

# LIHA Board Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2024

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

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

Member(s) in Attendance: Rick Davis, Bruce Hiller, Jake Parker

## Open Board Meeting

Jake with Driftwood Hockey is putting on a 21+ wood stick tournament March 22-24. Individual sign up. Includes jersey and lunch on Saturday. Asking LIHA to promote the tournament to members. He will pay for score keepers. Getting sponsorships. Proceeds will go to LIHA. 4-game guarantee. Sign up at [www.driftwoodhockey.com](http://www.driftwoodhockey.com).

Rick Davis shared details for upcoming Shamrock Showdown. Looking for more sponsorships and donations for gift baskets. Currently have 45 teams signed up. Rick is asking LIHA to provide two \$500 scholarships for next year to be given at the Shamrock Showdown. Rick would like to track tournament funds separately. GL Spencer already has set up will work, he just wants to leave funds in the account after the season is over so it rolls over to the next season. Photo booth set up, onsite t-shirt vendor from Omaha, raffle. Should be good for volunteers.

Rick also provided feedback from some of the 8U parents, would like a non-sponsored jersey to keep. Would like to help purchase jerseys for the 8U kids that are playing in the tournament, can get reversible jerseys for \$63 each, would like sponsors to pay all but \$20 per jersey, parents would be responsible to pay the remaining \$20. The board will discuss in more detail as LIHA already has plenty of smaller size blue and white jerseys in storage available for sale.

Mike T. made a motion to provide two \$500 scholarships to Shamrock Showdown players (one male, one female) for next season, Dane 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

Bruce Hiller provided feedback about Registrar position. He needs the Coaching Director to chase people down to get info ASAP. All that's needed is a USA Hockey number, then he can track things on his end. All information and requirements must be completed before coaches get on the ice. Bruce has agreed to serve as LIHA Registrar again next season.

## Closed Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:44 pm.

## LIHA Meeting Minutes:

Mike T. made a motion to accept the January 8, 2024 minutes into record, Dane 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

## Financials

Spencer reviewed the financials as of January 31, 2024.

Down to 2 outstanding, one being a donation. Spencer will pay the Stars for the parking passes used this year.

Mike T. made a motion to accept the financials into record, Dane 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

## Committee Updates:

**By-Laws:** Keeping notes.

**Coaching:** Some information redacted for privacy. Working on coach reimbursements. Coach applications will be released ASAP.

**Concussion:** Dr. Caze would like to provide Concussion Jerseys. Need a quantity and sizes, 12U and up. Shelly will figure out what we need and get it to Dane. Mike T made a motion to approve Concussion Jersey protocol as outlined by Dr. Caze and his group, Matti 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**Risk Management:** No report.

**Disciplinary:** No report.

**Equipment:** LIHA needs to pay Bar Down for a helmet purchased during check out for the 6U/8U group as we were out. Also needed more goalie sticks as we are up to eight 8U teams. Will need to purchase helmets and sticks before next season. Play it Again Sports would like to get more involved in hockey and would also like to be our supplier for equipment, Griffin will meet with them.

USA Hockey will **require** neck laceration protection for all players under age 18 beginning August 1, 2024. Mike T made a motion for LIHA to purchase Youth Size Neck Laceration Guards for 6U/8U, Matti 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**Fundraising:** Dane agreed to chair a committee to start a capital campaign.

**Girls Program:** Nate would like to communicate about the Girls program before the season starts.

**Goalies:** No report.

**House/Select:** Joust tournament is the weekend of February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Lincoln is hosting a few games. Mike T. had concerned parents speak with him about the drills at some of the House practices. Had a Select team take players away from House games, need to be clear with coaches/managers next season that House comes first.

We will do Blades for Grades for the Fall Semester. Shelly will get the game date and a gift. Michelle will update the form after we get a Stars game date.

**Ice:** Michelle will take back over Ice Scheduling. Need to look at splitting more practices (Select/Travel, etc).

**LSHL:** (See anonymous contact form) Senior league gets the refs that we pay for and that the talent deserves. The player who submitted the question can talk to Rademacher (Melrose) or Gale (Gretzky) for clarification. Griffin would like to discuss format of senior league at the next board meeting.

**Lincoln Stars:** Lincoln Stars jersey auction raised (net) \$13,000 for LIHA. Stars will do a jersey night again next year benefitting LIHA. Kate will schedule a meeting with the Stars.

**Marketing:** No report.

**MWAHA:** Feedback from Select teams that the Midwest process was disorganized with no communication. Since one team is required to participate from each age group (if there is both a Travel and Select team) we will address the issues with MWAHA.

**Officiating:** Ref recruitment meeting and clinic did not occur. Ref in Chief job description will be rewritten to require regular communication with the board throughout the season, as well as an end of season report.

**Program Expansion:** We are at 76 for 6U and 84 for 8U. Will need to address some issues before next season. We haven't been promoting the program because of limited ice.

**Rules:** No report.

**SafeSport:** Tell your teams to stop being knuckleheads.

**Scholarships:** No report until next season.

**Team Managers:** Manager gifts going out.

**Tournaments:** Shelly reported that we had a 10U and 12U tournament this season. Committee met and the takeaway is that we need to advertise dates earlier, we need warm up pucks. If we do 15-minute periods we need to allow 1 ½ hours per game. We need to schedule Tournament weekends ASAP.

**Travel:** Need to reserve ice for tryouts for next season. August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 3 hours each day for 10U, 12U, 14U. HS Select tryouts in July, TBD.

**Hockey Director:** Eric will work on Jr Stars tryout dates for the end of June. 8U skills going well. All Travel practices are going well. Eric met with a House head coach to talk about practice flow and practice plans. Working on edges, puck

handling, etc. Since the meeting the practices have been going better. Eric has been attending practices more often for this team.

**Anonymous Contact Form:** (See response in LSHL). Ref issue at LSHL.

**Other Items:**

Tournament weekends: Hocktoberfest Oct 26<sup>th</sup> (start 6U/8U earlier 10/12) 10U/12U  
14U Weekend of January 11<sup>th</sup>

Election: Mike W does not plan to run. Griffin & Kate will plan to run.

Looking to fill: Goalie, Marketing.

Need to purchase 2 iPads for the Scoresheet App for next season.

**Next Meeting:**

Monday, March 4, 2024

7 p.m.

Fireworks Restaurant

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

**Elected**

**2023:** Roinila, Shipperbottom, Tyser,

**2022:** Henke, D Todd, M Todd

**2021:** Gale, Holman, Winberg