

LYHO Meeting Minutes

February 202

Those in attendance: Dan, Julie, Cammi, Rob, Kendra, Vanessa, Shawn and Felecia.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Minutes Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT – Report approved.

BUSINESS

Coach's Update:

Jamborees

Jamborees went well for all age groups. Out of town teams were appreciative and enjoyed coming to Lewistown to play. There are getting to be quite a few 14u teams, they may need their own weekend next year. It is harder to find 18u and 8u teams.

Philipsburg

Philipsburg went well. The group meals at the Yurt, running around town, and all of the other hanging out that goes on does a lot for team comradery. Three years ago we only brought about 15 kids between both age groups, this year we brought 27.

Referees

We should consider some sort of reimbursement for Josi. She is about \$200 of her own money into gear and registration for the season. Josi ended up working 9 games during our 14/18u jamboree. She also trained in Layne who covered 4 games. All of that equates to coaches being able to spend more time working with our players. I think it will also be the push we needed to get more players interested in becoming certified, which will get us closer to being able to hold a tournament, as we will be able to save some money using local referees and not having to play travel from Great Falls or Billings. **Board voted and approved to reimburse kids for Level 1 class expenses :\$65 and have the following items on hand for them to use: sweater, pants, black adjustable helmet with visor and whistles. For this year, Josi will be reimbursed for her class expense (\$65) + \$35 for the jamboree games.**

In-Season Coaches Meeting

We had a very productive coaches meeting on February 11th. Topics discussed included age group updates, assistant coach roles, Helena tournament plans, doing better for our goalies, a reminder of expectations for games and tournaments, and how to end the season on a positive note.

We discussed needing a separate time slot to just work with goalies. It is too difficult to get goalie work in while keeping the practice moving for the skaters. So another time slot to just work with goalies seems to be the best solution. Another thing discussed was trying to get some ice time in the summer or fall in Great Falls or Billings and trying to find a goalie coach to work with our goalies on the basics. Or bringing a goalie coach to Lewistown to help early in our season next year.

We also discussed needing goalie bags that hold all gear of a certain size so that it is easier for someone other than Shawn to get a goalie dressed, which will involve purchasing more gear and the bags over the off-season. **The board voted and approved to purchase 3 more goalie bags whenever we find them. Shawn will look in Helena this weekend.**

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3v3

Going to take a lot of coordination to pull everything off and keep it running on time. Plan will be to run the clock for game time but no scores, so we will need score keepers for every game along with someone running the clock. I plan to designate or ask for a volunteer "coach" for each team who can make sure players are ready to get on the ice on time and understand what is going on. I can print rosters, schedule and score sheets at work and bring them down early Thursday. **We will also be providing hot dogs and brats for dinner. The food break will be planned for 5:30-7:30, which should give each age group time to eat. The following needed supplies will be ordered from Sam's club and picked up the day of: Hot dogs, brats, plates, buns, chips, ketchup, mustard and relish.**

Helena Bighorns Game

Friday March 7th before the 14u tournament. Probably best to reserve seats. There is still a section with about 50 seats close together. How many people are there on time Friday evening? Do we want to do a poll and try to get numbers or have people buy their own tickets? **Decision made to reserve tickets based off amount needed from poll.**

More Games

We have an invite for the 14u to play games in Great Falls March 15-16th. Not sure what this looks like yet. Will post to Heja soon. Possibility to include 6u/8u also.

Waiting to hear from Shay about an end of the year event in Glasgow. She is thinking the last weekend in March but wanted to confirm with the board on their side before posting.

2024/2025 Season

Board Positions: We are still looking for 2 board members. Luke Shevela has been invited to attend this meeting but was unable to due to a last minute emergency. We will continue to look for more candidates before the annual meeting in April. A date will need to be set for the Annual meeting and dates released to the public. Rink closure seems imminent with the upcoming weather but we will wait to hear more from LISA. Dan has offered to handle the tax form this year.

Fundraising: The ticket taking fairboard contract was brought to the meeting, signed and will be returned by Dan. There were no other fundraising ideas discussed.

New Equipment: Latches and holes have been added to the boards. We will need to attach the netting to the boards before the 3v3. Pond hockey goals are buried in a large amount of snow but are otherwise good to go.

New business: N/A

Adjourn: Next meeting scheduled for March 10th, 2025 at 6pm at the Civic Center