

Annual Board Meeting March 23, 2026

Bring Meeting to Order 7:06 pm Motion Rachel Paavola, Second Brent Martfeld

Not Present – Brett Nagel, Jessica Ness, Adam Skillings, Lindsay Edwards, Tom Garin

-Approve meeting minutes for February Becky Parlin motioned and Sarah Skillings 2nd. Motion Carries.

-Vote on goalie training cost \$3,450.00 Ken Fritz motion, Heather Naegele Second. Motion Carries.

-Girls Director: Unknown what coop plan is for next season. When we get the cost make sure only half of Faith's uniform is charged as she only received half and they didn't do the enhanced goal training so it shouldn't be billed as that.

-Donation request: Senior All Night Party – looking for a small donation towards baskets, which all Seniors get a basket. It is a 501C7 for the senior class. Needs to be turned in by April 30th. Brent Martfeld motioned for \$500, Shannon Schmelling second. Motion Carries.

-Presidents Report: Talked about teams successes and accomplishments. Continued jersey praise. Arena progress stalled due to grant work. D10 didn't meet last month.

-Talked about the 10% tax on gambling profits. And how the meeting with the Mayor with it. City of North Branch is willing to partner with us more on all things.

-Coaching Director: Lots of parents want to be involved, will become more difficult to select coaches in the future. No bench minors or ejections of head coaches during the season. Bantam coach received lots of praise and he also enjoyed doing it. Hopefully we can continue to have a non-parent head coach at bantam level.

-Vice President – Locker room policy was good. Need more work on Bylaws this coming year.

-Registrar – No updates

-Ice Director: Ice time down a little this year do to only 1 Squirt team versus 2. Talk about the struggle to get ice and weeknight ice specifically.

-Treasurer Report: Got QuickBooks up and running this year to track things better.

-Mite Director: Mitey Mites showed great improvement. Thinks retention will be good for next season. Hoping to increase the mitey Vikings number next year. Need more coaches at the Mitey Vikings level. Applied for a MN Wild grant up to \$50k won't know until May. Has more ideas about the outdoor rink. Would like to build benches and do an outdoor jamboree next year. Also want to paint the outside of the boards as well to help with ice melting. Could have dibs during the summer to do these improvements. Wants to talk about HEP evaluations. Mite rosters need to be in by 11-14-26. Just need a better flow for season and timing of things. Also talked about doing a HEP eval at the end of the season too. Forest Lake emailed about doing a coop on a spring/summer learn to skates, would want help with providing gear to the mites during that event.

-Fundraising: Dickey's \$311 made from that fundraiser. Overall made \$33,334.41 via fundraising this season. A little under last year. Already have 1 sponsor for this coming season.

-Apparel: Becky looking to shop a different vendor next year. Doesn't want to raise prices, but ran into issues with current supplier. Has extra hoodies available for raffle or give away in youth sizes both red and black.

-Recruiting: Be prepared to get in community ed early. It is due in like July sometime. Need to get things lined up sooner.

-Arena Update: Email was sent about the donation from Gambling account to the arena so we don't have to pay more taxes on it. Think is it important to get the temp furnace replaced out. In floor heat ~\$143k, forced air ~\$243k, plus concrete slab of ~\$24k, would also need privacy fence you in around the equipment.

Motion from Rachel Paavola to move \$200k pending confirmation from Accountant to general fund to go to Apex for HVAC at the arena and Brent Martfeld seconds. Motion carries.

-SafeSport: Quiet year, no incidents.

-Brett Nagel sent his formal resignation to Jason and Brooke. Need to appoint the secretary role. Rachel nominated Shannon, Brooke seconded the nomination. Shannon Schmeling is the secretary for the remaining year in the term, then it will be up for election.

Board Members leaving their positions:

Jason Zerwas 9 years as president, thanks for your service.

Rachel Paavola in many different roles, thanks for your service.

Brent Martfeld also thanks for service.

-Election Results:

President: Ken Fritz

Treasurer: Terra Waters

Registrar: Jessica Ness

Fundraising Director: Sarah Skillings

Coaching Director: Luke Hamann

Mite Director: Mike Rundle

Ice Director: Sarah Skillings 9 votes Lindsay Edwards 3 votes

Girl's Director: Jessica Carlson/Erin Schmidt

Volunteer & Ice Coordinator: Alex Kass

Goalie Coordinator: Matt Grubb

Apparel & Uniform Coordinator: Becky Parlin

Recruitment Coordinator: Eric Boldt

SafeSport Coordinator: Michelle Troxell

Webmaster: Josh DeSmet

Arena Manager: Jason Zerwas

-Discussion on Ice Scheduler. Sarah Skillings won Fundraising Director with more votes then she had for Ice Director. Will reach out to Lindsay Edwards on Ice Director role. If she declines the role then we will ask for volunteers at April board meeting and appoint an Ice Director at that time.

-End meeting at 9 PM – Becky Parlin motioned and Brooke Robinson Second. Motion Carries.