

LIHA Board Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024

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

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

Open Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:37pm.

Jenny Leeper Miller: Player Safety/Injury Procedures: Concerns regarding injuries and safety procedures. How do parents know the procedures that coaches need to follow when a player gets injured at practice on or off the ice. What should parents do if anything? Team Managers have all of the information needed when a player sustains a concussion either in a game or during practice, Shelly will ask managers to communicate that with parents and will get it added to the Jr Stars Handbook. Matti will send communication out to all coaches that they need to follow procedures when injuries happen. There is no specific outline in SafeSport for a practice injury situation but LIHA can outline expectations with our coaches.

How do parents know what type of gear and how it should fit at older levels? Hockey shops are helpful with fitting equipment. Parents can ask coaches to take a look at their player's equipment and let them know if they think they need different sizes/etc.

Matt Schalsey: Candy Cane Classic. NEH would like to rent the LIHA boards for the tournament. Players liability insurance is the coverage for the tournament, they are not USA Sanctioned. The participants sign a waiver so that the Ice Box, LIHA, and their organization are not liable for any injuries. Setting up the boards is probably an 8-person job. If there is any damage to the boards their organization would replace them. They do not need nets. LIHA will get back to Matt tomorrow after the Board has a chance to discuss everything. They are also going to offer a dryland program after the first of the year for two age groups and would like to offer a discount to LIHA players.

Kyle Buser: Goalie Development. Lack of goalie development especially at the younger levels. Would like to see goaltender camps or goalie help at practices. Some teams have focused goalie assistance (10U Travel/12U Travel), but many do not. The Board welcomes any help from experienced goalies. Griffin suggested Kyle send Matti a list of consistent availability so they can schedule him to help goalies at practices, starting with 10U House and 12U House.

Closed Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:18 pm.

LIHA Meeting Minutes:

Dane made a motion to accept the November 12, 2024 Board Meeting minutes into record, Matti 2nd, all in favor.

Financials

Spencer reviewed the financials as of November 30, 2024.

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

Spencer is working on failed payments, October all paid, 5 for November with a deadline of 12/31.

Hockey Director Update:

- See Eric's email below dated 12/10/24.

Other Items:

- **Candy Cane Classic:** Rental fees for boards, liability/responsibility agreement: LIHA will require a COI with LIHA listed as additional insured, rental rate is \$1,500/day prior to use and they would need to sign a rental agreement that includes verbiage regarding any damage to the boards and cost associated with that damage. LIHA's priority is protecting the organization while supporting additional ice opportunities.
- **Discuss/vote on bylaw changes:** Voting will take place at the January meeting once everyone has time to review the changes. Michelle will send an email to the Board regarding bylaws asking for input prior to the meeting.
- **Ice Box Contract:** We are coming to the end of our current contract so we need to start working on the next contract.
- **Travis Family:** The Jr. Stars have collected money to help the Travis family, so far they are able to cover the balance of Matthew's season. LIHA will send out the information on the Go Fund Me, meal train, and obituary/funeral.

Committee Updates:

By-Laws (Kate): Voting on changes in January. Board will email prior to the January meeting.

Coaching (Matti): Matti has sent CEP reminders to anyone that doesn't have them done. Deadline is 12/31.

Disciplinary (Dave): No report.

Equipment (Griffin): Breslow boards need to be replaced. New boards are on sale right now. Dane made a motion to purchase new boards for LIHA use at Breslow, Nate 2nd, all in favor.

Fundraising (Dane): LIHA apparel sales brought in \$1,200 and Don & Millie's brought in \$82.

Girls Program (Nate): We need a Girl's Locker Room solution that's consistent, Dave and Kate will meet with Harrison. Nate will follow-up with sponsor about covering program fees.

Goalies (Matti): Kyle Buser has volunteered to work with goalies at practices, he and Matti will work together on scheduling. Jacob Morgan is also willing to work with goalies, Matti will reach out to Jacob.

High School Club (Shelly): No report.

House (Shelly): No report.

Ice (Michelle): December 1st there were two unused ice slots.

LSHL (Griffin): Recent Senior League incidents were discussed and action will be taken.

Lincoln Stars (Kate): Dave and Kate are going to schedule a meeting with Harrison regarding Girl's locker room, etc.

Marketing (Griffin/Kate): Working to get intern up and running.

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

Officiating (Dave): One of our refs had the wrong time of the game so they only had one ref for part of a HSC game. Hadfield was on the ice so we need to have a back up. We also need to have access to what refs are scheduled for games. Can refs use the Zamboni room so the girls can have the current Ref Room? Dave and Kate talking to Stars first.

Player Safety (Dane): No report and no concussions in the last couple of weeks.

Program Expansion (Griffin): No report.

Rules (Nate): No report.

SafeSport (Mike): No report.

Scholarships (Kate): No report until next season.

Select (Shelly): 8U/10U/12U are all going to their first tournament this coming weekend.

Team Managers (Shelly): No report.

Tournaments (Shelly): January tournament was cancelled 45 days out because all of the ice was at Breslow. Will look at hosting all three age levels at Hocktoberfest next season.

Travel (Shelly): No report.

Anonymous Contact Form:

- My kids have been working out at 3 Pillars and they have been fantastic! I have talked with Logan at 3 Pillars about maybe working out some kind of Partnership with LIHA as the more consistent conditioning/ training is at all levels the stronger and more competitive will become! Please advise or let me know who he should reach to! Thank you!

Response: Players are welcome to go to whatever facility they wish. Each team can decide on their own where to go, other teams are already contracted with other facilities. Logan can email hockey@lincolnhockey.org with information to share with coaches for next season.

- Would like you to discuss waiving fees for the Travis family for remainder of season and possibly the upcoming seasons. With the passing of Brian I believe it would go a long way in helping the family financially, but also spiritually.

Response: The Junior Stars high school team has already raised enough to cover this season. Scholarship information will be shared with the Travis family for next season.

Next Meeting:

January Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 7, 2025
7:30 p.m.
Lazlo's South

Meeting adjourned at 10:19pm.

Items via Email Prior to January 7, 2025 Meeting:

N/A

Elected

2024: Gale, Holman, TBD at 2025 Election

2023: Roinila, Shipperbottom, Tyser

2022: Henke, D Todd, M Todd

Hockey Director Update:

December 2024

As many of you know, the LJS HS team had a father and our Team Rep, Brian Travis, pass away last week. Brian had an honor walk at the hospital before he was wheeled back for organ donation. There was a great turnout of LJS players and family, and people within the hockey community. It's been a hard time for the Travis family, but I just want to thank and point out the love and support of the people within our Lincoln hockey community, and the people who have donated to help pay for the rest of Matthew's season. We have a great

community here who have always stepped up in times like this, and I think it's important that we keep doing a good job supporting and taking care of our own. The Travis family will be having a "Celebration of Life" ceremony at some point but haven't heard any specifics yet. Thank you to everyone who has helped the Travis family so far, and who will continue to do so!

8u Skills and Drills: 8u Skills and drills has been going fairly well. I have been rotating the Lincoln AAA team and the UNL Men's team for help with volunteer coaching. Reed Fuller and UNL have been doing great with volunteer participation and showing up on time so we can cover practice plans, etc. I haven't had the same luck with the AAA team. The kids who show up are helpful, but week 1 I had ONE player show up, and week 2 for them, I had 3 show up. I've been asking both coaches if we can have 4-5, or more if possible, and they both agreed. So far, unfortunately, I've only had luck with the UNL team in this regard.

6u/8u: Talked to Matti recently, he said 6u/8u has been going well, especially using the two sheets at 8u. I haven't heard any complaints/negative feedback from parents (at least directed in my direction, other board members may have been approached), so I think all is well.

10u House 1: After being out with Coach Jacob Skretta more, I've noticed a heavy lack of attention from the players. At this age it's not uncommon, but compared to the other 10u House teams, it's fairly bad. I think this is what's been a big problem they're having with their in-game results (20 goal differential in a single game). Obviously at the younger ages hockey needs to be fun, but his team could use a lot more structure and discipline. Examples of something like this may be: pushups for talking/skating around while coach is talking, a quick couple down-and-backs if effort is at a 1/10, simple things of that nature. I think the coaches of the other 10u teams have had better communication, probably at the beginning of the season, of what the coaches expect from the players with behavior and effort, and maybe Jacob's players never had a conversation of that type. Sometimes it's hard to get a team out of those bad habits, but I'm going to keep working with his team and communicating with Coach Skretta on how things progress.

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. *(This is a repeat from last update, but things really haven't changed, so I'm keeping the same notes)*

10u Travel: Coaches doing a good job with this team as stated before. Last tournament I heard about, they got third and played well over the weekend. So, sounds like the results are going well, and the kids seem to be having fun, and they enjoy working hard and getting a lot of information and feedback from coaches.

12u House (Combined): Coaches do a good job at being organized and getting the most out of their ice slot. I feel like it's a good coaching unit that communicates well between the two teams, and practices are usually pretty well run. Feedback from coaches is usually plentiful, so I think the kids are doing well and learning a lot.

12u Travel: Trent does a good job keeping practices moving and keeping the players accountable. The team has been playing well but they've been struggling a bit positionally in games at times, so they've been trying to work on that quite a bit lately. Players seem to be getting the hang of the forecheck and breakouts. Trent and Mike (10u) do a good job communicating if they need to rotate using more than half of the ice.

14u House (Combined): Coach Benson is still doing a good job of feedback and using the ice well. Although skill levels vary, he seems to do a good job connecting with players and getting the most out of them. He's always willing to learn and responds great to feedback, and loves pushing that info onto his players. Coach Kray doing a good job as well. They seem to work really well together during those split practices.

14u Travel: Had good results at their last “B” Tourney. Team seems to be improving a lot, although their young. Could be an “A” team at certain tourneys as long as the goaltending plays well. Team seems to be doing solid at practices. Tempo could be quicker some days, but overall it’s okay. Coach Luke gives pretty good feedback, a lot of the time, the players just have to put the feedback into action.

HS Club: Talked with Coach Lowe about how it’s been recently at practice. It’s been difficult getting a full team to show up and build on team systems when the whole team isn’t there. It’s also been hard developing some players who need it more, when they’re not there. There’s a few on his team that are very new and he finds it hard for them to be competitive in games. They have a hard time learning positioning, and basic fundamentals of 5 on 5 hockey...also sometimes afraid to get hit. He inquired about how to address this for future seasons.