



CHISAGO LAKES AREA RECREATION ASSOCIATION Minutes of the April 16th, 2025 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, Sarah Yates, Holly Cardoni, Viktoria Richert, Amanda Oman, Nick Brehm

Board members present are indicated with an underline.

AGENDA

The agenda was adopted on a motion by Pete Leadholm. Second by Jay Brown. Motion passes.

GUESTS

Brian Dietz - Superintendent

Dan McGonigle - Community Ed Director

Brian gave information about the 2025 Bond that is being voted on May 13. He outlined the areas of focus with maintenance and what buildings have the biggest needs. Informed us that there is a tour on April 22nd at the middle school and visually see what areas need attention. Brian also explained some work that needs to be done in our athletic facilities and fields including improved drainage, improved lighting on Molnar, baseball and softball fields, and new bleachers in the Ward and Main gyms.

Katie Malchow - Community Member speaking about Referendum

Spoke in support of the referendum and explained from a community member perspective about the Wildcat Community Alliance. She explained who they are, how they were formed, and gave board members an opportunity to sign up to be part of the group to assist with activities to get the word out about the referendum by working booths at upcoming events.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

-March Minutes were approved on a motion by Holly. Second by Jay. Motion passes.

TREASURER'S REPORT (as of March 31st, 2025)

- Checking Balance: \$124,713.46
- Savings Balance: \$110,085.20
- Cash on hand: \$0
- CD Balance: \$176,601.92
- March Profit: \$33,913.49
- Fiscal Year P/L: \$82,771.47
- Credit Card Balance: (\$4,743.85)

A new category was created for Tackle Football and reflects the income earned from their fundraiser.

Two CDs were purchased in March for \$50,000 each. One was for 7 months at 4.04% and the other was for 13 months at 4%.

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The new credit cards for Jonathan, Amanda O, and Cindy are on hold until we provide the bank with our approved minutes authorizing these new cardholders.

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Jay. Second by Nicole. Motion passes.

GAMBLING MANAGER'S REPORT (as of March 21st, 2025)

Account balance: \$26,268.17
Cash on Hand: \$5,612.75
March Profit/Loss: \$11,898.96
YTD Profit: \$13,801.15

EFTs-\$15,835.57

- \$4,133.85 Three Diamond
- \$3,156.12 Diamond Games
- \$8,506.00 MN Revenue February Gaming Tax
- \$39.60 Amazon Bingo Supplies

Allowable Expenses

Estimated allowable expenses in the amount up to \$22,500 was approved on a motion by Mallory. Second by Amanda. Motion passes.

Lawful Purpose

Lawful Purpose \$14,799.04

Est MN Tax Pmt - \$9,716

City of Chisago Q1 Tax = \$1,178.04

Scandia PTO - Feb Bingo Event, March/April Meat Raffles, (Pre-Approving April Meat) = \$1,200

Memento Mori - March Gun Bingo Event Profits = \$1,305

State of Minnesota - Annual Permit - \$900

Scandia PTO - End of Year Carnival Sponsorship - \$500

Lawful purpose in the amount of \$14,799.04 was approved on a motion by Mallory. Second by Amanda. Motion passes.

Electronic games have seen a significant decline since the new game rules came into place on January 1, 2025

-Sales down 34% from a year ago at Northern

-Profits down 36% from a year ago at Northern

Pulltab Sales and Profits are consistent with a year ago for Q1 for Northern, mainly due to a big trend up in March. Ozark had the same trend during the first three months of 2025.

Uncommon Loon - We have pulled everything from the site. They still have interest in us having special event bingos. Unfortunately, we could not come to an agreement with pulltab sales due to the required location for the Pulltab Machine so we are not able to offer E-Tabs since Regular Pulltabs are required. Will keep the permit open in case we do special event bingos in the future by offering Tipboards and Meat Raffles at these events also.

Shafer Saloon - The City of Shafer is revising their ordinance, but the Saloon has opted to go with another organization.

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Cash Extravaganza Bingo - even though it doesn't sell out, still seems to be a good event to hold when we don't have a merchandise type bingo that month. Event ran very smoothly according to those I talked to with some changes we implemented after the Sportsman's Bingo in March

Plan is to continue weekly bingo through the summer both nights if current numbers continue.

Partnering with Forest Lake Fishing Team for May Fishing Bingo Event

Special Bingo events for Summer

June - Cash Extravaganza Bingo

July - N/A due to 4th of July Weekend - Might consider a Cash Extravaganza Bingo on an alternative weekend.

August - Sportsman's Bingo - Partnered with Invisible Wounds Project

September - N/A due to Labor Day Weekend - Might consider a Cash Extravaganza Bingo on an alternative weekend.

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

BASKETBALL

-Intro to Basketball coming up in May. Will offer sessions at Lakeside, Primary, and TF Elementary.

SOCCER

-No Update

REC VOLLEYBALL

-No Update

TRAVELING VOLLEYBALL

-Mallory shared a positive note from a tournament director praising LARA Volleyball and their positive conduct at their events. She also said parents appreciate having an opportunity for their girls to play locally through LARA.

FLAG FOOTBALL

-No Update

TACKLE FOOTBALL (7th & 8th Grade)

-Nick emailed out the tackle football budget. Motion to approve by Amanda. Second by Viktoria. Motion passes.

-Would like to get a storage unit from Petersons.

-Brian Senske and Nick will be running a 5 day summer football program called Wildcat Academy for 7th and 8th graders.

-The high school program will be giving the youth program some equipment to use.

-Registration will be \$375.

BOYS LACROSSE

-No update

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GIRLS LACROSSE

-No Update

TRAVELING SOFTBALL

-Have been practicing outdoors. First games start end of April.

TRAVELING BASEBALL

-Just starting the season next week. Will be closing legion ball registration next week.

REC BASEBALL

-Registrations are down from last year. Chisago Lakes Fastpitch donated some equipment. Season starts April 28th. League starts shortly after that.

REC SOFTBALL

-Not a lot of teams this year. Have 2 teams per age group right now. Still getting some registrations coming in. Rush City and Stacy also have 2 ponytail teams.

COMMUNITY ED

-No updates

WEBSITE

-No Update

NEW BUSINESS

-CLMS Golf Tournament Fundraiser Sponsorship -
Amanda O. made a motion to donate \$500 to the CLMS tournament fundraiser. Second by Jay. Motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS

-Concessions Stand - Pete Leadholm, Pete Lawrence, Jim are working with Joe on concessions stand details but would like to move forward with having LARA work the concessions stand.
24 events or less for the year, we don't need to deal with sales tax.

Motion for LARA to move forward with staffing the concessions stand at Ki-Chi by Amanda F. Second by Jay. Motion passes

-Fence extension

Discussed having LARA help cover a portion of the cost to add a net extension on the fence in an amount up to \$3,200 between Molnar and the stadium field. Motion to approve by Pete Leadholm, second by Jay. Motion passes.

-LARA Scholarships

Discussed approving LARA giving 5 Scholarships instead of the usual 4 scholarships, each in the amount of \$500. Motion to approve by Alex. Second by Tony. Motion passes.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday May 21, 2025 at 7pm in the CLHS Media Center.

ADJOURNMENT

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The April meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm on a motion by Amanda O. Second by Nick. Motion passes.