

LYHO Meeting Minutes
ANNUAL MEETING
April 13th, 2026

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Minutes Approved

BOARD MEMBERS - Members will remain the same for the upcoming year

TREASURER'S REPORT – Report Approved

BUSINESS

Thank you to the board members – Shawn, Julie, Cammi, Kendra, Luke, Vanessa, and Rob. Brief introductions done. Thank you to the group that joined us today to discuss LYHO. And thank you to the Coach in Chief, Rob Beattie. Discuss board openings and looking for volunteers.

Coaching Report / Season Recap 2025-2026

Season Accomplishments - 9 USA Hockey certified coaches, 6 USA Hockey certified officials (youth hockey players). Youth referees and players really stepped up and were able to step up and help. These players were

Two teams were sent at each age to Philipsburg and Helena tournaments; this helps increase playing time. We sent an ALL GIRLS team to Helena for the first time ever at the 18u group. We graduated 3 seniors - Josi Maier, Klean Krumwiede, and Dani Rutten. All have officially graduated into the adult league and are looking forward to tournaments in town.

New logo and new jerseys this year. New look, new program, new growth. Thankful for a generous donation that helped us make this transition. We love that the kids get the opportunity to have their names on their jerseys and get an opportunity to represent the community well.

LYHO put together a guidebook last summer; this acts as a manual for the organization. It will continue to grow and adapt as the program does.

Future of LYHO - we want to eventually make the leap to league play in Montana. This is part of working with LISA for space/roof/all the locker rooms. Also a large piece of the USA Hockey certification for coaches and referees. However, we still need to grow our numbers. We pushed and recruited and bumped up to 80 participants each year. We find ourselves steady at this number and need to get creative in the ways that we can reach out to new players and maintain retention of the players we have. For example, '17 and '18 year class only has 8 players. This makes it hard to field a team when the league splits into age groups (10u, 12u, 14u, etc.). 5 years ago, we were pretty much only going to Glasgow. We recognize the growth this program has done already, now traveling to Philipsburg and Helena. We also recognize that these players want/need/deserve more opportunities to compete and are chasing those with House opportunities. We are a part of MAHA now, teams recognize that we exist now. Teams generally want to play us in October; this is a challenge when our ice isn't down yet, we have new skaters, and most are engaging in fall sports and can't travel. Our priority and the situation that provides the best outcome is that we need to recruit, grow, and retain our players.

Gear Return Info

Gear return will happen sometime in the next month on a selected day- not just an open request to return them to the green house. Families will be notified of the date on the Heja app. Julie will need a cash bag ~\$1000 for return reimbursement. Could be on the same date as the Ice Rink Clean-Up day - stay tuned on HEJA.

Fundraising Committee

Chokecherry Fest- Booth booked. Further planning will happen over the summer.

We are looking at a Meat Raffle at the rink. Still in preliminary planning stages.

We are not taking tickets at the fair this year, that has been communicated with the appropriate parties.

Other event ideas: Family skate night or Roller hockey game, Dinner at the Rink, Selling more calendars and utilizing the Chuck-a-puck supplies that were purchased previously.

Felicia Briggs has been essential in the fundraising aspect of LYHO and we want to thank her for her continued dedication.

HEJA App in the Off season

Keep the notifications on please. We will keep that as our main source of communication for hockey updates, opportunities, and fundraising events.

Summer Dryland

There was talk of trying to start a dryland workout session in the park over the summer. This can keep kids conditioning through the summer and also keep hockey relevant in the off season. We could pick one morning a week, host it at the park and also have players shoot pucks afterwards for those who are interested. We could still try to have Wednesday night roller hockey if players are interested. Vanessa will continue to work on details.

Encourage Families to Spread the Word

We need to push people to try hockey each year. LYHO commits to finding funding for more gear for kids to try hockey, hopefully reducing some barriers.

NEW BUSINESS

Rink clean up scheduled for 5:30pm on April 20th.

To talk about a Thank You BBQ at the next meeting - invite list, date, etc.

To talk about registration at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

JULIE:

SHAWN:

CAMMI:

VANESSA: Dryland plan

LUKE:

ROB:

KENDRA:

Adjourn: Next meeting May 18th at 6:00 at Brewery