



City of Lakes Youth Hockey Association

March Board Meeting

March 12th, 2026

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

Jay Rasmussen

Jill Whitney

Nancy Nordeen

Seth Spangler

Tracy Williamson

Macarena Barnes

Mike Ullmer

Dan Hatzung

Kim Luong

Tim Bednar

Bria Florell

2. In attendance (Board, Appointed Positions): Cory Larson, Michele Bednar, Jay Rasmussen, Nancy Nordeen, Tracy Williamson, Bria Florell, Tim Bednar, Aaron Flannigan, Dan Hatzung, Teresa Eisenbise

Total attendance and determination of membership quorum: Quorum is 11

3. Previous meeting minutes: [February 2026 Minutes](#)

Previous Minutes Moved To Accept by:

Seconded by:

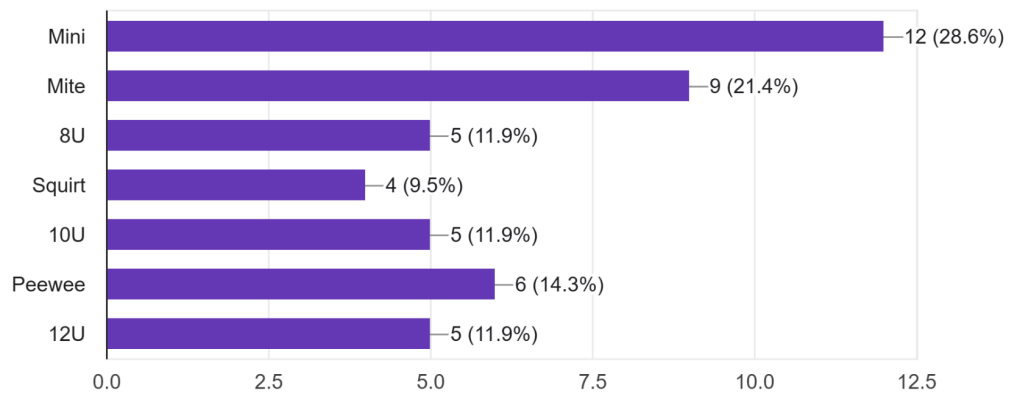
Accepted:

4. President's Report:

- NE Ice Arena Update
 - MPRB is working on a temporary solution for the 2026-2027 season to keep NE open

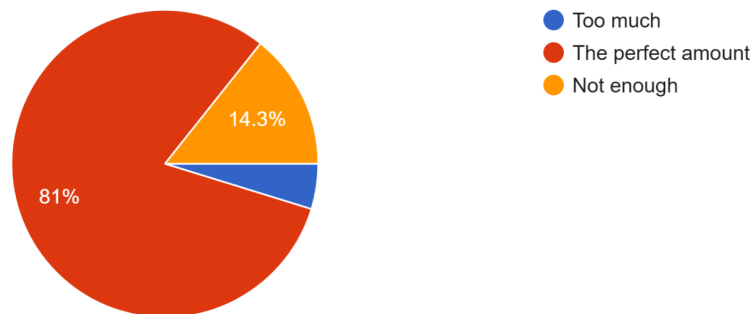
What level(s) was your skater(s)?

42 responses



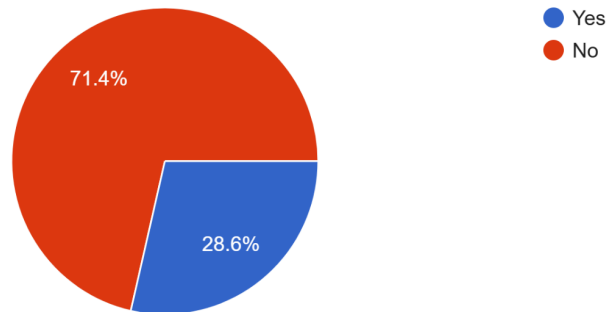
How much ice time did you receive?

42 responses



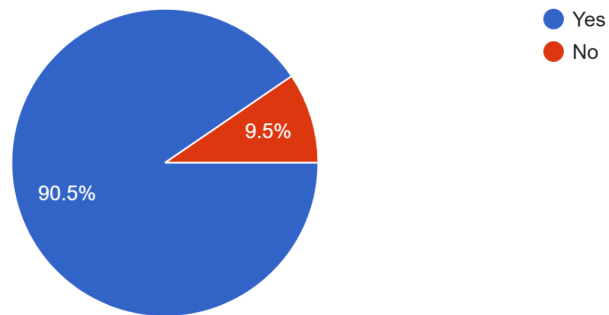
Were you new to the Titans/Starwhal program?

42 responses



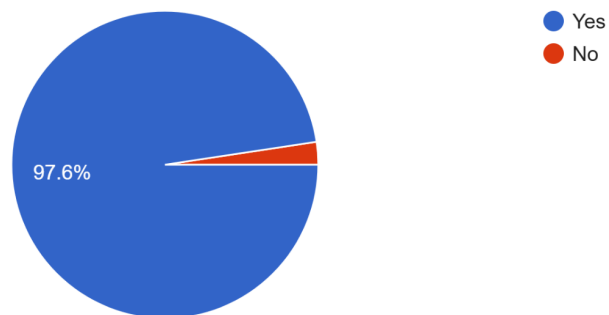
Did you feel you could find answers to all of your questions about the program?

42 responses



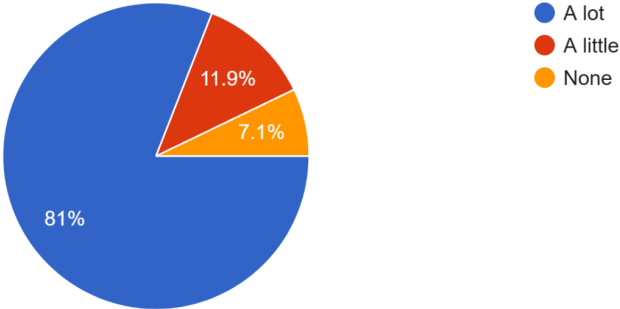
Were there enough resources to allow you to participate? (scholarships, car pools, etc)

42 responses



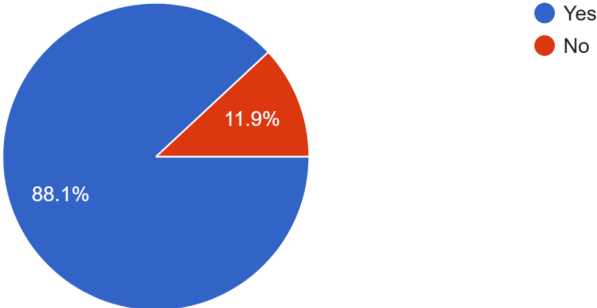
How much did your skater improve?

42 responses



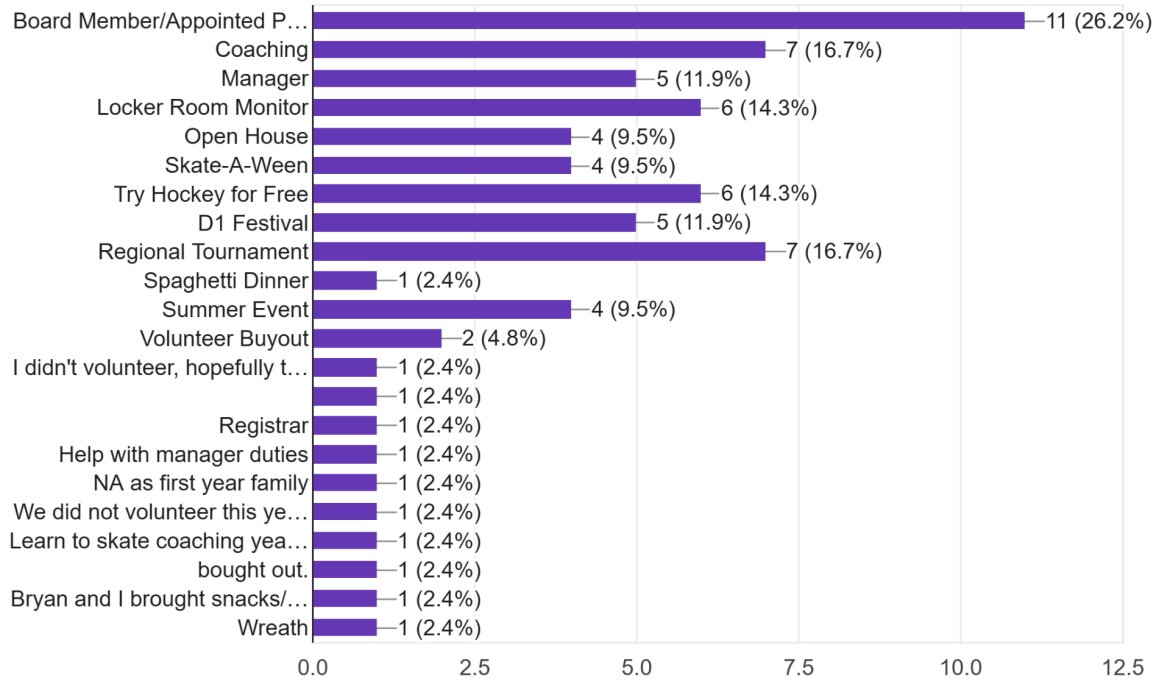
Were there enough volunteer opportunities?

42 responses



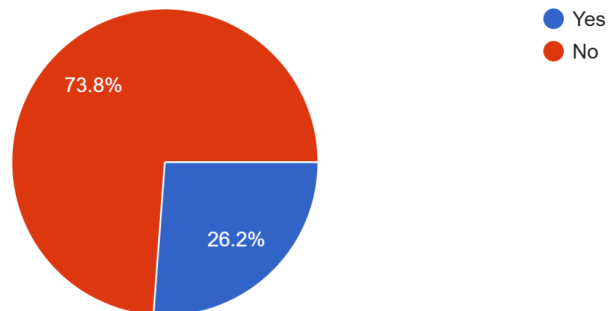
In which way did you volunteer?

42 responses



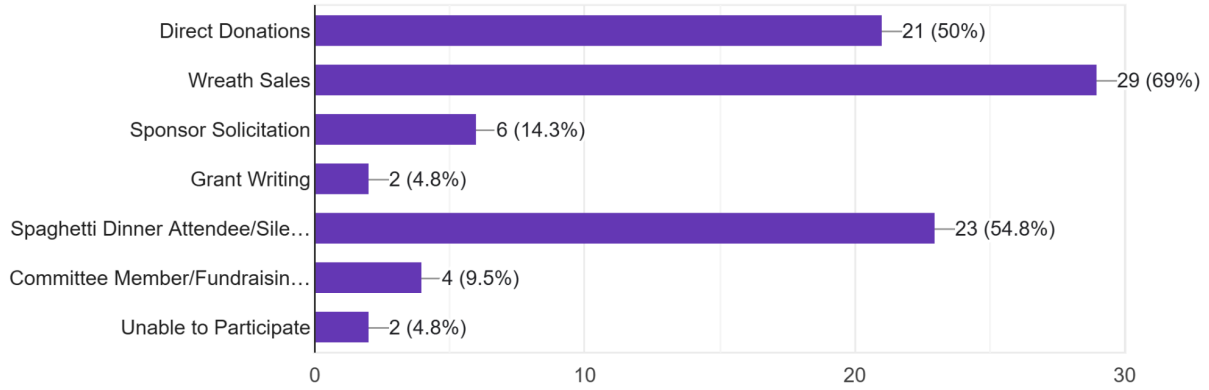
The Titans/Starwhals are in need of board members and appointed positions next season. Are you willing to fill one of these needs?

42 responses



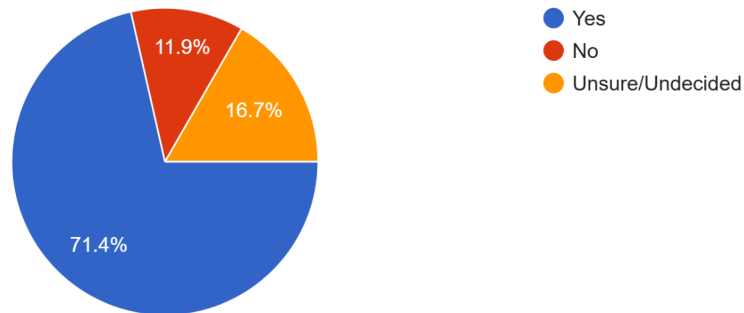
We pride ourselves on the delivery of our mission to make hockey affordable and accessible to all. This includes a significant subsidy for all players as...pated or plan to participate in fundraising this year.

42 responses



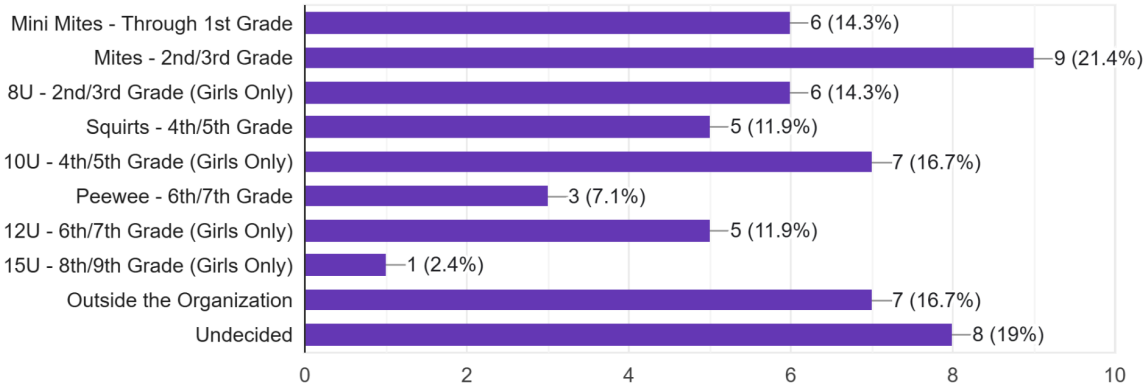
Are you planning on coming back to the Titans/Starwhals next season?

42 responses



Much of the preparation for next year begins in March and an understanding of how many players we will have plays a vital role in setting us up for a...cifically what team you are hoping to play on, if any.

42 responses



Report Moved To Accept By:
 Seconded by:
 Accepted:

5. Treasurer's Report:

CURRENT BUDGET SUMMARY	BUDGET	ACTUAL	UNDER/OVER	Forecast	
Total Income	\$ 128,325	\$ 122,215	\$ (6,110)	\$ 161,100	95%
Total Expenses	\$ 125,695	\$ 106,182	\$ (19,513)	\$ 140,643	84%
Difference	\$ 2,630	\$ 16,033		\$ 20,456	
INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL	UNDER/OVER	Forecast	
Donations	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 11,830.36	\$ 7,330.36	\$ 11,830.36	
Grants	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 4,259.33	\$ (2,240.67)	\$ 4,259.33	
Registration Donations	\$ 400.00	\$ 723.63	\$ 323.63	\$ 723.63	
Sponsorship	\$ 15,350.00	\$ 9,250.00	\$ (6,100.00)	\$ 16,600.00	
Fundraising Events	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 12,298.33	\$ (13,701.67)	\$ 25,298.33	
Registration Fees	\$ 74,775.00	\$ 82,684.98	\$ 7,909.98	\$ 88,188.06	
Volunteer Buyout	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,200.00	

TOTAL	\$ 128,325.00	\$ 122,214.82	\$ (6,110.18)	\$ 161,099.71
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- Current Budget Snapshot through 7/1/2025 thru 3/9/2026 above.
- February 2026 income = \$2,456
- February 2026 expenses = \$14,841
- Current bills for February ice time, (MPRB & Ramsey), along with MN Gaming are paid.

Report Moved To Accept By:

Seconded by:

Accepted:

6. Vice President's Report:

- D1 Festival Recap
- [Attendance Policy](#) - First Draft
- Capital Campaign

Report Moved To Accept By:

Seconded by:

Accepted:

7. Secretary's Report:

- Discussed the summer Program with Brandon.

Report Moved To Accept By:

Seconded by:

Accepted:

8. Ice Director's Report:

- MPRB Winter ice request for 2026-2027 will be submitted upon opening of application window at 7 AM on 3/17
 - We have been instructed to submit our ice request as if Northeast Arena will be operational
- Inquiries regarding ice requests at backup locations are being explored
 - St. Paul Academy Arena
 - St. Thomas Arena
 - Mariucci/Ridder Arena at University of Minnesota
- Summer ice programming
 - Once a week, weeknight programming at either Parade or Augsburg for 4-5 consecutive weeks
 - Plan is to have two consecutive sessions each day, one with younger ages and one with older ages
 - Each age group will have one hour of dryland/strength training and one hour of on-ice instruction
 - Current plan is to have this be an additional, affordable cost for Titans members

Report Moved To Accept By:

Seconded by:

Accepted:

9. Gambling Manager's Report:

- Opening Balance: \$23,157.03
 - Income: \$13,305.42
 - Lyon's: \$5,430
 - Merlin's: \$1,430
 - Smorgie's: \$4,180.42
 - Utepils: \$2,265
 - Expenses
 - \$13,366.95
 - Consulting: \$150.80
 - E-Tab Revenue Share: \$2,850.78
 - Lease: \$3,055.81
 - Machine Rental: \$1,323.33
 - Paper Games: \$620.52
 - Payroll Services: \$67.00
 - Supplies: \$15.70
 - Tax Return: \$875
 - Taxes: \$2,053.67
- Vote to approve a sixth location; Last Call Bar and Grill.

Projected expense March report Moved To Accept By:
Seconded by:
Accept:

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Seconded by:
Accept:

10. Appointed Positions Reports

Equipment Manager (Jared Roddy):

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Coaching Coordinator (Brandon Arneson):

- End of season coaching celebration Monday, March 16 at Indeed Brewing 7:00 - 8:30 PM!
- THANK YOU to all coaches

District Representative (Cory Larson):

- 10Us won the District 2 Tournament
- Peewees won the consolation championship at the Championship Series

Fundraising Chair: (Jay Rasmussen)

- Spaghetti dinner updates from Cory?
- Need to establish senior/junior lead for spaghetti dinner and wreath sales
- Will focus with Michele on Rink capital campaign

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

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Volunteer Coordinator (Jill Whitney):

- Filled Regional Tournament Spots!
- Will be stepping down volunteer coordinator role- let me know where else I could support next season needed for next session that is not tracking Dibs 😊

Tournament Coordinator (Anne Monnens):

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Webmaster (Aaron Flannigan):

- No update

Manager Coordinator (Cookie Anderson)

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Communications Lead (Bria Florell):

- Send me your baby photos!
- Google Review: https://g.page/r/CSsSgLSg6_5FEBl/review

Promotions (Teresa Eisenbise):

- Scoped out NE Ice Arena storage. Lots of wristbands, squeeze pucks, and pencils for swag in there.
- Friday, April 24th Valley View Elementary in Columbia Heights. School carnival - tabling event. 5-7pm
- Wednesday, June 17th Columbia Heights Art & Info Fair 4-7pm
- [hockey summer camps](#)

Learn to Skate Coordinator (Brandon Arneson)

- February 2026 Enrollment - 44
- January 2026 Enrollment - 37
- February 2025 Enrollment - 36

Grant Coordinator (Mike Ullmer - Absent)

- [Grants Tracker Spreadsheet](#)
- Grants Submitted
 - **Herb Brooks Foundation** - \$2500
 - Submitted 12/29/25
 - Grant to cover skate sharpener and consumables.
 - **MN Wild Community Power Play** - \$6000

- Submitted 12/12/25
- Grant written to cover a portion of ice time for Learn to Skate and THFF Programs

Girls Coordinator (Dan Hatzung)

- Provided annual update on the Starwhals to District 1
 - Year 1 of fully collaborating with Titans largely successful
 - Use offseason to hone and refine roles/plans to continue to improve
 - Plan to improve St. Paul brand awareness/marketing with Langford and Edgcumbe (promotional items?)
- Frost game next Wednesday (join Starwhals in Section 124)

11. Old Business:

- Motion to accept a donation from our gambling fund
 - Motion to accept \$13,000 from gambling fund: Cory Larson
 - Seconded: Jay Rasmussen
 - Approved: 8:37 PM
- Attendance Policy
 - Michele to draft for March
- Volunteer Policy
- NE Ice Arena Task Force/Capital Campaign
- Marketing Strategy

12. New Business:

- Registration Fees for 2026-2027
 - Moved to accept by:
 - Seconded:
 - Approved:
- Addition of an offseason clinic
- Communication of existing clinics
- Communication methods
- Add an additional gambling site
 - Last Call Bar and Grill
 - Across the street from Smorgie's
 - They will provide the bank
 - Moved to accept by:
 - Seconded:
 - Approved:
- Sportsengine Rate Change
 - Currently \$795 annually and 3.15% + \$1.25
 - New Options

- New option #1: \$275/yr and 5% + \$3.00(plus we will throw in a premier design upgrade for \$200 instead of the usual \$999 setup fee, examples of those designs will be linked below)
- New option #2: \$399/yr and 4.5% + \$2.75
- New option #3: \$500/yr and 4.2% + \$2.50
- Volunteer Hours Management Discussion
- Board Structure/Bylaw discussion

14. Adjournment:

Meeting Moved To Adjourn By:
Seconded by:
Accepted: