

Ely Blue Line Club September Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026, 5pm, Grand Ely Lodge

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 5:03pm

ROLL CALL: Jackie B, Kevin N, Amy K, Scott K, Jackie R, Andrea G, Sam B, Tara S, Mataya U, Jeremy P, Allie P, Erin M

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: Open house recap, locker room dedication, shootout corner

Deletion- payroll is listed double on agenda

Locker Room Dedication- last year we approved a plaque for Scott Olson, dedicating the referee locker room- planning to have it announced at the first HS home game, have a plaque made for outside of the ref room and name the room. Possibly have PR's to push to have their teams at dedication in their jersey. Maybe talk to the school to give free admission to players. Amy and Mataya will take on. Motion by Sam for up to \$150 for plaque, second by Tara- no opposition.

Open House Recap- hoping for 2-3 new families and possibly 1 returning for NER. Ely had 2 that are hopeful, Andrea was at Tower open house.

Shootout corner- Scott has some tiles, will need a large net, and has a tarp. Table for Oct.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY/AUGUST MEETING:

Update end of early bird registration is listed on last month as 9/13, but our website and flyers say 9/9, decided to keep at 9/13- motion by Tara, second by Rachael- no opposition

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: Scott just deposited several checks yesterday, sponsorships are coming in. Checking is coming up, nothing moved from savings lately. \$40k is still in CD until December. The current

statement shows registration income, which includes jerseys. Question about last year's end of season gifts to not exceed \$20 per skater. Motion by Rachael, second by Jeremy- no opposition.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Scott- taxes are done, Scott needs to sign and possibly Joseph as he was president at the time, then will submit to the state. Scott will print if needed. The tax lady did re-code some of the items for checks and balances, and will try to have it at the next meeting. Quickbooks- looked into, can get different subscriptions with Tech Soup, but already have quickbooks, currently paying \$800 for year, \$50 per month for payroll, current subscription is through March. Tech Soup does not do payroll. Scott will continue to check into it while we're in our current subscription.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Rachael- wants to clarify the tournament cost for Game Sheet- any tournament we host will cost \$9 or \$9.50 per game for the tournament, and also any regular season game we host will be \$9 per game, squirt level and up.

Mark from District 12- also reiterated that no adult should be in the locker room without having safe sport for squirt and higher.

Mouthguards- squirt and higher need colored, non clear that is tethered to helmet which covers remaining teeth to cover one jaw (usually upper jaw). Reminder to all to do safe sport.

Game cancellation policy- our home teams need to confirm with the visiting team one week prior to the game. Cancellation must be within 24 hours of time, unless inclement weather or team sickness. No shows will still pay for ice and referees and will forfeit, any team with no shows will be fined \$275, paid to District 12 within 7 days, \$200 being paid to the home team.

Any team planning or district, regions and state must play each team in the tournament twice in the regular season to advance. 9/22 is the scheduling meeting for PR to schedule games for the regular season for squirts and higher.

We have not yet received a high school game schedule, however, HS will be out of town the weekend of the M/MM Howler.

COACHES REPORT: Kevin- not much new right now, still looking for lead on MM group and assistant. Jackie and Sam gave Kevin a couple names of potential new MM kids who's parents will possibly help. Mites are covered, Squirts are covered. PW fine, Bantams still have only head coach, might have a lead on some friends possibly. Amy mentioned checking with Cody Bialik to assist at Bantam. Worst case Jeremy Engen said he'll assist if needed for Bantam. Possibly put an ad in the paper looking for coaches. Rachael will ask Ezra Chamberlin for LTS. Tara will put the ad in the paper, and will be putting an ad for arena helper.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

WATER FOUNTAIN UPDATE: Kevin spoke with Aaron Jussila and he said it should be installed prior to hockey starting. We did receive \$500 from Ely TD club to go towards the cost of the new water bottle station.

QUICKBOOKS UPGRADE: See info in Treasurer's Report

SCHEDULE: April not at the meeting. Kevin said they've been talking to the coaches for needs & wants for ice time.

ARENA CLEAN UP DAY: Kevin checked with Terry, date is 9/26, starting around 8-4pm. Terry will chat with Tim Leeson tomorrow for construction completion updates. Alternate date is following Saturday, 10/3. We can send an immediate email response when registering skaters to include upcoming dates.

PARENT MEETING: 9/23- M/MM 6pm, Sq-B 7pm. Will have printed fact sheets for fundraising and volunteer policy, and parent reps will have sheets for their levels.

GEAR SWAP AT PARENT MEETING: Erin- have a donation box set up ahead of time to collect, and have tables set up to swap on clean up day. Clean, lightly used gear. Allie will include in email.

ARENA STAFF POSITIONS POSTED: Tara- staff is Terry and has been in contact, Dave will assist as needed- happy to help as needed but is enjoying retirement, he's happy to help but happy to give his hours up. Trevin is interested in coming back, Terry also has a back up if needed- she can assist. Assistants traditionally get up to 20 hours for season, Dave last year had closer to 60 hours with Trevin not working as much, hosting additional tournaments and Terry got sick.

ARENA STAFF WAGES REVIEW: Terry currently making \$20/hour salary, with an increase last year. Assistant currently at \$15/hour. Traditional 3% increase would be \$.60 increase for Terry and \$.45 increase for assistants. COLA increases are generally 4%. Motion to increase hourly pay by \$1/hour for all current arena staff, keeping new hires at \$15/hour. Motion by Rachael, second Sam, no opposition.

ARENA STAFF POSITION INTERVIEWS: table

PICTURE DAY SETUP: November 17th done by Tara Kay
Photography. Will need to inform the HS coach to change ice time that day.
4-4:30 Bantams
4:30-5 PW
5- 5:30 S
5:30- 6 M
6-6:30 MM

NEW BUSINESS:

FUNDRAISERS- PIES, RAFFLE TICKETS & BLANKETS: Leena getting pie forms printed for parent meeting, along with fact sheet, Blankets- Mataya & Amy- checked with Leena- Teamthrows and Fundraiser Blankets, which make a profit- one requires 75 order min, other 100 minimum, thin blankets. Or should we do it through Letterman Sports for the 50th anniversary blankets that are better quality.

MEAT RAFFLE POSSIBILITY: ask Leena to reach out to Jeannie at Zaverl's for possible dates for the meat raffle.

BABBITT ARENA POSSIBILITIES: Discussed current rough draft of schedule to decide on either 3 or 4 days/week having one hour practice in Babbitt. Decided to go with 3 hours/week to start and can adjust if needed. Jackie and April will go to the Babbitt Rec Committee meeting to discuss this. Will also ask for permission to put up a sign or banner similar to “home of Ely Wolves Hockey” to make it feel more like a home rink for hockey.

UPDATE CONCESSIONS APPLE SQUARE ACCOUNT: needs to be updated prior to 10/1 to remove Mandi Mattila as accountholder and then assign to general account. Scott and Jackie R need to be involved in this change.

TOURNAMENT UPDATES & DECISIONS: PW currently has Moose Lake, l’Falls, RR and Ely, with one other team pending. Squirts currently have no teams signed up. M & MM isn’t full yet either. There’s not a HS game during that weekend to work around, so we could possibly add two more games for minis. Motion by Jackie B second by Tara to only host M&MM Howler, and not do Squirt and PW Howler this year with low to no current interest, and it will dramatically lessen the volunteer hours needed. Regions- will get \$1600 per team coming to regions, guaranteed number of teams, if Ely makes it to Regions, we do not have to pay since we’re hosting. We do not have to do gate fee as it’s included in the teams fee, which will lessen volunteer hours that weekend.

BOARD MEMBERS VOLUNTEER HOURS & CONCESSIONS SHIFTS: With getting rid of mandatory shifts this year, what will we require. If we require the non-executive board to work a mandatory 3 hour shift, whether HS concessions or open skate concessions. With switching back to hours from shifts. Motion by Rachael, second by Tara- no opposition.

JERSEYS & PATCHES: Registration has to close by 10/1. Adding a stop sign for all new jerseys. One thought was to add a 50 year patch to offer- will look at options. Table for next month.

SKATE UP REQUEST: Currently have one request, pending all the required documents needed. Table for a TR vote or next month.

SET PAYROLL/HOURLY RATES FOR ARENA MANAGERS:
Approved to increase Terry to \$21/hour; returning staff increase to \$16/hour; new hires start at \$15/hour- see Arena Staff Wages Review.

SCHOOL CONTRACT: in current discussion with school, trying to set meeting with school, table

ANNUAL TASK CALENDAR- SEPTEMBER:

ARENA STAFF HIRED (W4, I9, NEW HIRE REPORT, QB ENTRIES):
Currently being working on.

RINK FEES/AGREEMENTS FOR CHIX/RUSTY'S & HOURLY: Scott will send reminders

RINK SET UP (LIVEBARN & SQUARE): Terry works on Livebarn with Tim

SPONSORSHIP FOR ARENA/RENEWAL LETTERS: Tara- letters went out, some coming in already.

ARENA CLEAN UP DAY: currently set for 9/26 8am-4pm

SEASON KICK OFF EVENT: table for Oct.

TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE PREPARATION: Sam & Mataya working on it

ANNUAL TASK CALENDAR- OCTOBER:

ARENA STAFF TRAINING:

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING/TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEER SHIFTS:

SET PAY FOR OFFICIALS:

CORRESPONDENCE: We got Honorable Mention for July 4th parade, winning \$100 in Chamber bucks, and also received a \$100 check from PMD parade for Neighborhood award.

NEXT MEETING: October 7th, 5pm @ GEL

ADJOURN: 7:11pm