

LIHA Board Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2024

Board Members in Attendance: Mike Todd, Kate Holman, Nate Henke, Shelly Tyser, Griffin Gale, Matti Roinila

Non-Board Members in Attendance: Michelle Bellamy

Open Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:38pm.

Shamrock Showdown: Rick Davis joined the meeting to share the budget, schedule and the volunteer sign-up sheet. 41 teams signed up this year. He has received feedback for 8U that teams would like to switch to 45-minute games, we are at 30 minutes this year. Would like to keep it at 30-minute games going forward because of ice availability and costs, etc. Needs a lot more volunteers. LIHA needs to get one more 8U net. Griffin will get someone to take care of the Boards at Breslow for the tournament.

Closed Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:01 pm.

LIHA Meeting Minutes:

Dane made a motion to accept the January 7, 2025, Board Meeting minutes into record, Nate 2nd, all in favor.

Financials

Kate reviewed the financials as of January 31, 2025 in Spencer's absence.

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

Hockey Director Update:

- Reviewed Hockey Director's Report.

Other Items:

- **Board Election:**
 - There are 7 applicants for 4 positions, one being a 2-year term. The person that receives the 4th most votes will serve a 2-year term. Applications will be posted on the LIHA Website on Friday, February 28th, 2025. Voting will open on Wednesday, March 19th and end at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 23rd, 2025.

Committee Updates:

By-Laws (Kate): They are posted on the website.

Coaching (Matti): Matti has submitted all of the Coaching Reimbursements to Spencer. Dane requested to have a message to coaches that if they use the equipment at the Ice Box they need to put it back where they found it. Matti will send Coaching Evaluations out on March 24th, they will be due March 31st. Coaching Applications for Travel Coaches will be accepted through April 11th, interviews will be held in late April.

Disciplinary (Dave): Redacted for privacy.

Equipment (Griffin): Griffin is getting 2 new 8U nets. He is also working on equipment estimates for next season and jerseys/pinnies for tryouts. Griffin is also pricing jerseys for Adult League for next season. Equipment check-in will be March 21st 5-7:30pm at Breslow.

Fundraising (Dane): Fundraiser for Jr Stars at Raising Canes on Cornhusker, February 25th 3-9pm. Customers must mention the Jr Stars Hockey Team.

Girls Program (Nate): Kate will reach out about a donation to cover expenses.

Goalies (Matti): Interest from a local goalie to coach this summer. Griffin would like to get summer ice scheduled for Goalie Clinics. Kyle Buser has also been working with Goalies on the ice. Michelle will contact Luke about ice availability for summer clinic.

High School Club (Shelly): Teams are in their playoffs right now.

House (Shelly): Joust tournament is this coming weekend, every team gets at least 3 games. Season will end after this weekend.

Ice (Michelle): No report.

LSHL (Griffin): Novice and intermediate teams added a couple games to be in line with the number of games the advanced league had scheduled.

Lincoln Stars (Kate): Dave and Kate met with Harrison and Tyler. We are waiting on a new contract.

Marketing (Griffin/Kate): Posting items received from team managers.

MWAHA (Eric, Nate, Mike): No report.

Officiating (Dave): No report. Michelle would still like visibility for everyone on who is scheduled for games, we have too many instances where we don't have refs scheduled but we can't see that ahead of time.

Player Safety (Dane): Submitted all the concussion information to MWAHA, he has one more left to do. Dane is also working on updates on the concussion information for next season.

Program Expansion (Griffin): We need 2 new sponsors for next year assuming everyone renews.

Rules (Nate): New rules will go into effect in August.

SafeSport (Mike): We have had quite a few instances in February, everything seems to be resolved from our standpoint. Moving forward, communication needs to funnel through Mike as the point person.

Scholarships (Kate): Griffin made a motion for LIHA to provide two \$500 scholarships for house players moving from 8U to 10U (one female, one male) as part of the Shamrock Showdown, Dane 2nd, all in favor.

Select (Shelly): MWAHA Select Tournaments are done. We have a couple teams that are still attending tournaments.

Team Managers (Shelly): Had a Team Manager quit without notifying anyone, Shelly was able to get someone to step in and finish the season.

Tournaments (Shelly): No report.

Travel (Shelly): No report.

Other Items:

USA Hockey Fees are going up for next season.

Next Meeting:

April Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 1st, 2025
6:30 p.m.
Lazlo's South

Meeting adjourned at 9:52pm.

Items via Email Prior to April 1st, 2025 Meeting:

Meeting date changed to April 2 to accommodate schedules.

Annual Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 16 at Breslow.

Elected

2024: Gale, Holman, TBD at 2025 Election

2023: Roinila, Shipperbottom, Tyser

2022: Henke, D Todd, M Todd