not get it" regarding selling the cards. Joni will send out another email with instructions.

Bart has addressed all the parents who brought forward concerns about the try out process. Compared to this same point in time as last year, he has had zero complaints. Last year there were a number of complaints.

Gus discussed the morning skate. It is going well. He is also having coaches corner at every level where coaches can get together and discuss whatever is on their mind.

Kevin has been hearing several complaints about Total Hockey. Teams are getting very little turnout. Kids are saying they don't like it. Kevin proposed that the LHA should go talk with them. Coaches may not also realize they can have some flexibility regarding the programming. Dave asked Scott to speak with them and find out which teams are not using the time and go from there.

**V.P. of Operations**

Steve Burns discussed the issue of one Junior Gold team that only has 13 players. Their budget was high and he asked if the LHA does anything when teams are short. Scott said if you set a precedent like this it will need to be enacted at all levels. After much discussion, it was determined it is not feasible to give one team this type of dispensation and not other teams. It would create too many other issues. Steve also talked about the ice time email sent to Kevin Wetzel. Steve has talked with Kevin about ideas for next year.

Level Director Updates

PeeWees-Bryan said all is good

U12/14-Chris said everything is coming along well

Bantams-Nick has had no complaints this month. Nick recommended having better input when setting up layout of teams for next year. Nick made a **motion** to purchase a banner for \$80 for the Bantams third place finish at state. Second by Deb Hazlett. Motion carried.  
Squirts-Things are going okay  
U8/10-Dan is working on the U8 Jamboree.

#### **V.P. of Administration-**

Equipment-nothing

Ice Director-Teams are having a lot of conflicts with dry land. Shane is requesting the JPA start date by February 1. Dave asked him to push it back to March. Kevin is working on the high school game rescheduling due to the snow. Kevin made a **motion** to approve the St Thomas ice agreement. Brett seconded. Motion carried.

Kevin is also working on a season start up ice schedule. He will share that will the board in the next two months.

Karen Foshier had submitted a motion to put in the place the proposed procedure regarding fundraising. Second by Tonyea. Motion carried.

Procedure

1. If decisions are made about an event or initiative between board meetings, that person who is taking the lead should inform the entire board.
2. When the audience for that event or initiative is intended for LHA members, the Communication's Director will write the communication and coordinate approvals from the appropriate people.
3. The Communication's Director will e-mail all Board members the communication before it is sent to the membership.
4. A yearlong fundraising plan will be developed that addresses both development and general organization fundraising efforts.

Volunteer-Robin has posted all the tournament shifts.

Registrar- Tonyea is still working with District 8 on the MITE teams.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Barb reported that the annual audit report came in from the auditors today. The audit is combined with the gambling operations and there were no audit adjustments. Items noted in the management letter included the limited staffing and oversight of the treasurer. The auditor's also noted the LHA should be more specific on invoices and include the check number that paid the bill. They also recommended that the finance committee keep minutes of the meetings on a monthly basis.

Barb made a **motion** to accept the audited financial statements. Second b Deb. Motion carried.

Barb made a **motion** to accept and file the State of MN charitable organization reports as prepared by the LHA accountants. Second by Nick Branson. Motion carried.

Barb made a **motion** to approve payment of the recent interpreter invoice. Second by Deb. Motion carried.

Carol discussed the reasonable accommodation policy. She has located an attorney that practices the appropriate type of law to help out the LHA. The Board had previously authorized retaining an attorney for this purpose. Carol will pursue getting the price and agreement.

Barb said there are several families that have not paid and are not in good standing. She will work with the Level Director's and the coaches. Second half payments are due the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Fundraising-Rhonda reported about the NHL Skate.

Sponsorship-Steve said the LHA lost some sponsors and also added a couple of sponsors. Steve asked what are the boundaries with the sponsorships and people getting to advertise on the LHA website without sponsorship. Dave will follow up on this.

**Gambling Report:**

Mark reported that the LHA will start up at Babe's on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mark Olson made a **motion** to approve the actual income and expenses for December 2010. Second by Carol Pankow. Motion carried.

Mark Olson made a **motion** to approve the budgeted income and expenses for January 2011. Second by Dan Riley. Motion carried.

**President's Report:**

Motion was made by Dave Rucki to adjourn at 8:48 pm. Second by Carol Pankow. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted by Carol N Pankow*