



CHISAGO LAKES AREA RECREATION ASSOCIATION Minutes of the October 23rd, 2024 Board Meeting

PRESENT:

Joe Bjelland, Nicole Larsen, Amanda Farrell, Cory Lindgren, Brian Marquardt, Leslie Schrul, Alex Turk, Tony Walker, Jim West, Jay Brown, Pete Lawrence, Peter Leadholm, Mallory Holmen, Jonathan Wrolstad, Cindy Farrell, Sara Yates, Holly Cardoni, Viktorija Richert, Nick Miller

Board members present are indicated with an underline.

AGENDA

The agenda was adopted on a motion by Viktorija. Second by Leslie. Motion passes.

GUESTS

Amanda Oman - Will be taking over as Softball Director for Leslie

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

-September Minutes were approved on a motion by Leslie. Second by Pete Leadholm. Motion passes.

ELECTIONS

-Terms Ending in 2024:

- Vice President - Leslie Schrul - Running another term (2 year term)
- Treasurer - Cindy Farrell - Running another term (2 year term)
- In House Baseball Director - Tony Walker - Running another term (3 year term)
- Girls Basketball Director - Amanda Farrell - Running another term (3 year term)
- Boys Basketball Director - Peter Leadholm - Running another term (3 year term)
- Boys Lacrosse Director - Viktorija Richert - Running another term (3 year term)
- Girls Lacrosse Director - Vacant (3 year term)
- Traveling Volleyball Director - Mallory Holmen - Running another term (3 year term)
- Member At-Large - Jay Brown - Running another term (3 year term)
- Member At-Large - Holly Cardoni - Running for Member At-Large (3 year term)
- Girls Softball Director - Amanda Oman - (1 year term remaining of 3 year term)

Motion to approve the above mentioned re-elected and newly elected positions by Alex. Second by Jay. Motion passes.

TREASURER'S REPORT (as of September 30th, 2024)

- Checking Balance: \$23,845.81
- Savings Balance: \$87,294.62
- Cash on hand: \$0
- CD Balance: \$253,608.45
- September Loss: (\$28,792.62)
- Fiscal Year P/L: \$14,089.19
- Credit Card Balance: (\$268.41)

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-Cindy requested that directors clearly label whether items are for In-House or Travel when making requests or sending documentation for purchases.

-Will be transferring funds from Savings to Checking as the balance is getting low to cover expenses coming up.

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Leslie. Second by Nick. Motion passes.

GAMBLING MANAGER'S REPORT (as of September 30th, 2024)

Account balance: \$50,048.32
September Profit: \$13,332.89
YTD Profit: \$33,499.06

EFTs-\$11,058.65

- \$4,832.33 Three Diamond
- \$209.19 Gopher State Storage
- \$2,750.42 Electronic Gaming System
- \$3,266.71 Intuit Payroll

Allowable Expenses

Estimated allowable expenses in the amount up to \$19,000 was approved on a motion by Amanda. Second by Nick. Motion passes.

Lawful Purpose

Lawful Purpose \$30,535.84

Est MN Tax Pmt - \$6,535.84

Donation to the General Fund for Forest Lake Hoops Club - \$2,000

Donation to Chisago Lakes Girls Basketball - \$1,000

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Donation to the General Fund for baseball field repairs to Paradise Outdoor Services - \$20,000

Lawful purpose in the amount of \$30,535.84 was approved on a motion by Jay. Second by Pete Leadholm. Motion passes.

Current Star rating is at 2.0. Cory expects that to go up with additional expenses from this month to be paid out of the Gambling funds.

-Discussed the requirements for financial hardship requests through the gambling account. These hardship requests will be approved by the board. Follow-up meeting is November 18th at 11am.

-If we are writing checks to 501c3 or 501c4 organizations, we need a letter verifying that they are one or the other.

-Had a review with gambling control board and received the results of the audit. Cory discussed the audit findings. Right now we are looking at a \$2,500 fine for violations. Motion to approve \$2,500 fine payment from general fund by Leslie. Second by Sara. Motion passes.

-We will be starting a minimum of 4 member Gambling Committee to help with accountability, separation of duties, and other gambling operations to continue to remain in compliance. This will also help with succession of Gambling Manager duties in the future.

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The Gambling Manager's Report was approved on a motion by Amanda. Second by Brian. Motion passes.

BASKETBALL

Have 17 teams total this year. Working on finalizing tournament registrations. Practices have been scheduled through December and started this week. First tournaments start in November. Working on getting kids registered for Forest Lake Rec League for grades 2-6 that are not interested in Traveling Basketball.

SOCCER

-Have a meeting coming up on Sunday October 27th for the potential of starting a Travel Soccer program.
-Jonathan would like to meet with all directors using Ki-Chi in the Summer/early Fall to discuss scheduling and making sure the complex is not overbooked to prevent parking issues.

REC VOLLEYBALL

-No update.

TRAVELING VOLLEYBALL

-Mallory submitted the traveling volleyball budget via email. Motion to approve the traveling volleyball budget by Viktoria. Second by Pete Leadholm. Motion Passes.

FLAG FOOTBALL

-Season wrapped up and was a success. Just need to finish collecting equipment.

BOYS LACROSSE

-Working on putting together U12 and U14 skills sessions in the winter, likely to be held 1-2x a week at Lakeside.

GIRLS LACROSSE

-Girls Lacrosse Director is now a vacant position. Holly will work on finding someone interested in taking over.

TRAVELING SOFTBALL

-Ended the season. Fall ball was successful. Had a ton of field improvements that were completed and the fields are looking great! Amanda Oman will be taking over as Traveling Softball Director, as voted in October Elections. Normal winter indoor practices starting in January. Tryouts conducted for 12U - we will have 3 12U teams with 10-11 kids per team, could use a few more kids to round out the teams.

-Brought up the idea of finding a facility used by different sports in the winter.

TRAVELING BASEBALL

-Fall season has completed, and field improvements are going well.

REC BASEBALL

-There is an incoming bill for around \$1500 for user fees from Chisago County that will need to be paid.

REC SOFTBALL

-No updates.

COMMUNITY ED

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-No updates.

WEBSITE

-No updates.

NEW BUSINESS

-The board agreed on Sunday December 15th as the date for LARA Christmas Meeting & Dinner at Ozarks.

-Tony proposed LARA do a platinum level sponsorship for Chisago Lakes Wildcat Activities for \$2,000, which would include banners/advertising at the football/soccer/lacrosse stadium, baseball field, softball field, gymnasium, etc. LARA will present our proposed image for banners to the activities department. Renewal is \$1,700 annually. Motion to approve by Leslie. Second by Viktoria. Motion passes.

-Upstairs lock in the storage shed is broken. Tony will be updating the lock and getting new keys.

OLD BUSINESS

-Adding Youth Tackle Football as a LARA activity - our current insurance company does not cover tackle football. Could potentially look into using another insurance provider. Varsity Head Coach Ryan Anderson would like to be involved in the process but cannot commit time to meeting to discuss until after football season. Further discussion tabled until Ryan can be involved.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 20th, 2024 at 7pm in the WCC Meeting Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The October meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm on a motion by Leslie. Second by Nick. Motion passes.