



ORONO HOCKEY BOOSTERS, INC.
BOOSTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025, 6:00PM

1. Call to Order
 - a. 6:08
2. Attendance
 - a. Sean Rohland
 - b. Erika Kringen
 - c. Andrew Pillsbury
 - d. Chris Henningson
 - e. Matt Kinder
 - f. Melissa Ringeier
 - g. Ashley Walker
 - h. Sarah Elenkewich
 - i. Kerry Minnich
 - j. Joanna Tilli
 - k. Angie Erickson
3. President Remarks
 - a. Board vacancies
 - i. Caleb Lee, general
 - ii. Katie Hunsley, secretary
 - b. Should we fill the spots
 - i. 15 is a big board; we could reduce to 13 permanently per the State of MN and a bylaw amendment
 - ii. Don't have to fill board seat vacancies now, but the board may appoint interim members until the next election (April 26) with a vote
 - c. New board members/partner roles
 - i. Amber Miller – social media
 - ii. Splitting secretary role
 1. Matt Kinder with others taking responsibility for emails, social media, etc.
 - iii. Open Board Spot
 1. Ashley Walker
 - iv. **Motion: BB Vote:**
 1. Sean: appoint Matt Kinder as Secretary for the interim
 - a. Second: Chris
 - b. Unanimously approved
 - v. **Motion: BB Vote:**
 1. Melissa: Vacant Board Spot: Ashley Walker
 - a. Second: Sarah
 - b. Unanimously approved
 - d. Recurring meeting date
 - i. Back to the third Tuesday of each month? Yes, except for December.
 - ii. Monday, 12/15 – next meeting
 - e. Forward planning

- i. Matt Kinder interested in President role; Sean and Matt are working together to smooth transition after elections in the Spring.
- 4. Vote to Approve October MM – will need to be conducted over email
- 5. Coaches Board: Andrew P.
 - a. No meeting since September; meeting 11/16 to do evaluation debrief
 - i. Evaluation;
 - 1. Boys side – went well with limited feedback received
 - b. Travel
 - i. No update
 - c. Warriors Travel
 - i. No update
 - d. Mites
 - i. Working on coaches for Mites
 - e. Board
 - i. Looking for someone to head up Mites on the Coaches Board for next year
 - ii. Goal: Try to create consistency and specialized roles within the board
 - f. Game Award Pucks (hat trick, etc)
 - i. Managers are tracking
 - g. Fortis and Skills:
 - i. Does CB want to keep it and continue to keep the dedicated ice time?
 - 1. Sounds like yes from prior conversations
- 6. Warriors Co-Op
 - a. Season going well
 - b. 15U – difficult process re: numbers and team formation with dynamics changing on a near-daily basis
 - c. 15U numbers will likely continue to be difficult to forecast, similar to JG and to some degree, Bantams.
 - i. Plan on not having Mound players at 15U as Mound HS JV is expected to take B players going forward
 - ii. Should have a plan the week of registration (June)
 - d. Request for consideration: by Angie
 - i. Play up – girls that have played up, choose to play down for one more year of 15U
 - ii. Play up policy – similar to the boys that once you play up you have to play up
 - 1. If you decide to play down – you play on the C team? (current boy policy)
 - iii. Check with D3 for overarching requirement
 - iv. Only 1 15U girl from Mound this year, and she's waived into Mound from another community.
 - v. Request: Co-Op would like to have the power to talk to other associations and be able to pull from other communities
 - vi. Would like to pull the 15U team from the Co-Op starting in the 2026-27 season
 - vii. Should we make a gesture to the Wayzata team who took Orono skaters?
- 7. Policy Goals:
 - a. Retention goals: keep members playing the game they love, at the appropriate level for their development.
 - b. Grievance Policy
 - i. Need to get it reviewed, approved, and posted
 - ii. Committee (7+ people), led by chair (Brandon)
 - iii. 3 or 4 non-conflicted committee members make up a grievance panel
 - iv. Look at USA hockey Bylaw 10 (safe sport, suspensions)
 - c. Should every committee have a board member with a view of board goals
 - d. Handbook – should be created/updated

8. Treasury
 - a. **Motion BB Vote:** Sean motions to approve the OYHA tax filing
 - i. Second: Erika
 - ii. Unanimously approved
9. Manager of Managers (Joanna)
 - a. Everything going well
10. Ice Scheduling
 - a. Angie: bought more hours at PIC/Thaler
 - b. Look at Anderson Arena at St. Thomas to buy ice?
 - c. Sarah: make sure we are hitting mid-season goals
11. Charitable Gambling
 - a. **Motion BB Vote:** Sean motions to approve November expenditures
 - i. Second: Melissa
 - ii. Unanimously approved
 - b. Paid: \$10,000 to Morrison to offset ice purchase
 - c. Want to pay another \$5,000 to offset ice purchase
 - d. Hilltop – check that location for pull tabs
 - e. Birches – management and City of Long Lake would need to approve
12. Orono Rink Update:
 - a. Angie Request: Use membership email data to send updates
 - i. People opted into emails with register
13. ACE
 - a. Melissa: no real update
 - b. Question: can CB or BB reach out to high school to have youth/high school coaches
 - i. Compliance issue – what would high schoolers need to do
14. D3
 - a. Meeting on 11/12
 - b. Matt will update
15. High School
 - a. Pizza parties for Mites/Squirts
16. Morrison Arena Board/Pond/Thaler
 - a. New Rink conversations:
 - i. House closing 1/15/26
 - ii. Enough commitment to close on the home
 - iii. More \$ needed to tear down
 - iv. Then immediately transferred to school
17. Registration
 - a. No update
18. Fundraising
19. Sponsorships
 - a. Need one more team sponsorship
 - b. Chris – needs help putting sponsor label on social media
 - c. Run a sponsor a week
20. New Issues: Potential Rink (Sean)
 - a. Could we put an outdoor rink on the old OK Kids site
21. New Issue: Mite 4 scrimmage weekend (Joanna)
 - a. Tried to plan a weekend scrimmage in Mankato
 - b. Got denied by D3
 - c. Team wants to do some version of the trip
 - d. What actions should the board take?
 - e. Chris/Sean will reach out –

- i. Matt will get clarification from D3 if they can play on the way to Mankato
- ii. Find a place to play w/n the 45 mile radius on the way to Mankato
- iii. We as an association are not going to support coaches who go around D3 rules
- iv. This will jeopardize your ability to coach in Orono in the future

22. Adjourn:

a. 8:38