

LYHO Meeting Minutes May 2026

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Minutes Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT – Report approved

BUSINESS

LISA update from Ryan Durbin

LISA met with structural engineers to discuss water main, sidewalk and current building issues and they are projected to be over budget. They will be meeting with specialists to discuss other options. The fairgrounds was raised as a possible alternate option with cost and other logistical issues discussed. LISA will continue to work with engineers and specialists to get a clear plan and price point.

Coach's Update

MAHA annual meeting schedule Saturday, June 27th in Great Falls. If Rob is unable to attend, he will reach out to other board members.

Ice Discussion

Ice time bill from LISA was brought and discussed. Shawn has offered to meet with Ryan to discuss the following concerns: youth volunteer hours with the score clock/garbage during the Open Air, running our own zam/clearing ice, etc. The current bill reflects being charged full price zam fees despite not being available/having to find our own operators. As a main user group who is paying full price for ice time/zam, youth hockey may in turn ask for additional ice time/more availability.

Gear

Gear return went as well as could be expected with the few bags that have been missing for multiple years still unaccounted for.

Thank You BBQ

The board has decided not to host a thank you BBQ for the 25-26 season due to scheduling during the busy summer. Initial planning for next year includes moving the event indoors and hosting immediately after the season (likely April).

Fundraising

Summer fundraising plans include another gun raffle (similar to the one done during the Open Air) during the Chokecherry Festival. This would be in addition to our usual raffle items. More planning to follow.

The board voted and passed moving forward with the Central Montana Foundation discussion. We had previously discussed opening an account with CMF but were lacking adequate funds at that time. Kendra has offered to reach out and start the application process.

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Meat Raffle discussed as a serious option for a fall fundraiser. This would ideally take place in October with further discussion needed on location, catering/bar, tickets, meat donors, business sponsors, etc. Shawn has offered to reach out to Chuck re: potential beef producers who could provide a finished beef for donation. Rob will type up a rough outline with estimated costs/donor needs, etc.

Summer Off Season/Dry land

Vanessa has continued to work on details for this summer. The sessions will likely be as follows: One week day morning per week lasting roughly 1 hour, structure: Warm up, USA hockey speed/agility work out, shooting/puck handling stations. Vanessa will post on Heja with rough details and a poll for families to assess interest and availability.

Adjourn: Next meeting June 23rd at 6pm at the Elks