

LAKEVILLE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 10th, 2008

Members Present: Jeff Atkins, Brad Atol, Mark Brown, Steve Burns, Allan Duchon, Frank Eichmann, Linda Freemark, Darren Gardner, Herb Harvey, Deb Hazlett, Julie Hokeness, Kent Johnson, Buck Kochevar, Brent Lothrop, Bill Monahan, Linda Mullenbach, Todd Perry, Tim Poehling, Dave Rucki, Tim Shaw, Matt Swaney, Greg Vincent, Kevin Wetzal, Perry Wilkinson.

Members Absent: Mark Brown, Tom Hazlett.

Visitors: Tony Ballis, Vicki Edquist, Jennifer Lindgren, Brian McKinney, Craig Sorvari, Nancy Quinnell, Tonya Patterson, Rich Rakness.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Bill Monahan at 7:05pm.

Secretary's Report: Deb Hazlett

Amendment to May Minutes: fiscal year changed from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 to July 1 to June 30th. Deb announced the schedules for the team photos this year are being arranged. **Motion** made by Deb to pass the August minutes, seconded by Steve Burns; motion passed.

Speak Out to the Board:

Nancy Quinnell spoke on behalf of the sled hockey organization. She thanked the LHA for their support last year and is looking for support again in 2008-09. Nancy would like to secure dates in Feb to host a sled hockey game at Ames Arena. Today Nancy was raising awareness of the program.

Gambling Report: Kent Johnson

LHA Gambling	MTD Aug 08	YTD Aug 08
Gross Receipts	114,076	852,229
Prizes paid	89,554	676,745
Other Income	359	93,882
Total Profit	8,324	99,672
Cash Balance	N/A	

Kent Johnson reported for Andrea stating she has resigned her position effective the first of the year. LHA will be searching for a replacement; Andrea has agreed to conduct training. Kent reposted on the month's profits of \$8300. A **motion** was made by Kent to approve the gambling report; seconded by Frank Eichmann; motion passed.

Budget Report: Kent Johnson

An estimated profit of \$4969 is expected for September. **Motion** by Kent to pass the Budget Report, seconded by Dave Rucki, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Kent Johnson

LHA Financials	MTD Aug 08	YTD Aug 08
Gross Income/ Receipts	59,557	59,790
Net Income/(Loss)	55,639	53,347
Cash Investments	N/A	271,949

Kent reported the net cash decrease this past month was due to checks sent to secure tournament spots and the payment to the City of Lakeville that was due. Kent **motioned** to approve the Treasurer's Report, 2nd by ; motion 2nd by Tim Shaw, passed.

Fundraising Update: Fundraiser is again raffle tickets with a coupon sheet for each ticket sold at \$20.00. LHA will maintain a no pay/no play policy in regards to the fundraiser of \$100/child, 2child max. Money will be collected with team's first payment. Mites will be collected during evaluation check in.

Sponsorship: Money has been collected from our first sponsor. Letters have been sent out to solicit sponsorship. Letter lists details for becoming a sponsor and what they get in return.
Association Manager Position: Tonya Patterson has agreed to this position. Her responsibilities will include managing the team managers and to help with association needs.
Concessions: LHA has purchased a new cash machine for more accurate accountability. Inventory will be managed tighter as well as cash out drawers after each shift to help keep track of profits.

V.P of Administration: Brent Lothrop

Registration: Open online through 9-25-08.

Newsletter: to be posted for September soon.

Equipment: Warm up sizing almost completed; over 400 have been measured. Westwood Sports will be sizing at stores also. All equipment is set and ready to go for season and is inventoried or on order.

Neck Guards: LHA purchasing neck guards for all mite preps. \$50 credit available for purchase of hockey equipment for new players up through Mite 2.

Communications: send any updates or news to Julie Hokeness for monthly newsletter

V. P. of Development: Greg Vincent

Evaluators: Meeting held with A level coaches to be scheduled this month to finalize.

Clinics: Learn to Skate for Mite preps; stick handling, shooting and checking for traveling levels.

Peewee A Coach: new coach chosen to replace previously selected coach who had to decline for work commitments.

V.P of Operations: Bill Monahan for Mark Brown

Try-Outs: schedule posted online; level directors are scheduling on ice help etc. List of volunteers is being approved at next HDC meeting.

Registration: Online registration is going smoothly. Open through 9-25-08.

President's Report: Bill Monahan

Upcoming parents meeting is being prepared – need good content.

Volunteerism: Will ask for volunteers at parent meeting. With the growth of LHA over the years more help is needed in many areas.

Lakeville Pride Rule: Bill opened discussion of the rule that was passed in July. He explained the timing resulted from a notice given to LHA of an impending lawsuit by MN Made hockey. Bill provided to members a copy of a letter from LHA's legal council (Severson, Sheldon, Dougherty & Molenda, P.A.) This letter stated the rule may be in violation of Article 1, Section 2 of the bylaws. Bill followed with two recommendations. First, form a subcommittee to discuss the language and the compliance with the Handbook and the By-laws of LHA. Second, rescind this rule and work with MN Hockey to form a new rule that would hold up in court. Discussion was held by the board and visitor Rich Rakness, District 8 Director, regarding this rule and another similar waiver rule issue that held up in court in the Crosby/Brainerd area. Rich Rakness pointed out that the LHA rule may not hold up in a similar situation; in the Crosby/Brainerd area, the players were waived out of their association whereas in Lakeville there is no waiver given. Tim Shaw **motioned** to rescind the LHA Pride Rule, 2nd by Linda Freemark. Motion had to be tabled - Kent Johnson cited proper protocol was not followed because the Board was not notified at least two days before the meeting that this motion was going to be made. Bill closed discussion stating this issue will be put to sub committee for further review.

Other Business:

Manager Meetings: Linda Mullenbach will organize the manager meeting for this year.

Banners: Linda Freemark commented that the banners are ready and will be hung at the arena during the next two weeks.

Waivers: Four waivers have been authorized allowing members to leave the association.

Motion to adjourn made by Bill Monahan, seconded by Frank Eichmann, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Hazlett, LHA Secretary.