

LYHO Meeting Minutes

January 2025

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Minutes Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT – Report Approved

BUSINESS

Coaching Update:

14u and 18u Jamboree Jan 25-26

We have commitments from Helena 14u and 18u, Big Sky 14u, Billings 14u. Waiting to hear from Great Falls 14u. Also 3 players coming from Butte to join a 14u team. Weather looks good to begin on Saturday and end on Sunday.

I will work the schedule out to have out of town teams in the Orr and Hull buildings as much as possible. We will plan to leave the youth shed set up as a girl's dressing room if needed or a dressing room for referees. We will want a heater for it. We will have to have the warming hut split for two teams. When there is an out-of-town team in the locker room we will want a monitor the entire time the team is in there and on the ice.

Picture Day and 8u Jamboree

Right now Glasgow is planning to send an 8u team. I think it is likely that Great Falls sends a team also, but I haven't heard for sure yet. Depending on the weather, we will try and make those games travel friendly, and do them Saturday evening and Sunday morning, and work our 3v3 tournament around that.

I am going to poll the 18u team and see if they would rather split into teams with goalies and play 3v3 half ice or cross ice rather than play with the pond goals. If they do we may have to figure out some netting.

Do we want to do a pizza party or provide some other type of food for this event?

Referees

Josi Maier is level 1 certified and has been officiating games in Great Falls, including 12u, 10u, and 8u games. I received an email from the head of officials in Great Falls recently in which he had excellent things to say about Josi and how she has represented Lewistown.

Josi also helped officiate during both Lewistown adult tournaments. She has already surpassed my knowledge as a referee and has become the officiating expert in town. We will likely lean on her heavily during the 14u and 18u jamboree, and in the future to train new officials in town as they become more necessary for our events.

I looked back at the minutes and we did not decide on reimbursement. Certification costs \$65 and she is probably about \$150-200 in the proper uniform. Great Falls pays \$20 a game to referee their house league games, and \$40-\$60 a game for 14u-18u levels.

After our jamborees we will have a better idea of who else helped out and how much work we put on Josi, so I would recommend not taking any action on this until the February meeting.

Student coaches

I completed a student coach training with Josi Maier and CC Sandau. I have signed copies of the USA hockey student coach agreement. They will be able to help on benches during the Helena and Philipsburg events if needed, if they wear a helmet with full cage. The main purpose of getting an agreement signed is to be able to provide documentation if they want to use it as community service.

They are a great help on the ice. All of the coaches help to really move practices along smoothly and we are getting a lot more skating in the time allotted with all of the helpers moving stuff around and getting us ready to go.

Coaches

All coaches have completed their trainings and have been reimbursed – just waiting on Shawn now. This was a lot of work for everyone but well worth the effort and a great step for our program.

Great Falls Americans Game

February 14th. Are we offering to pay for all players and family members?

2024/2025 Youth Hockey: Had some kids drop out of 6u/8u, reviewed the guidebook about reimbursement for players and spoke with families. Board position open, hoping an interested individual will join us for the next meeting and make a decision. Gift cards were given out for the selected individuals for their hard work at the rink and donating time, labor, and tools. Shed is meeting all needs, we might need to look at a heating source of our own for cold days when we ask refs to dress in there. Mileage reimbursement approved for head coach and assistant coach with no children in that age group.

Fundraising: Raffel calendar drawing complete. 50/50 did not work out during the tournaments due to inclement weather both weekends.

New Equipment: Still need to look at securing divider boards and attachment of the nets for behind the goals. New equipment is all in, we do need a picture with the gear and hockey players.

NEW BUSINESS – 1st and 2nd medals needed for 3v3, and 1 for each 6u/8u at jamboree.

Adjourn: Next meeting scheduled for February 10th at 6pm at the Civic Center.