

**Eugene Jr. Generals**

Lane Amateur Hockey Association  
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**Agenda**

**Board of Directors August Meeting  
Tuesday, August 6, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Zoom Call

Phone: (669) 900-6833

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1. Roll Call Board of Directors: Carrie Stewart, Edward LeRoy, Sarah Chambers, Jessica Bott, Ashlee Dixon
2. Guests: Jenny Cooley, Jodi Taylor, Dan Trent, Tina Phifer, Rashelle Geddis, Eric Sucre, Katie Sucre, Elizabeth Miglioretto
3. CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 p.m.
4. MEETING MINUTES: July meeting minutes were approved by the Board with no updates or adjustments. Motion to approve by Jessica Bott and seconded by Eddie LeRoy- all approve, and the motion passes.
5. REPORTS: (75 minutes)
  - a. **President's Report (Carrie):**
    - i. OSHA has been meeting, but has not approved the guidebook yet
    - ii. The new OSHA Board has been seated, and Andy Potter is President. They will meet again virtually in September.
    - iii. The OSHA Board reports feeling "disconnected" from the local associations. They have elected to travel to each association, and do an "OSHA Roadshow", where they will hold information sessions regarding who they are, and what they do. They will hold "meet and greets" to get parent and player feedback. Carrie will send out information regarding this after dates are confirmed.
    - iv. The OHOA (Oregon Hockey Officials Association) contract has been received. Sarah and Carrie will be going over it, and getting it in place before the season starts.
    - v. Game times have not been set yet, as the scheduling meeting for OSHA has to happen first. After that happens, TeamSnap will be updated.
    - vi. There will be no practice for 6U, 8U, 10U, or 12U on October 31, November 27 and 28, and December 20-January 4. Practices will resume on January 6th.
    - vii. There will be no ice times on President's Day (January 20th)
    - viii. LAHA will host the Ice Cup on February 17th.
    - ix. There may be some Duck games that will interfere with scheduling, but those issues will be worked out as soon as possible.
    - x. The Rink Exchange report- A walkthrough happened and Carrie reports that it is all coming along great. The sheet looks great and level, and they're working on getting boards up, and ice hopefully by the end of August. There will be the addition of a pony sheet of ice, which will be slightly smaller than a half-sheet, up in the mezzanine area. The pony sheet will also include new locker rooms, so that those using it can exit right onto the sheet. Games for 6u and 8u will be an option on the pony sheet. Carrie extends kudos to The Rink Exchange for the hard work in getting the ice ready for this season.
  - b. **Treasurer's Report (Jessica):**
    - i. 2024/2025 budget vote - Jessica makes a motion to pass the budget, Eddie seconds, all approve, and the motion passes.
    - ii. The 23/34 budget was closed out back in May.
    - iii. LAHA received the first bill from The Rink Exchange. Jessica will go over the bill to verify that it looks correct according to our ice contract, which has been signed.
  - c. **Registrar's Report (Sarah):**
    - i. Registration is open - Currently there are 9 registrations complete, and 11 in-progress. Sarah feels that given the complications surrounding the website rollover, it's going well and seems to be working. The link to register was sent to everyone who registered last year, and then the link will go live on the website. She notes that TeamSnap doesn't always work great, so please reach out if there are any issues. She communicates that we do anticipate staying at the same numbers, if not losing some, especially at 12U, 14U, and 18U levels. The younger groups did not grow much, but Colin is talking to The Rink Exchange about growth through the Intro to Play program.
  - d. **Committees:**

- i. *Coaches Committee/CIC Report: (Daniel/Flint)* – Daniel and Flint are not present, but Carrie reports that the coaching application is open, was included in the link for registration, and is sharable so it can be sent to others. It will close on August 25th, and the applications will be reviewed as they come in. Carrie will also send a reminder that coaches need a new USA hockey number and SafeSport renewal, which is now yearly. The link opens 30 days prior to whenever it was done last year. That information is also available to LAHA through our reports. If a coach is new to an age group mod, it will need to be completed, and all coaches need a CEP. Those classes are available starting now. None are available in the Pacific district yet, but there are a few online. December 31st is the deadline for completion. Reach out to Sarah with any questions.
- ii. *Discipline: (Eddie)* – nothing to report
- iii. *Scheduler (Elizabeth)* - Elizabeth reports that we have the full season of practice times all set out. She has reached out to the Vancouver Rangers and the Seattle Sno-Kings for at least 14s and 18s with those two associations. Nobody is ready to schedule yet. She is also in communication with Medford and Bend. She has talked with a few coaches, and she wants to start scheduling games as soon as possible. She wants to make sure we are fully using the ice that we have committed to each team, and getting the games that we are hoping to get for each team. She is also hoping that we can get tournaments picked sooner this year, and that people pick the typical weekends for them, so she can get games scheduled with some of these associations. She also requests that team managers do a check with her, so that additional eyes can make sure that everything that is in TeamSnap is corroborated on the Rink Exchange schedule (and other association schedules), and then notify her asap if they see any discrepancies. Carrie notes that a good reminder for parents, coaches, and team managers, is that an appropriate chain of communication should be to take concerns to your team manager first, then coach, and then to the Board and/or Elizabeth if related to scheduling.
- iv. *Safe Sport: (Deb Csesrep)* – Deb is not present, but Carrie would like to communicate that if you have 2006 or 2007 players, they must complete SafeSport before September 9th, or they can't go on-ice. They also need to complete the player packet attached to the registration email. She would also like to issue a reminder that neck guards are now a requirement for practices and games. Neck guards are also required for 18-year-olds playing in an 18U league, or 19U league for girls. If it's a youth roster, you have to have a neck guard. Additionally, all officials under the age of 18, and goalies, must wear a neck guard. A goalie helmet dangle does not count.
- v. *Tournaments: (Open Chair)* – It is reported that ice has been reserved for the Ice Cup. We will work on getting registration up and open for that.
- vi. *Volunteers: (Christine McCaslin)* – Christine is not present - nothing to report
- vii. *Social Media: (Jodi Taylor)* – Jodi has no updates, but is open to feedback, and is willing to do more. She does request being a part of emails, and getting copies of schedules, so that she can do unprompted updates. Carries says everything should update automatically to the schedule on the new website.
- viii. *LAHA Growth: (Colin Phifer)* – Colin has been in communication with 6u parents coming over to LAHA from the Intro program. He has a meeting scheduled with Daniel Gomez in early September to talk about how to better develop a more clear path from Intro to LAHA. He would like to develop a landing page for players and their parents, so that they have access to info and a set of FAQs. He would like this to be a "welcome" page for them. Carrie agrees, and notes that we have the framework of this already, but can add and revise etc. Daniel Gomez has expressed interest in having Colin provide a handout, and act as a liaison once an Intro participant has completed a certain level of play in the program. Daniel has also indicated that The Rink Exchange will be issuing certificates to push people along when it's appropriate. Carrie requests that Colin email his edits, or a letter, or anything to be considered, to the Board.
- ix. *Sneakers to Skates: (Dan Trent)* – Dan reports that he has been met with "a few setbacks" in dealing with The Rink Exchange concerning scheduling. On the off-ice side, he is moving right along. He notes that the program will have a player cap, but he would like to also communicate information about it to LAHA families on social media. He will be offering a 1-hour floor-hockey clinic, with info from the Kraken program. The age range will be K-5, because the target is to grow the program. Logistically, he reports "struggling a bit", and feels that he doesn't have a ton of support. He expresses that he feels proud to have been able to get an NHL team involved in hockey in Oregon, and really wants to do this to help with growth for the sport. He reports that a potential date has been set for September 14th, with a 10:00am-11:30am timeframe. The Seattle Kraken has a brand new car with a trailer that they'll bring, and he wants to fill up 3-4 basketball courts with games. This program will go through Kidsports for registration. Ashlee asks if some LAHA kids could volunteer to help and he agreed that having a few 14U and 18U players would be great. Dan communicates that he wants to do a "try hockey for free day" with the Kraken and The Rink Exchange, but that

scheduling with The Rink Exchange has been difficult. The Kraken have expressed that they want to make it worth their while to come down here with their swag and everything that they bring, and to rent hotel rooms etc. Dan wants to be respectful of their time, and feels that it's not worth it for them to come just for an hour clinic at Kidsports. Dan wants to show them that we DO have hockey in Oregon. He is really interested in pushing for a type of partnership. He wants a big turnout. Colin wants to help and be a part of it too, and will send Dan an email to coordinate how he can assist. Dan adds that he will need to see how fast his registration fills up. Carrie states that when we know it's happening for sure, and what he needs, we can send out a push for help through Teamsnap.

- x. ***Tiered Tournament Teams (Joel Dunham)*** - Joel reports that one of the goals of this committee is to grow the game of hockey in Eugene by providing more opportunities to our kids through tiered play in higher level competition. 14U and 18U level tournaments are a good segway to that end. He's working on a written statement that he hopes to have ready by next month. Developing framework thus far includes the following:

1. He would like to make it fair through tryouts. There will be two ice times, and outside evaluators - not LAHA coaches.
2. There would be a tryout fee that everyone would pay to tryout. A potential tryout fee would be \$100, and then a team fee, and travel would be individual - just like traveling to any other tournament. Carrie wants Joel to email the Board a proposed Saturday date for tryouts, as we have already done our contract with ice time. Possible dates are needed immediately so that we can try to hold an ice slot, or ask the rink for a Friday or some additional slot. Joel agrees, and notes that he is thinking sometime in November. Elizabeth reminds that if we hold a spot, but then we don't use it, we have to give it back a month in advance of the date in order to not get charged. A special registration link will need to be created because it will all have to go through TeamSnap.
3. The team would play in one or two tournaments, but a goal is to keep costs low while the program is in its infancy. Talking to Flint and Daniel Gomez, it seems like Washington would be a good place for a tournament. The opinion is that while Canada is great, the goal would be to start cultivating relationships with other programs that have tiered teams. Ultimately, the intent would be to have a fully-tiered program, and those relationships will be valuable.
4. Katie Sucre asks if high-tiered tournaments are all going to be "full check" at those age groups. She would like to know if there will be additional training to prepare for that level of play. Joel mentions the Team Oregon experience in Canada this past Spring at the 12U level, and indicates that the intent would be to have actual practices to prepare. He also notes that our association plays competitive body contact now, even if not full-check.
5. Carrie requests a wish list for potential requests for practice times if we know when a tournament might be. She would not include a team meal in fees, because parents can just pay when they want, and that way, it keeps it separate. Carrie wants to make sure assessors are able to come and be SafeSport certified and background checked. Those things need to be done even if the assessors are not on-ice, and watching from above.

**e. Team Reports:**

- i. Team reports - suspended, resume in october

**6. OLD BUSINESS: (15 minutes)**

- a. ***OSHA body checking vs competitive contact at 14U and 18U for travel B teams followup*** – Carrie reports that at this time, this issue has been placed on hold. OSHA will answer more questions during their roadshow. Of note, the officiating portal is broken, so not having a test for officiating certification presents a safety concern. Additionally, some of the concerns mentioned include concerns about new players being included in full-check hockey as beginners, girls on co-ed teams, LAHA growth and potentially turning kids away, and starting when some teams have had practices, and some have not. The discussion is not over, but is tabled for now. Travel B stays competitive contact at this time. Joel questions the position of the other associations regarding their willingness to play LAHA. Sarah's response indicates that any team that registers as travel B will be "competitive contact", and they're working on total numbers of games in-state requirements, so she thinks we will continue on as we always have. Eric Sucre expresses concern about scrimmaging ourselves, because nobody else will play us, and thinks that concern was addressed.
- b. **2024/2025 Registration fees** - The Board met, voted on, and approved fees for the 2024/2025 season, and issues the reminder that each player, coach, and volunteer will need to have a current USA hockey number for the 24/25 season. The fees for the 24/25 season are as follows:
  - i. 6U - \$300 for each 8-week session or \$600 for the season (Practices begin 10/21/24)

- ii. 8U - \$500 for each 8-week session, or \$1000 for the season (Practices begin 10/21/24)
- iii. 10U - \$2000 (Practices begin 09/30/24)
- iv. 12U - \$2300 (Practices begin 09/23/24)
- v. 14U - \$2600 (Practices begin 09/16/24)
- vi. 18U - \$2800 (Practices begin 09/09/24)
- vii. Special Hockey - \$100 for the season (Practices begin 10/21/24)

c. LAHA website platform changeover-

- i. Sarah and Carrie have been working on the website flip, and it has not been as straightforward as expected. It was tied to the Rink Exchange for the LAHA.org switch, and Flint took care of that part. However, once that happened, there was no longer a website. The TeamSnap portion, which is the new platform, has been problematic, but is almost complete. Once the site is up and running, the Board can make updates, list the meeting minutes, and all information including pictures and other info as it comes in. Registration will be up as soon as possible on the website. It will also pull our calendar directly from TeamSnap and auto populate to the website calendar.

7. NEW BUSINESS (3-minute time limit per items not added prior to the meeting)-

- a. Sarah presents an opportunity to participate in the Springfield Block Party. It is an opportunity to earn money for our organization through volunteering. She requests approval to move forward with getting 20 volunteers for Friday, September 6th, from 4:00pm-9:00pm, to support a LAHA booth and other things like a bounce house and parking. She further proposes that those funds go toward the LAHA scholarship fund. Sarah makes a motion to proceed with the Springfield Block Party volunteer event, with all proceeds being directed to the LAHA scholarship fund. Eddie seconds the motion, all approve and the motion passes. LAHA will have a booth and will participate.
- b. Rachelle Geddis communicates concern with fees going up, and notes the expense of gear etc. She mentions that goalie gear is expensive, and reports that every other organization discounts goalie play. Sarah says she will look into this, because she is unaware of that. Carrie reports that this year's fees have been set based on increases etc., and will not change. The Board will consider those things for next year. She highlights the option to select used gear at places like Play it Again Sports, EBAY, and other similar options to make things more affordable for parents who may be struggling financially. She also notes that the gear swap is upcoming, and also notes that at younger ages, LAHA provides gear for goalies. Rashelle mentions concerns that warranties etc. are not usually valid for used gear, and she notes that recommendations from USA Hockey do not endorse used gear, because the gear may have been damaged etc. Carrie reiterates that new or used gear is personal choice, and cites the safety of all used gear, and that other options ARE available for families to pursue.
- c. Development camp will be in March, not weekend after MLK

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 7:49 pm by Eddie LeRoy, seconded by Jessica Bott, all in favor - meeting adjourned

Executive Session: No

Next LAHA Meeting: September 3, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

# Lane Amateur Hockey Association

## Statement of Financial Position

As of July 31, 2024

		TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
Primary LAHA Checking		28,558.75
Savings		160,438.75
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>		<b>\$188,997.50</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>\$188,997.50</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$188,997.50</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Scholarship Fund		680.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>		<b>\$680.00</b>
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Equity		
Unrestricted Net Assets		188,520.45
Net Revenue		-202.95
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>\$188,317.50</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		<b>\$188,997.50</b>

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## Statement of Activity

June - July, 2024

	TOTAL
Revenue	
Interest Income	54.34
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$54.34</b>
GROSS PROFIT	<b>\$54.34</b>
Expenditures	
Operating Expenses	
Food/Meals	257.29
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>257.29</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$257.29</b>
NET OPERATING REVENUE	<b>\$ -202.95</b>
NET REVENUE	<b>\$ -202.95</b>