

# Ely Blue Line Board January Meeting Minutes

## Wednesday, January 8, 2025; 5pm- GEL

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 5:04 pm

ROLL CALL: Joseph, Jackie B, Scott, Jackie R, April, Sam, Jen, Jeremy, Kevin, Allie, Nicole, Tara, Sarah, Danielle, Sandy

AGENDA ADDITIONS & DELETIONS: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: add Jeremy was in attendance to last meeting-motion by Jeremy, second by Kevin

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion to approve by Danielle, second by Joseph

TREASURER'S REPORT: Current contract with school has to be approved at the next board meeting on 1/13 to approve the contract for us to then sign for the current year. Squirts will be refunded for Two Harbors tournament for withdrawing from the tournament, and will get \$750 back for that tournament. Dave worked all weekend for HS Holiday tournament, question raised to pay for staff to run arena and not receive any profit from HS tournament, will discuss in future if needed as Terry was out of town. Will discuss possibly hiring an additional employee to help at the arena for general cleaning and such. Motion made by Scott to hire another staff, second by Joseph, no opposition.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Waiting to see what happens with Districts for schedules and such for upcoming districts. All teams have agreed to compete in districts this year- Squirts, PeeWee & Bantams. Needed to confirm by the end of Dec. No additional information yet on Mites moving to full ice or  $\frac{3}{4}$  ice after half year, Joseph has not gotten updates yet, sounds like will stay at half ice for more puck touches.

COACHES REPORT: Tim not present

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

OPEN FORUM: Meeting with Pulsar Helium coming either 1/17 or 1/18, looking for a couple board members, Joseph said he'll be available for 6pm on 1/17. Sandy will also reach out to the boosters to see if anyone is available as well.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

APRIL: April will officially retire after this season, talked to Rachel Thom to take over for next year, she will assist her next season as well. April has been the arena schedule coordinator for 10 years, leaving to spend more time on her health and family.

ADDITION OF BANTAM PLAYER: Kevin- a HS player is playing down to Bantam level- registration waived for Bantam as already paid for HS registration, do half of fundraising, and what they can for volunteering, and pay jersey fee.- Kevin motion Kooper Meriman, second by Joseph, no opposition. Will refund partial payment of registration costs to join Bantam.

DRYLAND AREA AT ARENA: Scott- many arenas have areas for dryland to warm up, tiles and nets and such to warm up. 10 tiles 18x18 are \$140/box. More for pregame for Squirts and above, but for anyone to use. Will need 3-5 boxes of tiles, a net and tarp for backdrop. Will have to talk to school about adding this area, but HS could use this area as well. Kevin will talk to Tim at school, Scott will check on numbers for the next meeting.

#### PROTOCOLS FOR SKATING UP FOR INDIVIDUAL GAMES:

Jeremy brought up, Squirts needed an additional player for one game, Mites didn't want to give up a player for that game. Looking for clarification or scenario for what to do- parents and coaches made decisions- Looking for small paragraphs for what to do- coaches discretion, prior to December 31 for rostering. Coaches meet and discuss, then approach the parents for that particular game. As long as the player is age appropriate can they

move up for a game, then move back to level. April will write a clause for clear communication on this matter. Tara brought up to keep caution on when adding players in district games, if they're multi scoring players to throw the game. Extenuating circumstances, prior to 12/31. All players, coaches, reps and such need to remember to cheer that child on.

CASH CALENDAR DRAWING: January drawing- \$500- Mark Zup; \$250- Mark Zup; \$100- Brenda Evancavich.

POSTING AD IN PAPER FOR HOWLER VOLUNTEER HELP: In need of a lot of volunteer hours especially for Babbitt arena, Sandy put an ad for sponsorships for Howler. Ok for Allie to put an ad in paper for announcing the weekend and ads looking for volunteers, Ely Echo and Babbitt Weekly.

PLAYER INFORMATION RELEASE: next year registration needs to have written somewhere to have consent to use photo, or information. Table of registration information for next fall's registration.

COST FOR OPEN SKATING: April- looking back at years for cost for open skating. Currently still \$3/5/8, \$75 for season pass. Next season \$5/7/10 or \$85 for season. Table for next season

HS HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT: already discussed in Treasurer Report

MN WARRIORS HOCKEY GAMES 2/22/25: question on refs for games, question also on dibs for penalty box/goal judge/concessions. Promote games against Chix & Rusty's.

ANNUAL TASK CALENDAR- JANUARY:

RENEW ELYHOCKEY.ORG DOMAIN: done for 3 years, per Scott

CREATE END OF YEAR BANQUET COMMITTEE: Kevin can see if Nicole Udovich is still interested in heading off. Planning to host an end of season banquet for April 2nd.

UPDATE FAMILIES ON THEIR VOLUNTEER/FUNDRAISING HOURS: Sarah will check on volunteer hours to let families know by the end of Jan. Nicole will check on fundraising and will reach out to parent reps to let parents know if extra needed. Fundraising/volunteering hours/goals need to be completed prior to post season play.

CREATE NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Nikki Engen will help with nomination committee again.

ANNUAL TASK CALENDAR- FEBRUARY:

POST OPEN BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS: VP & Treasurer positions up this year, as well as parent reps

SKATE UP INVITATIONS DETERMINED:

END OF YEAR SKILLS CLINIC PREPARATIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Howler- \$2700 in registration fees, starting to get Allie no longer wishes to be in charge of the 3v3 tournament, if someone else wants to take over. District tournament- no update yet, raffle plans, decorate. HS game for Howler, Kevin will ask HS boosters if we are able to keep Howler raffle items there. Still looking for additional items for raffling, or sponsor- game sponsor is \$100, Sandy applied for an Essentia grant for \$1000, which would help cover hustle awards and medals for tournaments. Babbitt ice rental and ref fees are the biggest costs.

Jackie R- HS during the holiday tournament was grilling hot dogs and hamburgers and selling out of concessions- question if we would be able to do the same thing. Jackie has items to use in concessions for additional food, and has a call into Ben the Health Inspector. Can also utilize Bob B'Que.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NEXT MEETING: Feb 5th

ADJOURN: 6:48pm