

LYHO Meeting Minutes

August 2024

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Minutes Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Report approved. Fair ticket taking check has not been deposited yet- it was sent to the LISA PO box and will be picked up soon. Current checking balance- 2023/2024 Ice time check to LISA is still pending and has not been taken out. The board approves that Travis Chapman be removed as authorized user for all LYHO accounts and Shawn Briggs be added in his place. Moving forward, Kendra Wichman and Shawn Briggs will be the authorized users on the accounts. They are authorized to make deposits and withdrawals and both of their signatures will be required to make changes to the account.

BUSINESS

Coach's Update: See attachment.

2024/2025 Season

REGISTRATION DATE: September 16th, 2024 6pm at the CIVIC Center.

DETAILS: Discussion had regarding what registration will look like. This session will be a parent meeting with the option to paper register if families choose to do so. Website registration will be encouraged (we can build this registration to require a USA hockey number and allow people to upload birth certificates) to help keep everything in one place and cut down on having to track everyone down for those items. Information will be given out on SafeSport training and the Heja app, as well as a date for families to rent gear, buy jerseys and pick up calendars. (More details on this below)

- **Program Growth Ideas**

6 and Under registration: Due to limited playing opportunities and in response to concerns about price for this age group (End of Year survey) the coaching committee proposed reducing the registration cost for this age group. After discussion by the board, it was voted and approved to lower the cost for players under 6 to \$50.

New Player Gear Rental: It was proposed that we waive gear rental fees for new players to help encourage families to try hockey. It was discussed that we charge these new players half of the cost for gear rentals.

Guidebook- Review of guidebook by committee revisions discussed. Board Code of Conduct and Age Group Manager additions reviewed by those in attendance- files sent to all board members for review. The board voted and approved the refund policy as proposed in the coaching update. This allows a full refund for any new player that quits before the 5th official practice. This refund includes registration cost, jersey (if they don't want to keep it) and gear rental. This does not include USA hockey membership or any other costs. It was also proposed that we add a Media/ Social Media waiver to the registration process and Kendra will be looking into that.

Website- Kendra gave a presentation on the website progress. This included an overview of what the site will look like, functions that we can build in for registration, how coaching can use roster functions and a tab that can hold all forms, copies of minutes, etc as required by MAHA/USA hockey. She will continue to work on the project and update as needed

Gear Rental/Jerseys/Calendar Fundraisers: With the online registration option this year, it was decided to hold a separate event at the rink once registration closes (mid October) to allow families to

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rent gear, buy jerseys and pick up their Calendar fundraiser packets. This should still give families plenty of time to sell calendars and get ready for the upcoming season. Rob will also be present at this time to help answer coaching questions. We would also like to use this time to pull out the dividers and come up with a solution for the net issue.

Board Positions: Mel has decided not to continue with the board so her position will need to be filled. Kendra will be reaching out to Rosanna Mecklenburg and the Shevela's were also mentioned as options.

FUNDRAISING

Chokecherry Fest- Booth has been secured and it will be a group effort to complete the Fundraiser. Vanessa will be posting the work schedule on Heja and providing the tables, tent, banner etc. Kendra and Julie are offering to help set up and Kendra will check back throughout the day to ensure the booth is ok for money, change etc. Vanessa and Kendra will tear down at 5pm and load everything up.

Raffle items: Fire Pit by HCR, Pit Boss pellet grill donated by the Rhyner Family and the board voted to also purchase a nice cooler to be raffled off.

Registration cards- Dan will make these up and have them ready for the booth.

To simplify things this year, we will not be selling fan gear at the booth. It was decided it would likely sell better at registration or the gear/jersey/calendar event.

NEW EQUIPMENT

New Hockey Gear Shed: Jeremy Melton is ready to begin on the shed project. Items to be completed before he can begin:

Everything removed from the old shed- Julie and Rob offered to complete this task this weekend.

Dirt Work- Dan is in contact with Ryan Durbin on the dirt work.

Rolling Door- Dan will order the door for the shed.

Volunteers will be needed to help assemble pieces later in the construction of the shed.

Netting/Dividers: This will be completed during the gear/jersey/calendar session in mid October.

Gear Bags: Julie reported that additional gear sets were ordered through Scott Kirsch and are expected to arrive by Mid September. Julie also reported that due to new USA hockey neck guard rules, Scott is considering ordering 100 neck guards that he will be selling at the greenhouse this season. In return for this, the board has decided to promote this to families at registration and during the gear rental process.

NEW BUSINESS

MAHA: Decision to join needs to be finalized and paperwork completed prior to their Mid October meeting.

Bylaw additions: After reviewing the Guidebook, the board will need to address any bylaw revisions we feel will be needed for MAHA/USA hockey compliance and to fit our program.

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Coaching: The board voted and approved to cover coaching costs for those going through USA hockey certification. Costs are outlined in the Coaching Update.

Adjourn: Next meeting scheduled for September 10th at 6pm. Location TBD.