CLHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**July 8, 2013**

# ROLL CALL:

\_X\_ Mike Klun \_X\_ Chris Bodell \_X\_ Theresa Cottingham \_\_\_ Treasurer

\_\_\_ Asst. Treasurer \_X\_ Howard Immel \_X\_Lea Vogelsang \_X\_Paul Gibson

\_\_\_ Amber Hill \_X\_ Dave Burgen \_\_\_ Shannon Hejny \_X\_Lisa Stangl

\_X\_ Scott Thompson \_X\_ Louise Bye \_X\_ Jenae Palewicz \_\_\_Dir Outdoor Facilities

Others present: Allen Vogelsang, Toby Palewicz, Mike Ritter

* Call to Order – Meeting called to order 7:02pm by Mike Klun

### Review of Agenda – Chris Bodell motioned to approve the July 2013 meeting agenda seconded by Scott Thompson approved unanimously.

* Review/approval of last meeting minutes – Jenae Palewicz motioned to approve the June 2013 meeting minutes seconded by Lisa Stangl approved unanimously.
* Treasurer’s Report – Mike Klun presented the balance sheet as of June 30, 2013 for the association. Total Equity and Liabilities is $112,111.18. Mike continued to report there are 31 families with outstanding ice bills. The total comes to around $13,000.00. Mike is working to collect on these dollars. He has about ½ of the families contacted with arrangements made to collect on the debt. All outstanding fees have been added to the registration accounts and those with unpaid balances will not be allowed to hit the ice for tryouts with remaining balances. Paul Gibson asked what is the plan for the $100,000.00 plus dollars we have as an association. Mike Klun reminded the board that we did give tournament fees to our members in 2012-13 that was allowed because of the profits from the raffle tickets sold by association members. Chris Bodell mentioned that it is not the board’s goal to be profitable. We are a not profit we want to give every association member what they are paying for. With that said Scott Thompson said we need to be careful about making a plan for the money because with the recent events there could be further costs that we are yet to be aware of. At this time Scott thought we should continue to collect information for a future plan with the $100,000.00 plus the association has in possession. Chris Bodell made a motion to move $50,000.00 from the Association’s Checking Account to the Association’s Money Market Account, seconded by Louise Bye approved unanimously.

Jenae Palewicz asked about outstanding work agreement penalties, raffle sales credits for selling over and above required amount as well as if raffle winners have been issued their winnings. Louise Bye assured her that work agreement fees have been attached to the Thriva accounts (registration accounts.)Raffle credits will be issued by the end of the month. Mike Klun said he has tracked the winners best he can. Chris Bodell said what we could do for those that didn’t include an address is look at the number on the raffle ticket and cross reference that number to the numbers recorded to whom the packets where issued. Jenae requested the task to be completed by the end of the month.

* Bills Approval- Mike Klun presented the board with a bill submitted by Doug Grilz for a coaching clinic. Motion made by Scott Thompson to pay the bill seconded by Louise Bye approved unanimously. Mike Klun presented to the board a bill to pay the Presidents mileage to District 10 from 2011 to the present. It was advised by the current bookkeeper to allow for mileage claims. Toby Palewicz expressed the idea that board members are volunteers and asking for mileage is like a coach asking to be paid mileage for away games. Scott Thompson mentioned in the bylaws it does make mention of reimbursing board members for expenses related to the association directly. Mileage is an expense. Mike Klun rescinded his request for mileage.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. By Law Changes-Theresa Cottingham- Motion made by Theresa Cottingham to approve the name changes and verbiage changes from years past by law requests that were approved from the board to the new bylaws and articles of incorporation for the Chisago Lakes Hockey Association. Seconded by Louise Bye approved unanimously.
2. Money for training aids-Paul Gibson- Paul requested 4-$50 each shooting target nets and 5-$100 each passing mechanisms. Scott Thompson made a motion to issue Paul Gibson a $2000 budget for player development. Seconded by Chris Bodell approved unanimously.
3. Additional Sheet of Ice-Paul Gibson-Paul has been talking with Jeff Hensel about a Studio Rink outside of the arena. The chiller currently in use at the area is capable of a second rink. Jenae Palewicz asked if we are currently purchasing ice elsewhere. Mike Klun replied yes we currently can’t get enough hours at the Chisago Lakes Arena. Mike continued to mention he is currently working with Doris Zacho about getting a matching grant for a bubble at “The Hole” (outdoor arena in Chisago City.)
4. Coaches Pay-Paul Gibson-Parent coaches should be getting paid. As it stands right now the association makes it look like non parent coaches are more valuable than parent coaches. Theresa Cottingham has put together a scale for assistant coaches and head coaches as well as drafted a rough contract that could get the ball rolling for paying all coaches within the association. Toby Palewicz said, “If you decide to pay coaches it just might be enough incentive to get people to come out and coach.” Chris Bodell is concerned about the money coming from somewhere. Mike Klun said if we paid all coaches from last season ½ of ice bill for head coaches 1 child and ¼ tuition for assistant coaches 1 child the total would be about $9100.00. Currently in the budget is a line item for coaches pay to equal $5000.00. Motion made by Paul Gibson to increase the line item to $12,000.00. Mike Klun suggested looking at Theresa’s work to see if we could make it more formal so all coaches would know what to expect. Paul Gibson rescinded his motion and tabled the discussion for the August board meeting.
5. Jaela O’Brien Helmet Stickers-Louise Bye-Louise Bye made a motion to pay a $500 donation to the Jaela O’Brien benefit account, Scott Thompson amended the motion to a $300 donation. Seconded by Chris Bodell approved by majority vote.
6. Equipment Purchases-Howard Immel-Howard asked to table the discussion until the August board meeing.
7. Coaches Selection Committee-Dave Burgen-Coaches selection committee for the 2013-14 season will be Paul Gibson, Mike Klun, Amber Hill, Chris Bodell, and Dave Burgen.

# OLD BUSINESS:

1. President – Mike Klun- Refund Policy-Mike asked to move the refund policy to the August board meeting. Mike also asked the board to submit all current e-mails to the secretary so we can maintain lines of communication.
2. Vice President – Chris Bodell- information about the sports safe coordinator was presented to Chris. The idea is to keep kids safe in the locker room, and on/off the ice. Coaches will need to take a class however Chris will present the class at Paul Gibson’s coaches seminar.
3. Secretary – Theresa Cottingham-Proposed Mission Statement and Purpose/Philosophy Changes, Theresa was hoping to add an element of competition to the mission statement. Currently the premise is fun for all hockey players. Paul Gibson said without fun you won’t get kids to play hockey. Theresa agreed but said there is a population out there that would like to have fun because they were given the skills to be competitive in every game they play. Discussion about changing the entire mission statement was deemed to be unfavorable. Theresa said, “I’ve done my part, I’ve spoke for the people I’ve tried to make a change, at this point I rescind my proposal to change the mission statement and Chisago Lakes Hockey Association’s philosophy.” Picture Dates have been set for Tuesday October 29th for Squirts/U10’s-Bantams and Tuesday November 5th for Mites/U8’s 6:30-8:45pm at Lakeside
4. Treasurer- vacant-
5. Coach in Chief –Paul Gibson-
6. Tournament Director – Lisa Stangl- Chisago Lakes will host a squirt tournament on January 17-19th 2014 and a peewee tournament on January 24-26th 2014. All ads have been submitted to USA Hockey.
7. Director of Competition - Dave Burgen- 3 on 3 has been cancelled for the month of July. Dave will be moving 3 on 3 to the month of March. There for sure will be a fall program for mites.
8. Director of Operations / Equipment – Howard Immel-
9. Director of Girls Hockey – Amber Hill-
10. Director of Business Operations/Fundraising – Lea Vogelsang-Lea needed direction about the wrestling fundraiser. At this point Lisa Stangl would like Lea to connect with Mr. Denucci to see exactly how much man power the association would have to provide to pull the fundraiser off successfully. The issue was tabled until the August board meeting. Lea has struggled to find people to commit to work hours for the Karl Oskar Days fundraiser offered to the association. Mike Klun suggested pulling out of our commitment entirely. Scott Thompson advised to maintain our commitment at the street dance because this is an opportunity to raise money and we need to be greatful for that opportunity, however it would be appropriate to pull our participation in the booth at the Karl Oskar Days craft fair. Lea also confirmed if she recruited an assistant to her position, that person would receive all work agreement credits minus their flooding commitments. The board assured her of that truth.
11. Ice Scheduling – Shannon Hejny-
12. Advisor – Scott Thompson-
13. Assistant Treasurer- vacant
14. Mite Director - Jenae Palewicz- USA hockey has a program called the 2 on 2 challenge. The program is in three stages. The first being a welcome week with invites unregistered mites to play hockey. The second being a try hockey for free which must occur on November 2nd and March 1st. Finally the idea is to convert your first time hockey players to register for your association. If you do so successfully USA hockey will provide the association with 8-10 sets of hockey equipment.
15. Outdoor Facilities – vacant
16. Registration – Louise Bye- Only 71 kids registred to play hockey for the 2013-14 season

Open Forum:

Mike Ritter spoke to the board about a tournament program that is used as a fundraiser. Basically we submit the required information to be printed and the company finds advertisers and sells space in the program. We in return get a portion of the ad sales and a free program to hand out at the tournaments to be hosted. Mike would like a budget to be given to the Mite Director simply for the task of promoting hockey.

Toby Palewicz spoke to the board in regards to looking at the money the association has and making a plan for perhaps alternate revenue sources other than always raising fees as the answer to pay for things. Mike Klun said CLHA is one of the lowest paying associations in district 10. Other associations charge you up front for your work agreements.

Mike Ritter said he would like to see fun events for parents to get to know parents in our association.

Motion made by Louise Bye to adjorn seconded by Dave Burgen 10:28pm.