



## ORONO HOCKEY BOOSTERS, INC.

### MEETING MINUTES

This Meeting		Next Meeting		Minutes Prepared By:
July 16, 2024	6:00 PM	August 20, 2024	6:00 PM	Katie Hunsley

Attended By:

	Name	Role
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sean Rohland	President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Angie Erickson	Vice President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gina Hansen	ACE / D3 Representative
<input type="checkbox"/>	Katie Hunsley	Secretary
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Luke Beltnick	Treasurer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chris Henningsen	BB Member / Sponsorships
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Benoit	CB Liaison
<input type="checkbox"/>	Andrew Pillsbury	CB Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Caleb Lee	BB Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joana Tilli	BB Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kerry Minnich	BB Member / Legal Counsel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Erika Kringen	Gambling Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Britta McGuire	BB Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Peter Kolar	BB Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shep Harder	CB
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Todd Dulin	CB
<input type="checkbox"/>	Caleb Calaway	CB
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Danni Anderson	Registrar
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ashley Walker	Warriors Co-Op
<input type="checkbox"/>	Steven Festler	CB
<input type="checkbox"/>	Judd Stevens	CB
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brandon Johnson	Compliance Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tim Becker	CB

A summary of this meeting includes the following items:

**1. Call to Order 6:08 PM**

**2. Attendance**

- a. 12 members present
- b. Angie joined by phone at 7pm

**3. Coaches Board**

**a. VOTING ITEM #1 – Mite Evaluation Process**

- i. Tim: Objective – Mite 4 (eligible) players have the opportunity to make Mite 4 teams
  - 1. Option A (new skaters, prior year mite 1, and prior year mite 2. They all role forward. Some kids play two years at one level.
    - a. Adjustment: any kid that would be in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade but would otherwise be in mite 4 pool would automatically go into Mite 4 pool (they could skip a level in theory)
    - b. Numbers: approx. 53 kids on the ice, would need to move the number down to 28, so kids would start high and move low after 1<sup>st</sup> day of evaluations.
      - i. Must accept movement. Feels more like tryouts
    - c. Why limit mite 4 levels to 28?
    - d. Peter: why two teams, three teams, etc. at Mite 4?
    - e. Gina: why not more teams; why limit teams?
      - i. Because this is how other associations do this – top players on mite 4. Basically, a try out
      - ii. Why limit Mite 4 teams?
        - 1. Danny: who is skilled to play at Mite 4
  - 2. Option B
    - a. 90 kids that need a score from Andy.
    - b. Relocate kids to several different levels
    - c. Lots of movement, hard to track skaters
  - 3. Continued debate
    - a. Sean: no other associations put evaluations with prior team
    - b. Peter: why not put kids with grades and prior upper level
      - i. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and prior mite 4s
      - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and prior mite 3s
    - c. Danni: if we are the talking about a small number of kids why not just make it aged based
  - 4. Belief is the opportunity to be seen, not misplacement
  - 5. Motion:
    - a. Britta 1<sup>st</sup>
    - b. Tim – 2<sup>nd</sup>
      - i. Option A – 9 votes

1. No limit on number of teams at each level (e.g. as many mite 4 teams as skill levels dictate)
- ii. Option B – 7 votes
- c. Coaches board must provide a statement that they will be conscientious about how coaches are picked and named

**b. VOTING ITEM #2 – In Season Skills (Fortis SQ/PW, Blaylock/Tearse/Albers for Bantams)**

- i. Tim Becker:
  1. Spent time with Fortis; want to bring them in for on-ice skills training in place of Fish; not sure how jazzed new head coach will be.
  2. Looking for an on-ice skills provider
  3. Bantams – have started voluntarily using Andy for on ice skating instructions
  4. The contract is flexible – pay them for the time they come. Have a schedule and a budget.
  5. They also offer leadership and parent seminars
    - a. Mite and Travel
    - b. Leadership - Bantams and Peewee
      - i. Coaches pick out players (20 from squirt and 20 from peewee. Kids go through this leadership training)
    - c. Pins: each team could pay the \$300 for Pins
    - d. On ice skating (in season)
      - i. What about the Bantam teams?
        1. Leadership and skating techniques
        2. Not all bantam skaters have been asked to participate in the Skater's Edge program
  6. Fortis: 2-3 hour blocks for skills (in season training)
    - a. Why not all three levels
      - i. Bantam group has a certain set of needs different than Peeweers or Squirts
  7. Motion:
    - a. 1<sup>st</sup> – Tim Becker
    - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jennifer Benoit

**4. District 3 Updates / ACE Updates**

- a. Gina: gave update
- b. **VOTING ITEM #3 – Mound Bantam accommodations**
  - i. Motion
    1. Britta – wait until August then vote
    2. Caleb – doesn't agree, Angie doesn't agree

- ii. There wasn't much support for letting Mound Bantam players level-waiver over to Orono OR letting all of Mound Bantam players to register and play at Orono this year.
- iii. We discussed looking at our Bantam numbers after registration and then potentially opening the door for players cut from Mound to continue playing on our C team. This is assuming that Mound has Bantam A players that level-waiver somewhere, leading them to field just one Bantam team and make some cuts to contain the team size.
- iv. If the numbers aren't ideal and would lead to a large Orono C team (and therefore a less-than-desirable experience for our own players) we wouldn't do it.

## 5. Charitable Gambling

- a. Got conditional approval to apply for the premise permit within the city (because Buck's is not yet up and running). We also have conditional approval for the state. City must come first.
  - i. Bucks: needed liquor license and to be open.
    - 1. Soft opening in Sept.
- b. Once we submit to the state, takes 3-6 months to review.
- c. Next step: give application to City and State for holding once Buck's is up and running, we will have the permits ready.
- d. Planning on behind the bar stand with Bucks.
- e. Goal: be at City Council on 8/6
  - i. Get approved on the 8/6 at meeting or Bucks gets liquor license by 8/6 and then we get approved on 9/1.
    - 1. Long lakes will take 10% of net.
    - 2. Bar operation – 20% net goes to the establishment
    - 3. Both operation: max rent \$1750 to the establishment; association has to staff paid employees

## 6. Co-Op

- a. Britta:
  - i. Good meeting last week, waiting for Orono registration to close. Mound is looking to cut a team (likely) at all three levels due to low numbers
  - ii. Virtual meeting to interview a second paid coach for 12A
  - iii. Do we want to allow girl skaters to do pre-skate sessions on both boys and girls to get the feel for both sides (boys/girls)
    - 1. Gina – do we want to make it easier for parents to straddle switching teams between girls and boys?
      - a. Consensus was no.

## 7. Treasury

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> issue:
  - i. Emailed Ex. Committee regarding excess cash; \$300k looking to invest \$ in other places.

- ii. Service will take extra cash, routes it to FDIC accounts in banks
- iii. 4.5% interest rates
- iv. Motion to open an account with the American Deposit Management Co.
  - 1. Peter Kohler – 1st
  - 2. Britta - 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - 3. Passed unanimously
- v. Luke and Angie would stay on the account for investment purposes
- vi. Luke will be the only person who needs to review the funds to avoid hassle.

**b. 2<sup>nd</sup> issue:**

- i. Do we want a policy to address volunteer hours for coaching at all levels, mites to travel.
- ii. Travel team: 4 coaches get dibs
- iii. Mites: what does the coaches board feel the right number?
  - 1. What about mite coaches who coach multiple levels
- iv. We have enough dibs to go around.
  - 1. D3 Tournament; concessions stand hours
  - 2. Clock credit will include running the clock at the D3 tournament
  - 3. Or: maybe try to pay a high school kid to run the clock during D3 tournament.
  - 4. Scholarship beneficiaries must volunteer at the D3 tournament.
  - 5. Check in mid-season to make sure the coaches who are rostered are showing up and getting dibs appropriately. Maybe be a level lead can do that work
- v. We need language on the website
  - 1. Travel - one coach covers all players
  - 2. Mites – 7 hours per team

**c. Follow up to questions at meeting:**

- i. Cash will be moved / kept at FDIC insured accounts below the \$250K insurance cap. We will have a portal to see where our cash is and the balance at each bank.
- ii. ADM has regulatory oversight as they provide this same service for municipalities and schools.
- iii. There is no minimum balance we need. In any month if the average balance is below \$25K we just won't receive any interest.
- iv. The time to move cash back to our Mid Country bank account is one-to-two business days.

**8. Registration – Numbers to date:**

- a. Mites – 89
- b. Spartan Traveling – 144
- c. Junior Gold – 1
- d. Warriors U6 U8 – 50
- e. Warriors Traveling – 34
- f. Warriors U15 – 17

- g. Goalie Training – 22
- h. Coaches – 25
- i. Managers / Volunteers – 9

**9. Fundraising**

- a. Jerseys: Chris
  - i. 10 out of 14 for \$1500 jersey
  - ii. 9 out of 20 – Mite \$600

**Adjourn 9:30 PM**

 01/17/2025  
Sean Rohland                      Date  
President  
Orono Hockey Boosters, Inc.