



# City of Lakes Youth Hockey Association

## January Board Meeting

January 15th, 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, Nancy Nordeen, Jay Rasmussen, Peter Grotans, Tim Bednar, Bria Florell, Michele Bednar, Maca Barnes, Aaron Flannigan, Brandon Arneson, Dan Hatzung, Stephania Anderson

Total attendance and determination of membership quorum: Quorum is 11

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

Previous Minutes Moved To Accept by: Jay Rasmussen

Seconded by: Peter Grotans

Accepted: 7:08

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#### 4. President's Report:

- Registration
  - Current Registrations
    - Minis - 31
    - Mites - 16
    - 8U - 16
    - Squirts - 16
    - 10U - 13
    - Peewees - 12
    - 12U - 18
    - **Total - 122**
  - Last Year
    - Minis - 22
    - Mites - 23
    - Squirts - 12
    - 12U - 9
    - Peewees - 14
    - 15U - 12
    - **Total - 92**
  - Waivers
    - Current Year
      - 14 Waivers In
      - 12 Waivers Out
    - Last Year
      - 7 Waivers In
    - 17 Waivers Out
  - Game Cancellations/Optional Practices
    - Due to safety concerns, some games were cancelled and all practices were emphasized as optional
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Report Moved To Accept By: Michele Bednar  
 Secoded by: Peter Grotans  
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#### 5. Treasurer's Report:

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<b>CURRENT BUDGET SUMMARY</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>UNDER/OVER</b>	<b>Forecast</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 128,325</b>	<b>\$ 109,148</b>	<b>\$ (19,177)</b>	<b>\$ 145,007</b>	85%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 125,695</b>	<b>\$ 72,170</b>	<b>\$ (53,525)</b>	<b>\$ 137,112</b>	57%
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 2,630</b>	<b>\$ 36,978</b>		<b>\$ 7,894</b>	

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Report Moved To Accept By: Aaron Flannigan  
 Seconded by: Michele Bednar  
 Accepted: 7:08 PM

6. Vice President's Report:

- Fire & Ice Events scheduled for Jan 16, Jan 23, Jan 30, and Feb 6, weather permitting
  - MPRB has also listed these events on their website
- D1 Festival
  - EMT confirmed with District Director
  - Tees on Demand will return
  - DIBS to be sent to Jill to enter
    - Concession Stand and Chuck-a-Puck
  - Looking for Lead Assistant to help with Concession Stand Purchasing/weekend operations
- 2026-2027 Merch will return to Innovative Graphics

Report Moved To Accept By: Aaron Flannigan  
 Seconded by: Peter Grotans  
 Accepted: 7:09 PM

7. Secretary's Report:

- Second communication with Andy Risvold Co- Founder of Forgotten Star. He asked me to clarify what they could do for us. I provided a more focused group of options, including starting with simply providing the mite team with a room for the pizza party on Saturday. Haven't heard back

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since January 7th. Followed up as he intended to meet with the team on Saturday.

Options mentioned

\*Promotional support (Picture of team with Forgotten star staff that would be staged in the brewery to align Titans with Fridley.

\* Sponsorships : ( provided sponsorship levels again as well as invited a jamboree sponsor)

Signage during the jamboree as well as promoting on the program with QR code and mentions during chuck a puck)

- Initial discussions regarding a brainstorm group additional pathways to fundraise in 2027. Interest for 5ish people so far. Ultimate goal to find fundraising opportunities that will also promote community between the spaghetti dinner and wreath sales.
  - \*Use Rink Rat and 1,000 shot challenge as and potentially a lap skating event an opportunity to fundraise \$\$.
  - \*Golf tourney
  - \*Discount cards
  - \*Offseason hockey program in studio rink for Titans and Starwhal players to continue to get on the ice

If interested please reach out to me and I'll send out a group text in the near future.

Report Moved To Accept By: Peter Grotans

Seconded by: Jay Rasmussen

Accepted: 7:14 PM

#### 8. Ice Director's Report:

- First Learn to Skate at Hayes Elementary a collaboration with Fridley Parks and Rec

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- Finalizing D1 Tournament and Mini/Mite Jamboree schedules
- Lots of game reschedules... mostly sorted out for now but a few teams may see slight schedule changes to early February schedule
- Outdoor ice at Langford for Starwhals
- Final practices for each team will be uploaded in next week
- Report Moved To Accept By: Aaron Flannigan  
 Secoded by: Michele Bednar  
 Accepted: 7:19 PM

9. Gambling Manager's Report:

Opening Balance: \$19,458.34  
 Income: \$10,216.14

- Indeed: (\$2,000)
- Lyon's: \$2,533.05
- Merlin's: \$580.17
- Smorgie's: \$7,513.92
- Utepils: \$1,589

Expense: \$12,581.11

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- Consulting: \$90
- Leases
  - Lyon's: \$971.19
  - Merlin's Rest: \$307.86
  - Smorgie's: \$2,182.79
  - Utepils: \$256.40
- Licensing: \$150
- Machine Rental: \$1,678.92
- Paper Games: \$1,277.45
- Supplies: \$654.26
- Tax Return: \$400
- Taxes: \$2,488.66
- Payroll: \$2,123.58

Net: (\$2,364.97)

Ending Balance: \$17,093.37

- We have not gotten our full board report from MN Gaming yet for December

Projected expense report Moved To Accept By: Michele Bednar  
 Seconded by: Peter Grotans  
 Accept: .7:22 PM

Moved To Accept By: Peter Grotans  
 Seconded by: Aaron Flannigan  
 Accept: 7:22 PM

#### 10. **Appointed Positions Reports**

Equipment Manager (Jared Roddy):

- No report

Coaching Coordinator (Brandon Arneson):

- Interest in summer strength training?

District Representative (Cory Larson):

- West St Paul will donate intermediate nets - probably after the season
- D1 festival is our responsibility

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- Dino games are tentative and require communication before playing
- Locker rooms are private if locked, public if unlocked
- We may have to flip jerseys to make numbers work for Dino games

Fundraising Chair: (Jay Rasmussen)

- Call on Cory for any Spaghetti Dinner Updates? Being ran by Nicole and Emily.
  - Cory and Jay will not be able to attend on the tentative date of Sunday, March 22nd.
- Sounds like we will schedule a fundraising committee meeting at Smorgie's and discuss/vet go-forward fundraising ideas to compliment existing events.
- Jay will communicate with Bria to help announce committee meeting details

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

- No report

Volunteer Coordinator (Jill Whitney):

- No report - please send any volunteer requests for upcoming events

Tournament Coordinator (Anne Monnens):

- No report

Webmaster (Aaron Flannigan):

- Added images to team pages
- Added November minutes.

Manager Coordinator (Cookie Anderson)

- No report

Communications Lead (Bria Florell):

- FOR DISCUSSION communications regarding:
  - Saturday's planned event in Cedar Riverside around 10am+ - Minis, Mites, Squirts, & Peepees at Augsburg done by 9:15

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    - Park Board email today does not affect us. Worth calling out?
    - Safety reminders:
      - Decisions are at a team-level - if a team decides to cancel a game or practice, reach out to Brandon and Cory.
      - Reach out to your teammates with what you need - families can provide rides
  - Please leave the Titans a review from your personal experience as a parent and/or coach: [https://g.page/r/CSsSgLSg6\\_5FEBl/review](https://g.page/r/CSsSgLSg6_5FEBl/review) and share the link with other adults in the org.

#### Promotions (Teresa Eisenbise):

- Fire & Ice events on Fridays at Windom Park
- Fridley schools LTS event tomorrow, Friday the 23rd (Aaron leading this event)

#### Learn to Skate Coordinator (Brandon Arneson)

- December 2025 Enrollment - 23
- November 2025 Enrollment - 22
- December 2024 Enrollment - 29
- Mila and Case have been hired as Assistant Coaches and are making a big difference

#### 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

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#### Girls Coordinator (Dan Hatzung)

- Starwhals are targeting a group block of tickets for the March 18th Frost game
  - 10U currently set to skate during intermission
  - Titans, Langford and Edgumbe families will all be invited
  - More to follow as we work to firm up plans with the Frost
- Starwhals Committee providing year end update at D1 meeting in March
- New 10U skater!

#### 11. Old Business:

##### D1 festival Ice Schedule

- LTS Hiring
  - 2 Junior instructors @ \$15/hour
    - Report Moved To Accept By: Jay Rasmussen
    - Seconded by: Michele Bednar
    - Accepted:8:15
- Bylaw Discussion
  - Define Membership
    - MEMBERSHIP. The following shall be considered members in good standing and entitled to one vote at all meetings of the members:
      - a) Each parent or legal guardian 18 years of age or older if he or she has a child who has been properly registered to participate on a MVIYHA team
      - b) All elected Board of Directors
      - c) Anyone appointed or hired by the Board of Directors
      - d) All coaches who have been approved by Board of Directors
  - SELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE: The Board of Directors shall be composed of not less than sixteen nor more than nineteen as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors; provided, however, that the Board of Directors shall at all times be composed of persons filling the following positions, each of whom shall automatically be a Director (a voting position within the Board of Directors) by virtue of the designated position he/she holds and acceptance of a Directorship.
    - President

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    - Treasurer
    - Secretary
    - Ice-Director
    - Gambling Manager
    - Equipment Manager
    - Coaching Coordinator
    - Fundraising Chair
    - Registrar
    - Volunteer Coordinator
    - Tournament Coordinator
    - Webmaster
    - Manager Coordinator
    - Communications Coordinator
    - Promotions Coordinator
    - Learn to Skate Coordinator
    - Grant Coordinator
    - Girls Coordinator
- City Parkboard Liaison discussion
- Official entity - change to City of Lakes?

## 12. New Business:

- Additional bylaw discussion
  - Changing the fiscal year to 5/1-4/30
- Olivia Hicks from the Star Tribune will be writing an article about the Starwhals and will likely attend an upcoming practice
- Discussion on non-USA hockey skaters on the ice for Starwhal alumni games and parent children games.

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14. Adjournment:

Meeting Moved To Adjourn By: Jay Rasmussen  
Seconded by: Aaron Flannigan  
Accepted: 8:31 PM