



**CHISAGO LAKES AREA RECREATION ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the October 15, 2025 Board Meeting**

PRESENT:

Joe Bjelland, Nicole Larsen, Amanda Farrell, Cory Lindgren, Brian Marquardt, 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, Nick Brehm, DeAnna Pederson

Board members present are indicated with an underline.

AGENDA

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

GUESTS

None

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

-September Minutes were approved on a motion by Brian. Second by Viktorija. Motion passes.

ELECTIONS

Board member terms ending in 2025 are:

Jim West – President

Amanda Farrell – Secretary

Amanda Oman – Traveling Softball Director

Jonathan Wrolstad – Soccer Co-Director

Nicole Larsen – Rec Volleyball Director (Not renewing her term)

Joe Bjelland - Webmaster (Not renewing his term)

Board member term renewals and additions for 2025:

Jim West – President (2 year term ending 2027)

Amanda Farrell – Secretary (2 year term ending 2027)

Amanda Oman – Traveling Softball Director (3 year term ending 2028)

Jonathan Wrolstad – Soccer Co-Director (3 year term ending 2028)

-Rec Volleyball will now be run through Community Ed, led by the Varsity head coach Hannah Lindstrom.

-Mallory will take on webmaster duties and will connect with Joe to get the admin login. The webmaster will no longer be an official board position.

-Amanda F. will take on background check duties as secretary to review annually and make sure all coaches are up to date and will connect with Nicole to figure out those responsibilities.

-Holly Cardoni, board member at large, is resigning from the board due to other commitments on Wednesday evenings. Holly will still attend as a guest to discuss CL Wellness team updates as she is able to.

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-The current official board member total will be updated to 17. A total of 9 members are needed at meetings for a quorum.

Motion to approve the above changes by Cindy. Second by Amanda O. Motion passes.

TREASURER'S REPORT (as of September 30th, 2025)

- Checking Balance: \$12,866.31
- Savings Balance: \$60,632.97
- Cash on hand: \$0
- CD Balance: \$230,781.90
- September Loss: (\$20,526.35)
- Fiscal Year P/L: (\$19,419.08)
- Credit Card Balance: (\$350.00)

Cindy handed out new cards to all cardholders. Max is \$5,000 per person, or \$25,000 for the entire organization.

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Amanda F. Second by Amanda O. Motion passes.

GAMBLING MANAGER'S REPORT (as of September 30th, 2025)

- Account balance: \$39,937.40
- Cash on Hand: \$2,628.75
- Total Funds Available: \$42,566.15
- September Profit: \$8,894.30
- YTD Profit: \$23,748.09

EFTs-\$19,498.52

- \$6,436.33 Three Diamond
- \$5,335.80 Diamond Games
- \$2,834.00 MN Revenue Gaming Tax
- \$766.76 US Treasury Payroll Taxes
- \$3,799.63 Intuit Payroll
- \$345.00 CG Made Easy Software

Allowable Expenses

Estimated allowable expenses for October in the amount of \$37,409.85 was approved on a motion by Viktoria. Second by Brian. Motion passes.

Lawful Purpose

Total Lawful Purpose \$6,513.60
Est MN Tax Pmt - \$2,805
Scandia PTO = \$400
Chisago Lakes Area Recreation Associate General Fund = \$3,308.60
Paradise Outdoors (Shafer Yards Mowing) - \$1,600

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BSN Sports For (Basketballs) - \$474.35
LRS Portables (Portable Toilets) - \$1,234.25

Lawful purpose expenses in the amount of \$6,513.60 were approved on a motion by Viktoria. Second by Brian. Motion passes.

Pulltabs going well at both sites. Cory would like to target an average profit of 12-15% for regular pulltabs at both locations to try and get more of an "industry average" according to Abdo.

Current Star Rating is 1. This is mostly due to holding off on Lawful Purpose Expenses in the interim to pay for the audit, and also due to our taxes being low with them resetting in July. Cory will work with Cindy to take on more Lawful Purpose expenses as cash flow allows.

Weekly Bingo - Added another employee to help start covering Tuesday's so Cory can transition away from working bingo for the most part January - April. Changed the game selection slightly, and the players are really liking it and still getting good numbers.

Bingo Progressive - Hit Twice in September, but still turned a \$130 Profit. This did hit again yesterday in 52#s, which is almost unheard of.

Sportsmans Bingo was held October 4. Ice Fishing Bingo will be held November 1. Cory is looking into possibly doing a raffle at this event as well.

Gambling Control Board Fine - Gambling Control Board fined LARA \$1,000 for monthly filing issues related to holding a license at the Uncommon Loon but not filing a \$0 report for that location.

Cory forwarded the board a copy of the 2023 Audit Report done by Abdo. They will begin 2024 shortly and should be completed by year end.

The Gambling Manager's Report was approved on a motion by Amanda O. Second by Jonathan. Motion passes.

BASKETBALL

- In House league has wrapped up. Last night was the final night. Overall went well.
- Traveling basketball starts this month. Practices for Oct-Dec are scheduled through Comm Ed, teams are signed up for tournaments. Home Tournament will be December 6th-7th.
- We are still looking for more 2nd/3rd grade girls to fill our 3rd grade traveling team, and a couple more 6th grade girls to get that team up to healthier numbers.
- Sign ups are open for the Forest Lake Rec League that starts in January.

SOCCER

- Jonathan will take over field striping for soccer. Nicole will be winterizing the striper.
- MYAS has approved CLARA for traveling soccer.

TRAVELING VOLLEYBALL

- Registrations are open. Right now, 26 girls have signed up so far. 2 weeks until tryouts for 14U, 3 weeks until tryouts for 16U.
- Chisago Edge has full registrations, so some of those kids will be coming our way.
- Have registered for some tournaments already.

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FLAG FOOTBALL

-Season has ended as of last Saturday. Had more requests about expanding flag football to middle school ages.

TACKLE FOOTBALL (7th & 8th Grade)

-Season has ended. Equipment drop off is this weekend. The banquet is this coming Sunday. Will be doing the raffle this weekend as well.

BOYS LACROSSE

-Registration will open January 1st.

GIRLS LACROSSE

-No Update

TRAVELING SOFTBALL

-Tryouts were at the beginning of August. 3 teams at 12U. If approved to move forward, Amanda O. will send the proposed budget to the board to be approved at the November meeting.

-Motion to approve adding a competitive club softball program for Chisago Lakes players at the 14U age group this year by Brian. Second by Sara. Motion approved.

REC SOFTBALL

-Talked about the possibility of adding a fall league.

TRAVELING BASEBALL

-Nothing to report.

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-Nothing to report.

COMMUNITY ED

-No Update

WEBSITE

-No Update

NEW BUSINESS

-If anyone wants to send anything out in the parent newsletter from the schools, send what you would like emailed out to Sara Johnson at Lakeside, Amy Grice at the Primary, Jason Reibe at Taylors Falls, and Amanda Oman at CLMS.

OLD BUSINESS

-Officers are reviewing the bylaws and will be bringing proposed changes/updates to the board to be approved when they are ready.

-Discussed outstanding porta potties that haven't been picked up. Cindy did complete inventory and Tony will call to make sure all porta potties are picked up for the account.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 19th, 2025 at 7pm - WCC Meeting Room

ADJOURNMENT

The October meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm on a motion by Viktoria. Second by Alex. Motion passes.

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