



CHISAGO LAKES AREA RECREATION ASSOCIATION Minutes of the March 19th, 2025 Board Meeting

PRESENT:

Joe Bjelland, Nicole Larsen, Amanda Farrell, Cory Lindgren, Brian Marquardt, Leslie Schrul, Alex Turk, Tony Walker, Jim West, Jay Brown, Pete Lawrence, Peter Leadholm, Mallory Holmen, Jonathan Wrolstad, Cindy Farrell, Sarah Yates, Holly Cardoni, Viktorija Richert, Amanda Oman.

Board members present are indicated with an underline.

AGENDA

The agenda was adopted on a motion by Tony. Second by Viktorija. Motion passes.

GUESTS

Joe Tart- Chisago County Parks- Improvement updates at Ki-Chi-Saga Park. Multipurpose building with concessions, shelving for storage, keyless entry. Restrooms with programmable timer (6am-10pm), Wi-Fi thru entire park for Cashless sales, Additional Parking spaces (TBD)

Nick Brehm & Misty Hokenson - 7th & 8th Grade Tackle Football

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve February Minutes by Alex. Second by Viktorija. Motion passes.

-February Minutes were approved on a motion by Holly. Second by Jay. Motion passes.

TREASURER'S REPORT (as of February 28th, 2025)

- Checking Balance: \$87,100.41
- Savings Balance: \$209,835.99
- Cash on hand: \$0
- CD Balance: \$75,806.84
- February Profit: \$49,343.09
- Fiscal Year P/L: \$48,857.98
- Credit Card Balance: \$0

-The board discussed the possibility of updating credit card limits to:
\$5,000/cardholder
\$25,000/organization
Also discussed adding Cindy as a cardholder.

The increased credit card limits and adding Cindy as a cardholder was approved on a motion by Alex. Second by Peter. Motion passes.

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Peter. Second by Alex. Motion passes.

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GAMBLING MANAGER'S REPORT (as of February 28th, 2025)

Account balance: \$12,682.96
Cash on Hand: \$3,983
February Profit/Loss: (\$5,669.46)
YTD Profit: \$1,902.19

EFTs-\$27,466.69

- \$5,566.96 Three Diamond
- \$0.00 Gopher State Storage
- \$3,510.49 Diamond Games
- \$11,554.00 MN Revenue January Gaming Tax
- \$0.00 - MN Unemployment Tax
- \$0.00 - IRS Payroll Tax
- \$3,892.68 Intuit Payroll
- \$172.29 Amazon Bingo Supplies
- \$2,770.27 Charitable Products

Allowable Expenses

Estimated allowable expenses in the amount up to \$16,000 was approved on a motion by Jay. Second by Holly. Motion passes.

Lawful Purpose

Lawful Purpose \$10,396
Est MN Tax Pmt - \$8,506
Forest Lake Community Ed = \$510 - Basketball Fees
Scandia PTO - February Cash Extravaganza Bingo Event & Meat Raffles = \$1,380

Lawful purpose in the amount up to \$10,396 was approved on a motion by Sara. Second by Jay. Motion passes.

Shafer Saloon - Still in process of getting permit approved. Waiting for things to be completed at the City of Shafer regarding no ordinance, Having regular dialogue with Jamie the owner.

Uncommon Loon - Agreement on moving forward with Pull-tabs and E-tabs is not likely due to not wanting the Pull-tab Dispenser in the Tap Room. Discussion was had as to if we should look into offering Bingo weekly (allowed with tipboards/meat raffles) with one big event, or if we scrap the whole thing. Cory advised that weekly bingo without Pull-tabs and E-Tabs is likely not profitable.

Sportsman's Bingo went well, but we are going to make some changes to check-in on the day of the event so it goes smoother, starts on time, and cash can be verified before scheduled start time. Was not as profitable as the event due to less extra sheet sales on games when comparing the two events. We were expecting more sales of sheets since we actually increased the prize costs thinking it would generate more sales.

Cory will be less active at the site for Bingo, with Lindsay and Sheila now available to cover every night. This will likely be the plan moving forward with Gus or I filling in as needed.

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The Gambling Manager's Report was approved on a motion by Viktoria. Second by Holly. Motion passes.

BASKETBALL

-Season is over, End of the Year Banquet in scheduled in April

SOCCER

Jonathan submitted the 2025 in house soccer budget.

The In-House Soccer Budget was approved on a motion by Viktoria. Second by Holly. Motion passes.

REC VOLLEYBALL

-No Update

TRAVELING VOLLEYBALL

-No Update

FLAG FOOTBALL

-No Update

BOYS LACROSSE

First practice started yesterday, turf is laid in the arena, Overall registration numbers are up. Intro to Lacrosse is this weekend.

GIRLS LACROSSE

-Roughly 28 girls are currently registered. Expecting around 60 girls registered

TRAVELING SOFTBALL

-The 10u Tournament is full. Still looking to fill 12u. 9 Total traveling teams. Uniforms are ordered.

TRAVELING BASEBALL

-Tryouts were held on the 2nd of March. Teams 9u-14u are now formed.

REC BASEBALL

-Just over 300 kids signed up. Two weeks left in registration.

REC SOFTBALL

-52 Girls signed up. Registration ends April 4th.

TACKLE FOOTBALL (7th & 8th Grade)

Nick Brehm will be joining the LARA Board as the Tackle Football Coordinator. This was approved on a motion by Peter. Second by Pete. Motion passes.

COMMUNITY ED

-Community Ed Director Dan McGonigle and Superintendent Brian Dietz are planning on attending next month's meeting in order to inform the board about the upcoming referendum and building needs.

WEBSITE

-No Update

NEW BUSINESS

-None

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OLD BUSINESS

-None

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 7pm in the CLHS Media Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The March meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm on a motion by Peter. Second by Viktoria. Motion passes.