



## Kodiak Hockey League Board of Directors Special Session Meeting

December 12, 2024, 6:00pm, Parks and Rec Office

Attendees:

Name	Position	Present/Absent
Breanna Peterson	President	Present
Angela McFarland	Vice-President	Present
Melissa Cook	Treasurer	Present
John Wyszowski	Secretary	Present
Ashley Hansen	Registrar	Present
Josh McCarthy	Director of Coaching	Present
Carmel Carty	Board Member	Present
Angie Hietala	Board Member	Excused
Jenn Caskey	Board Member	Present
Quorum Established – Yes		

I. Call to Order: **6:00pm**

II. Roll Call: **Eight Present, 1 Excused**

III. Move-Up Request for Logan Frost, to move from 10U to 12U

**Melissa Anderson - "Special Session for people who are coaching, we know they are coaching, give them extra time"**

**Astrid Rose - LTP Manager, "coach discretion, protocol not being followed. Not my kid, but if it was, would want it to be transparent."**

**Erik Riutta, 12U Head Coach - Feels that Logan is a good fit for 12U. "Emailed everyone after Turkey decisions. Very straightforward person. I'm in this for development of kids. Move-up for exceptional players, Logan is an exceptional player. Stat sheets**

doesn't mean anything to me. How they see the ice, how they see the player. If you can hang out, he can. Just looking at it from stand point of kid, I think it would be detrimental to the kid. Saw it two years ago, the gap has closed. Maturity wise fits in great with that crew, lots of kids from last year 10A state. Logan wouldn't remove any player from 12A. Skill, effort, coachability to make A team."

Ashley Frost (Logan's Parent): "I don't know what my son or I did to influence bias. Defining Turkey shoot teams, minimizing coach decisions. By not challenging players, we'll continue to lose players." Feels that the board used their opinion about Ms. Frost and Logan Frost to introduce bias and influence their decision about moving Logan up. Discontent and bias about her coaching decisions is affecting her planning for her son's development. She feels that communications have been mismanaged or miscommunicated. She feels that Logan's performance expectations have been miscommunicated and that the board's decisions about the Turkey Shoot teams has undermined the coaches and has minimized their confidence. The board showed a lack of understanding and used hearsay and data rather than the coaches' and parent's wishes in not moving Logan up immediately. The board's decision to wait through Turkey shoot to determine the best placement for Logan has created difficulty for their family and undermined the confidence they had in KHL.

Garrett Frost (Logan Frost's parent): "From standpoint as parents feel singled out, very easy to let them play at Turkey." The board has used his and Ashley's positions as coaches to unfairly hold Logan back, and that is unacceptable. This is because the board members are biased. Last year's decisions and personal opinions should not be involved in any decision for any kid on the ice this year. It's obvious that stuff from last year, our registration to coach at each level is perpetuating the problem with Logan. This could have been solved if the board had followed the handbook and let Cody and Lyla play at the upper level age group at Turkey Shoot to see what level they were at. The kids would be at the appropriate level that the coaches feel they are, including the coaching director. Ashley and I have 100% tried to stay out of this ( [REDACTED] ). We understand where Coach Jackson and Coach Riutta are coming from. We want to make a point that from our standpoint as parents, we feel like we were singled out. Not only us but the Blumericks with Cody and Lyla and her parents. It would have been very easy to just let them play at the upper age group at Turkey Shoot to see if that was truly where they should be.

Jenn Caskey motions to move Logan Frost from 10U to 12U. Carmel Carty seconds. Motion passes 7-0.

KHL Board moves into Executive Session at 6:34pm. KHL Board returns to meeting at 6:55pm.

- IV. **Move-Up Request for Lyla Hietala, to move from 8U to 10U Josh McCarthy motions to move Lyla Hietala from 8U to 10U. Angela McFarland seconds. Motion passes 7-0.**
- V. **Move-Up Request for Kody Blumerick, to move from 8U to 10U Josh McCarthy motions to move Kody Blumerick from 8U to 10U. Ashley Hansen seconds. Motion passes 7-0.**
- VI. **Adjournment: 7:03pm.**