



City of Lakes Youth Hockey Association

November Board Meeting

November 13th, 2025

1. Call to Order:

Current board members:

President: Cory Larson

Vice-President: Michele Bednar

Treasurer: Peter Grotans

Secretary: Aaron Flannigan

Ice Director: Brandon Arneson

At- Large Members:

Teresa Eisenbise

Jared Roddy

Stephania Anderson

Liz Hendren

Jay Rasmussen

Jill Whitney

Nancy Nordeen

Seth Spangler

Tracy Williamson

Macarena Barnes

Mike Ullmer

Dan Hatzung

Kim Luong

Tim Bednar

Clayton Howatt

Bria Florell

2. In attendance (Board, Appointed Positions): Cory Larson, Michele Bednar, Bria Florell, Nancy Nordeen, Jay Rasmussen, Tim Bednar, Aaron Flannigan, Mike Ullmer, Jill Whitney, Maca Barnes, Cookie Walker Anderson, Brandon Arneson, Peter Grotans, Dan Hatzung, Teresa Eisenbise, Tracy Williamson, Jared Roddy,

Total attendance and determination of membership quorum: Quorum is 11

3. Previous meeting minutes: [October 2025 Minutes](#)

Previous Minutes Moved To Accept by: Jay Rasmussen

Seconded by: Michele Bednar

Accepted: 7:04

Previous meeting minutes: [September 2025 Minutes](#)

Previous Minutes Moved To Accept by: Michele Bednar

Seconded by: Jay Rasmussen
Accepted:7:03

4. President's Report:

- Current Registrations
 - Minis - 31
 - Mites - 16
 - 8U - 16
 - Squirts - 15
 - 10U - 12
 - Peewees - 12
 - 12U - 18
 - Total - 120
- Last Year
 - Minis - 20
 - Mites - 21
 - 8U - N/A
 - Squirts - 12
 - 10U - N/A
 - Peewees - 14
 - 12U - 9
 - 15U - 12
 - Total - 88
- Waivers
 - Current Year
 - 14 Waivers In
 - 12 Waivers Out
 - Last Year
 - 7 Waivers In
 - 17 Waivers Out

Report Moved To Accept By: Michele Bednar
Seconded by: Peter Grotans
Accepted:7:04

5. Treasurer's Report:

- 7/1/2025 - 10/31/2025

CURRENT BUDGET SUMMARY	BUDGET	ACTUAL	UNDER/OVER	Forecast	
Total Income	\$ 128,325	\$ 91,118	\$ (37,207)	\$ 136,307	71%
Total Expenses	\$ 125,195	\$ 39,575	\$ (85,620)	\$ 136,094	32%
Difference	\$ 3,130	\$ 51,543		\$ 212	

- Current Budget Snapshot through 10/31/2025 above.
- October 2025 Income = \$21,972.45
 - Fundraising Grants - \$4,259.33
 - Fundraising Sponsorships = \$4,000
 - Fundraising Give MN = \$3,167.60
 - Registration fees = \$12,116.89
- October 2025 Expenses = \$18,640.88
 - Equipment costs - \$6,895.45
 - MPRB Ice = \$5,703.75
 - Scholarships = \$1,715
- Huntington Bank balance as of 10/31/2025 = \$64,970.84

Report Moved To Accept By: Michele Bednar
 Seconded by: Jay Rasmussen
 Accepted: 7:15

6. Vice President's Report:

- Skate-a-ween - Kudos to Teresa!
- Schedule Adult Mixer - Arbeiter Brewing
- Review Updated Locker Room Policy during New Business
- Give to the Max Day 2025 - 11.20.25

Report Moved To Accept By: Nancy Nordeen
 Seconded by: Peter Grotans
 Accepted: 7:07

7. Secretary's Report:

- Forgotten Star Taproom- Had preliminary discussion with Andy Risvold at Forgotten Star Brewing regarding ways to collaborate in 2026. They envision using taprooms, spaces and community reach to assist organizations like City of Lakes Youth Hockey.
 Examples discussed:
 Hosting:
 *20-30 person happy hour, board events, sponsorship events (Taproom Reservations)
 *1000-3000 person community fundraising event, outdoor fundraiser or even a full blown concert
 Full building (250-2500 people)
 Other examples:
 *Fundraisers of any scale
 *Appreciation celebrations - Spaghetti dinner?(Private event space)
 *Happy hours and social gatherings
 *Silent auctions
 *Community night take overs (Beer garden and curling groups)
 *Custom "our wildest dreams"

Report Moved To Accept By: Michele Bednar
 Seconded by: Peter Grotans

Accepted:7:18

8. Ice Director's Report:

- District 1 game schedule (Squirts and Peewees) should be released very soon. Starts 12/1

Report Moved To Accept By:Jay Rasmussen

Seconded by:Aaron Flannigan

Accepted:7:19

9. Gambling Manager's Report:

- Starting Balance: \$19,848.41
- Income:
 - Gambling Income: \$4,072.04
- Expenses:
 - Cash Reserve: \$7,500.00
 - Consulting: \$45.00
 - Machine Lease: \$0
 - Bar Leases: \$935.60
 - Pull Tab Supplies: \$2,235.75
 - Supplies: \$513.74
 - MN gaming: \$800.00
 - MN tax: \$218.53
 - City Taxes: \$0
 - Licensing: \$0
 - Payroll: \$1,269.86
 - Ending Balance: \$10,401.97
 - Two uncashed checks: 10/6/25-#1073- \$63.99, 10/20/25-#1077- \$76.35
- We have sent in our application (LG214/LG215) to the City of Minneapolis for approval on Indeed! Should hear back from them by the end of this month.
- Bar ran paper pull tabs are not allowed any longer

Projected expense November report Moved To Accept By:Peter Grotans

Seconded by: Jay Rasmussen

Accept: 7:31

September Full Board Report Moved To Accept By: Peter Grotans

Seconded by: Michele Bednar

Accept:7:31

Projected expense December Moved To Accept By:Peter Grotans

Seconded by: Jay Rasmussen

Accept: 7:33

October Full Board Report Moved To Accept By: Michele Bednar

Seconded by: Jill Rasmussen

Accept:7:33

10. **Appointed Positions Reports**

Equipment Manager (Jared Roddy):

- New squirt goalie needing equipment

Coaching Coordinator (Brandon Arneson):

- Upcoming coaches meeting

- Updated strength training format

District Representative (Cory Larson):

- Rules Clarification
 - Three penalties = Disqualification from the game
 - Mite/8U games should be cross ice or blue line to blue line and not timed or scored
- Coaches/Managers Meeting
 - 11/24 @ 6:30 PM
 - 1330 Conway St, St. Paul 55106
- Friday Night Girls has begun
 - Post on calendar

Fundraising Chair: (Jay Rasmussen)

- Wreath Sales netted \$9,803.35 (Sage and Nancy did really excellent work!) Also Aaron!
- Thank you all for supporting the fall fundraisers through wreath sales and asking for contributions to the GiveMN online campaigns. Mites, Squirts, and Peewees have met the \$2000 team goal and win a pizza party! 8U, 10U, 12U, and Minis - you are SO close! Please consider sharing the GiveMN campaign links next week for Give to the Max Day! The fundraising committee will be happy to give your teams a pizza party when you meet your goal!

	8U	10U	12U	mini	mite	squirt	peewee
wreaths	41	44	62	64	113	120	146
Wreath credit (\$15/item)	\$615	\$660	\$930	\$960	\$1695	\$1800	\$2190
Give MN	\$1205	\$470	\$435	\$865	\$1310	\$580	\$2190
Team Total	\$1820	\$1130	\$1365	\$1825	\$3005	\$2380	\$3090

- Kadi Kaelin - Wreath Distributor, but someone else claimed on Dibs
- Need a Lead for the Spaghetti Dinner
- Need a venue for the Spaghetti Dinner
 - Forgotten Star? (Jay will call Aaron ;)
- Need a Fundraising Chair On Deck next year
- Need a Wreath Sales Lead On Deck next year
- Should we do a Dibs for thanking people for donations?

- Let's discuss having the older teams lead the Spaghetti Dinner and younger Teams leading Wreath Sales next year.

Registrar/Safesport Coordinator (Sarah Carsello/Kim Luong):

- 90% of all rosters are completed (still following through on a few birth certs, player movements, coaching information and volunteer information.
- Mites Roster has not yet been submitted due to missing information from coaching staff
- Currently training in 2 members to co-lead Registrar position
 - Putting together a training Took Kit to pass on going forward for all Titans Registrars

Volunteer Coordinator (Jill Whitney):

- Skate-A-Ween positions filled, no one no showed
- Emailed reminders to Claim Dibs for Coaches, Managers & Board Members - most filled
- Met with Maca to consult on how to coordinate Starwahals hours
- Inquiry re: Locker Room Monitors

Tournament Coordinator (Anne Monnens):

- May be required to split mite and 8U rosters

Webmaster (Aaron Flannigan):

- Added a few photos to PeeWee page.

Manager Coordinator (Cookie Anderson)

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Communications Lead (Bria Florell):

- Social Media: lots of Mite features not because they're the favorite team, but because the Mite parents are sending me photos. Squirts and Peewees, please send stuff my way!
- Google My Business profile is up and running! Please leave the Titans a review from your personal experience as a parent and/or coach:
https://g.page/r/CSsSgLSq6_5FEBl/review and share the link with other adults in the org.

Promotions (Teresa Eisenbise):

- Skate-A-Ween was a success. Leftover snacks will go to teams for post-game treats. (Thanks Cookie!)
Shelf-stable candy is saved for summer outreach events as giveaways.
Thanks to everyone who helped out to make it so fun.
- Made a carousel for the website for each team's GiveMN donation link

Learn to Skate Coordinator (Brandon Arneson)

- Developing Learn to Skate Leaders, a partnership with 10U, Squirt, 12U, and Peewee players to volunteer at LTS and build leadership/mentorship skills
 - Targeting 12/7 start date. Have not presented to all coaches but have developed in partnership with a small group of parents/coaches.

- Special event partnership with Fridley Recreation: Friday, January 23 1-3 PM at Hayes Elementary outdoor rink
 - LTS would lead some games/instruction on the rink. Titans would be invited to table
- October 2025 Enrollment - 16
- September 2025 Enrollment - 15
- October 2024 Enrollment - 17

Grant Coordinator (Mike Ullmer)

- [Grants Tracker Spreadsheet](#)
- Grants Applied/Awarded
 - Pass the Puck - \$700 (10/21/25)
 - THFF Grant - \$500 (10/23/25)
 - District 1 - \$3,059.33
- Upcoming Grants
 - **Herb Brooks Foundation** - Need a few ideas for a specific request for this year. Last year we requested funds to offset costs for sponsorship of two 15U Starwhals players (\$4k). We weren't awarded simply because they had run out of funding by the time we applied.
 - **MN Wild Community Power Play** - Financial assistance to cover ice time expenses with the expressed purpose of making hockey more accessible for associations to support new or existing programming.

Girls Coordinator (Dan Hatzung)

- Smoothing out bumps in initial Starwhals committee policy/process launch but overall off to the races
 - Volunteer liaison (Jill and Maca collaborating)
 - Volunteer policy cleanup
 - Please reach out if you have questions on how to work with the Starwhals committee!
- 12U with a tie and a win last weekend after winless 2024-25 season

11. Old Business:

- Resignation of Liz Hendren & Clayton Howatt
- Mentor families have been assigned
- Locker room monitors need to be identified
 - Locker Room policy update: monitors need to be SafeSport certified and pass a background check
 - Mite & Mini: one adult per skater, and encourage kids to learn to dress themselves as young as possible. If there are parents who are not SS-cert and background checked, the door needs to be propped open.

- Titans will reimburse the fees involved with SS & background checks
- Send 12U and 10U schedule to D1 referee scheduler
- Sponsorship Received
 - Titan (\$2,500)
 - Larson Dental

12. New Business:

- Resignation of Liz Hendren & Clayton Howatt
 - Motion: Michele Bednar
 - Second: Nancy Nordeen
 - Approved: 8:30
- New bar in South Mpls would like us to add charitable gambling
 - Owner of Bina's
 - Bill's Bait Shop
 - Sit down dinner with a bar scene
 - South Mpls
 - Family casual
 - No e-tabs but wants games
 - Willing to negotiate lease rate
 - Opens in March
 - We need to build a booth
 - 6-8 hours, seven days a week live booth
- New bar in North Mpls would like to add charitable gambling
 - Swank Eatery
 - Formerly 4th St Saloon
- Youth Night
 - **Sat, Nov 22 - Girls High School Hockey Youth Day**
 - MPLS vs Dodge County - JV game 2pm, Varsity game 4pm @ Parade
 - **Tues, Dec 2 - Boys High School hockey Youth Day**
 - MPLS vs Cloquet - JV game - 5pm, Varsity game - 7pm @ Parade
- 2025-2026 [updated locker room policy](#)
 - Motion to accept as written: Nancy Nordeen
 - Seconded: Peter Grotans
 - Approved: 8:52
- Equipment Closet Organization
 - Motion to purchase a bagster: Jay Rasmussen:
 - Seconded: Michele Bednar
 - Approved: 8:55
- Salary adjustment for Tracy Williamson
 - Switch to salary
 - \$3640/year

- Motioned by Jay Rasmussen
- Seconded by Jared Roddy
- Approved: 9:03
- Motion to change the Volunteer Policy to incorporate a reduced \$200 buyout option for new families in line with the reduced 5-hour volunteer requirement. This would include refunding \$200 each to the 2 new families that paid the full \$400 buyout.
 - Original Verbiage in the Parent Handbook:
 - All Starwhals families new to the Titans association will be required to volunteer 5 hours. Returning Starwhals families will be required to fulfill 10 volunteer hours or select the Volunteer Buyout option of \$400. Volunteer hours from host (Titans, Langford, and Edgcumbe) associations work toward Starwhals requirements.
 - Proposed New Verbiage
 - All Starwhals families new to the Titans association will be required to volunteer 5 hours or select the Volunteer Buyout option of \$200. Returning Starwhals families will be required to fulfill 10 volunteer hours or select the Volunteer Buyout option of \$400. Volunteer hours from host (Titans, Langford, and Edgcumbe) associations work toward Starwhals requirements.
 - Motioned as written: Dan Hatzung
 - Seconded: Jill Whitney
 - Approved: 9:17

14. Adjournment:

Meeting Moved To Adjourn By: Nancy Nordeen
Seconded by: Jay Rasmussen
Accepted: 9:19