

LIHA Board Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2024

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

Non-Board Members in Attendance: Spencer Peery, Michelle Bellamy

Closed Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:41 pm.

LIHA Meeting Minutes

N/A

Financials

Spencer reviewed the financials as of September 30, 2024.

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

3 Offline unpaid as of today, Spencer is following up.

Hocktoberfest tournament net TBD.

Hockey Director Update:

- See email below from Eric dated 10/29/2024.

Committee Updates:

By-Laws (Kate): Adding change to membership categories to give non-parent/non-player coaches a vote.

Coaching (Matti): Matti is working on getting any remaining requirements for coaches done.

Disciplinary (Dave): No report.

Equipment (Griffin): Griffin needs to order more white socks and the 2nd set of divider pads. Divider pads will be \$2,700.

Fundraising (Dane): Don & Millie's 84th & O (11/4) and Belmont Runza (11/18) are doing dine out nights for LIHA, Kate will advertise on Social Media.

Girls Program (Nate): No report.

Goalies (Matti): No report.

High School Club (Shelly): No report.

House (Shelly): House games start this weekend. It's been a struggle to get the iPads set up, etc. HSC Managers will have 1 ipad and one will be locked in the score box at the Ice Box.

Ice (Michelle): Michelle working on 6U/8U spring session ice conflicts. Before school ice is not currently an option due to staffing at the rinks. Select teams have practices scheduled through the end of the year.

LSHL (Griffin): No report.

Lincoln Stars (Kate): Dave and Nate meeting with the Stars on November 12th.

Marketing (Griffin/Kate): Griffin reached out to UNL professor Jemalyn Griffin for student recommendations to take over LIHA marketing. Three students were interviewed, and resumes were shared with the board. Kate made a motion to have Griffin extend an offer to Alana Ross (a UNL student) to do the LIHA Marketing (social media, newsletters, ads,

website updates) starting immediately with a minimum of 10 hours/month, maximum of 20 hours/month, Dane 2nd, all in favor.

Kate and Griffin will onboard the intern and funnel information.

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

Officiating (Dave): There was an officiating clinic last weekend. LIHA would like to be given details so we can publicize it.

Player Safety (Dane): 4 concussions thus far, Dane submitted paperwork to MWAHA. MWAHA requires Coaches, Parents and Physician to sign off before return to ice.

Program Expansion (Griffin): No report.

Rules (Nate): No report.

SafeSport (Mike): Nothing reported. Ice Box girl's locker room still needs attention. Dave and Nate will meet with the Stars on Nov 12th regarding this and other issues.

Scholarships (Kate): The Bellamy family has decided to award 2 \$500 scholarships for the 2024/25 season. Recipients are Gavin Peery and Brady Rockel. Michelle will notify winners. Kate will notify other applicants and announce on social media.

Select (Shelly): No report.

Team Managers (Shelly): No report.

Tournaments (Shelly): Hocktoberfest went well. Refs did a nice job. We need to open registration for the 14U Tournament. Dane suggested opening registration over the summer and then cancel if we can't get the ice.

Travel (Shelly): No report.

Other Items:

8U Skills & Drills: Eric will coach, Wednesdays at 4:45pm. All 8U are eligible, no Select players. Will start November 6th. Michelle will work with Eric on ice, budgeted for 15 ice hours. Nov 6-Dec 18 and Jan 8-Mar 5. Skip Nov 27th. Includes 2 Jerseys and one set of socks. \$350/player. Kate, Shelly, and Michelle will be there on November 6th for jerseys, socks and jersey numbers!

Open Board Position: Dane made a motion to wait to fill the open board position vacated by Hillary Swain until the next election, Board position would be for a 2-year term, Nate 2nd, all in favor.

Contact Form:

"I would like to request the board meetings be streamed live so those who cannot attend in person can attend virtually. Example: Omaha Hockey Club."

Dave reached out to OHC to ask how they handle open/closed board meetings. OHC livestreams their open session only and has a separate closed session for board members only. Meeting minutes for the open session are published, while meeting minutes for the closed session are not.

LIHA will continue to publish full (open and closed) meeting minutes and offer members an in-person open session for the first 30 minutes of each board meeting. Members will be asked to send their name, phone number, and question/concern/topic to hockey@lincolnhockey.org in advance of the meeting. There will be no open session if there are no members signed up with topics. Members who cannot attend in person can complete the [contact form](#). The board reviews contact forms at each meeting and records responses in the meeting minutes.

Next Meeting:

November Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 12th, 2024
7:30 p.m.
Lazlo's South

Meeting adjourned at 9:31pm.

Items via Email Prior to November 12, 2024 Meeting:
N/A

Elected

2024: Gale, Holman, Swain

2023: Roinila, Shipperbottom, Tyser

2022: Henke, D Todd, M Todd

Removed:

2024: Swain

Tournament Weekends: 14U Weekend of January 11th

Hockey Director Update:

October 2024

Select Tryouts: Since the last meeting we have had select tryouts for age groups 8u-14u. Tryouts and selections went well. Have not had anyone contact me about any evaluations for any of the tryouts. Thank you to Mike, Matti, Griff and Dane for helping evaluate.

8u Skills and Drills: We're all set to start but need to get registration out. Based off of numbers and pricing and scheduling, it looks like opening up to all 8u players with at least two years of playing (instead of just second year 8u players), may be the way to go. Should be discussed more tonight and hopefully we can get registration sent out and start as soon as possible.

6u/8u: Equipment Pick-up seemed like a success. Got a lot of kids through and had a lot of volunteer help. Shout out to the volunteers who came out and help. Thanks to Griff and everyone else who picked up/dropped of the gear and help set everything up! Things should start this weekend, which I'll be in Quad Cities, so I'll reach out to the guys after and see how week one went.

10u House 1: Jacob Skretta the head coach is using the ice better this year and the flow of practice is a lot smoother. Kids were barely standing around, if ever, besides the normal rest time. Could maybe work on timing the drills a little better (drills running a little long). But otherwise, HUGE improvement from last season! Kids look to be having fun and are doing drills that are improving them.

10u House 2/3: Coaches doing a good job pushing the pace and communicating with players. Kids responding well to the coaches and the pace of practice is great. Coaches do a good job utilizing time to set up/break down stations while kids were "distracted". Coaches helped the kids throughout the scrimmage a lot on positioning, especially on faceoffs, and staying onside.

10u Travel: Coaches do a good job pushing the pace in practice, and correcting mistakes when they happen. They do a good job utilizing the ice and getting the most out of their time slot. Kids respond well to the coaching and work hard. Do a lot of skating and skill work to start practice, and do a good job mixing in the other facets of the game throughout the practices.

12u House (Combined): Coaches do a good job instructing one on one throughout drill with the newer skaters who are farther behind, as well as the rest of the team. Coaches do a good job getting drills switched around when players are grabbing water. Great use of ice and stations.

12u Travel: Trent does a good job using the ice effectively and pushing the players to get better. Coaches correct mistakes when needed and are good at giving feedback. A lot of skating and puck handling to start and transitioning into a lot of competitive fast paced drills after.

14u House (Combined): Coach Benson communicates well with the players. Gives good one on one feedback when he is able to pull a kid aside during drills. Last practice they worked on keeping your head up when going into a battle, doing head checks to check for pressure, getting strong sticks on pucks, and using your body safely when body contact is imminent.

14u Travel: Fairly young team, returners definitely push the pace in practice. Practices are solid. Could use a little more skill development, especially with the youth of the team. Seems like each day they keep getting better but goaltending needs work. Coaches do a good job of correcting mistakes quickly and I think that's helping the kids learn faster, at least positionally.

HS Club: Both teams are doing okay. I think we need to keep looking around to get Patrick Lowe some more coaching help for his team. He does a good job and can handle it on his own but he's fairly limited on certain practice plans if he can't break up players into different groups if he's out there alone. It's nice having enough goalies for both teams this year; that's been helping in practices a lot.