

Ely Blue Line Club August Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 6th, 5pm, Arena Lobby

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 5:04 pm

ROLL CALL: Tara S, Sara F, Hailey B, Rachael T, Erin M, Kevin N, Sam B, Jackie B, Scott K, Jessica M, Allie P, Jeremy P, April B, Jackie R, Nicole C, Sandy K, Kirsten M,

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: no

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: approve July meeting- motion by Jeremy, second by Jessica- no opposition

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: had to move money from one account savings to checking for tournaments, then sponsorship money came in, so moved money back. Created an Arena Revive account for monies raised so they can be kept separate. Sponsorship money goes into the normal checking account. Motion to approve financial report by Sam, second by Jessica- no opposition

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tax lady should be getting the taxes completed on time. The 2026 change will be the paid leave that will start in 2026. One hour for every three hours worked.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tara for Joseph- still working on levels scheduling tournaments. No one else has inquired about the arena positions. Terry is on board, still waiting to hear back from David and Derrick. Maybe check on social media for free rather than running more ads in paper that charge.

COACHES REPORT: Kevin- more than one coach for every level so far- Bantam- Frank, Ryan & Nate; PW- Luke, Tony & Kevin; Squirt- John K, Frank will help, possibly Tyler, Terry can assist or help as needed; Mites- Kayla & Billy willing to take lead, maybe Andy; Mini- Joe Freedmeier will

coach, Nicole Roy help, Scott K; LTS- Olivia M- has not heard back yet. Anna Urbas and Mataya Urbas a possibility as well.

UNIFINISHED BUSINESS:

VOLUNTEER POLICY: Revised volunteer policy- changing to shifts rather than hours for concessions, HS games, open skating and tournaments. It will be the responsibility of the team to work the penalty box, time clock and game sheet for their level home game. 16 shifts required per season, half due by end of Jan for first check to not be cashed. Possibility to pay for concession shifts during tournaments to help with not having as many shifts. Voting now on the amount of shifts- vote for 16 shifts- motion by Sam, second by Jessica. If volunteer shifts are being completed by outside party volunteers to donate their shift to family in need.

OPEN FORUM:

NEW BUSINESS:

ARENA FUNDRAISING UPDATE/PLANS: Allie- arena is likely getting just shy of \$1 million for repairs was in minutes for school board meeting- all new concrete for structure by school. Plan to have the school board vote in Aug, for bids to start in spring. Possibly flip focus to phase two, with other changes needed for instance lobby, locker rooms, etc. Has tier options for donations listed currently on the website. Maybe we can be more vocal on what the Blueline is doing- hosting tournaments, put pictures and articles on Facebook and in the Ely Echo for advertisement of what we're doing for the community.

LEARN TO SKATE: Sam- coaches - has to register for USA Hockey first, then LTS. can we look into just having the LTS kids sign a waiver and not register through USA Hockey. Tara will look at the current waiver and see if it will work. Dates for LTS will follow previous years- not last year due to arena opening late from construction.

REGISTRATION:

Registration: Allie- registration will open as soon as we decide on volunteer policy. Early bird registration will start with 10% off for early birds and will be offered until Friday, Sept 5th to cover the first week of school. Will shoot to have registration open on 8/13.

Jerseys/Numbers: Jerseys price will increase from \$40/jersey to \$50/jersey. If we keep the jersey fee of \$100 and have each family pay for their own socks. Do we raise the fee to cover the cost of shipping- keep the cost at \$100 for those who need to order a jersey.

Hoodies: Hoodies are \$60 each this year, not cheaper by amount ordered. Need to decide if we want to just charge the amount, or if we will increase the price by \$5 each. Increase cost of hoodie to \$65 to cover cost of shipping.

WEBSITE: Sandy- updated website, changes will be happening on the website coming soon. Calendar on the website has HS games and tournaments scheduled.

FUNDRAISING: Meat raffle is Aug 22nd at Zaverl's. Still waiting to get gambling license. Nicole and Leena will work together to work on the cash calendar- maybe in Jan & April- prizes will be \$1000, \$500, \$250, \$100 and look for other donations to win. \$400 minimum raised with \$100 minimum by cash calendar/raffle. Pies- price went up, will need to discuss increasing to cover and still make a profit. Update deadline for fundraising requirement to 2/1 for eligibility for districts or Howler. Fundraiser policy will need to be updated, Tara and Jackie can work on that form together to update.

CODE OF CONDUCT: Jeremy- common things coming up hearing here and there over the summer are that our hockey players are the most problematic students in school. Options to change the perception of hockey for our kids. What if each level has groups that volunteer in town and showcase what positive influence we have.

TOURNAMENTS UPDATE: Squirt Howler teams needed, looking for at least one more team for that level. PW Howler has 6 teams currently, Mites full, Minis will fill closer. PW tournaments scheduled Dec 19-21 in Two Harbors & Jan 16-18 in Hermantown. Bantams have two tournaments in Jan 2-4 in Cloquet, Jan 16-18 in Superior.

ANNUAL TASK CALENDAR- AUGUST:

ARENA STAFF POSITION INTERVIEWS:

COACHING SELECTION FINALIZATION:

COACHING TRAINING (COMPLETED BY NOV 1):

OPEN HOUSE FOR SCHOOL: Jeremy will take on Ely school open house on 8/27, Jackie will do Babbitt 8/26. Flyers and possibly more hockey pucks to give away.

PICTURE DAY SETUP: November 18th is scheduled tentatively.

BABBITT ARENA SCHEDULING: Rachael started talking to Caitlin for Babbitt Rec, possible to have Wednesday practice in Babbitt for Ely's early out. Babbitt does not have school on Fridays. Rachael will touch base with Kevin to see his thoughts and can reach out to coaches.

ANNUAL TASK CALENDAR- SEPTEMBER:

ARENA STAFF HIRED (W4, I9, NEW HIRE REPORT, QB ENTRIES):

RINK FEES/AGREEMENTS FOR CHIX/RUSTY'S & HOURLY:

RINK SET UP (LIVEBARN/SQUARE):

SPONSORSHIP FOR ARENA/RENEWAL LETTERS:

ARENA CLEAN UP DAY: Terry said first Sat in Oct would be good

SEASON KICK OFF EVENT:

TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE PARTICIPATION:

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING/TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEER SHIFTS- DETAILS COORDINATED AT AUG MEETING:

CORRESPONDENCE:

SPONSORSHIP: Tara- Starkman Oil, now Superior Fuel has been reducing our cost for fuel for zamboni by 30% (saving us about \$300 a year), rather than donating a sponsorship we can put their name on our zamboni, and first year cost for dasher board covered, they can pay going forward.

NEXT MEETING: Sept 3rd, 5pm.

ADJOURN: 7:15 pm