

Ely Blue Line January Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 7th 2026, 5pm, Grand Ely Lodge

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 5:00pm

ROLL CALL: Tara S, Leena M, Jeremy P, Jackie B, Amy K, Rachael T, Sam B, Kevin N, Allie P, Scott K, Jessica M, Sandy K, Jackie R

JANUARY CASH CALENDAR DRAWING: \$500 winner Scott Marwick, \$250 winner Catharine Williams, \$100 winner Emily Forsman.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: Ref room dedication, flower arrangement for Scott's funeral- see correspondence for both added items.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES: motion by Jeremy, second by Jessica- no opposition

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: Scott- money coming in, money going out, CD still there until mature date, raffle money starting to come in, concessions has been busy, tournament checks have been received. Sent out bigger invoices for apparel & such. Update- paid leave started in January- ½ & ½ with Blueline and employee contributions. Pulsar did come through on advertisement. Motion to approve by Sam B, second by Tara S- no opposition

TREASURER'S REPORT: Scott- completing work comp so we can have rates.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Joseph not at the meeting, nothing to report

COACHES REPORT: Kevin- everyone is good with certifications by the deadline with coaches and USA Hockey. Helper TJ is not able to help this season after all. Nothing to report otherwise.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BOARD MEMBER ROLES & VOLUNTEER HOURS: Question- is it possible to add all the DIBS shifts so more can sign up? Tara will reach out to those on the list who need to complete hours before the end of Jan to avoid having the first check cashed. Jackie B will contact Mary with an updated list, and remind Mary to keep posting updates to TR pages on open shifts that need filled.

OPEN FORUM:

NEW BUSINESS:

EMERGENCY RESPONSE/EVACUATION PLAN: Joseph absent, incident at school with fire alarm going off- Sam will contact Tim Leeson at the school for school's plan as the arena is part of the school grounds, and John Kannas with hospital if one is needed.

HOWLER UPDATE/NEEDS: Allie- all DIBS for Squirt tournament is full for this weekend. In ok shape, trophies and pucks are here. HS kids that were in a club to work squirt concessions are not available, Chelsea Blomberg is working for the kids, still have open concession spots for tournament weekend- will get PR's to post on TR pages to try and fill. Thursday afternoon around 3pm those that can meet at Zups to grab the items to fill bags at the arena around 5pm. Allie wants permission to purchase arena crew- Terry, Dave & Trevon a Howler sweatshirt saying STAFF on back for Howler weekends- motion made by Sam B, second by Jeremy- no opposition- Allie will get sweatshirts for arena crew. For Districts- raffle items as well, need admission tables as well, possibly purchase mini sticks to enter for doing food donation for Ely Food Shelf. Jessica can make flyers for this when Allie has all the info from the food shelf. \$1600 in game sponsorships alone. 47 raffle items to split between tournaments.

ARENA RENTAL OPTIONS: Sam questioning during Christmas break from people who were interested in renting ice time for private use. There is a form at the arena that is in Terry's office.

APPAREL UPDATE: Amy will check tomorrow to make sure all orders have been delivered, all orders came in from the December order. Second order is still open now until 1/11 to then be delivered in February. Coaches and arena staff Dave got their jackets, as well as concessions. Stewart's Shop in Duluth (next to Heritage Arena & Clyde Iron Works) is now fully stocked for hockey also, willing to set up an account next year for discounts for teams and coaches.

SPONSORSHIP UPDATE: Tara- sponsorships are done, all but one sign is up- came in at \$13,450 for this season. If everyone renews next season the new total will be \$15,525.

ANNUAL TASK CALENDAR- JANUARY:

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autorenewed, good now until 2027

CREATE END OF YEAR BANQUET PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Kevin will reach out to Nicole Udovich 3/24, 3/31 or 4/7- March 24th is first choice- once date is set, will let PR's know.

UPDATE FAMILIES ON VOLUNTEER HOURS:

CREATE NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Nomination committee should include board & non-board members- should be five members- three board members and two non-board members. One thought is to have an executive board member lead the committee that isn't up for re-election- say President or VP would lead depending on who is not up for re-election. Create new email for jotform to set up for nominations as it's currently under the Howler, might run into too many form submissions with Howlers and nominations, so Tara will create email or jotform and head the committee. Sandy is willing to help, and hopefully Nikki Engen. Amy Kromer offered to help as well.

ANNUAL TASK CALENDAR- FEBRUARY:

OPEN BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS POSTED:

SKATE UP INVITATIONS DETERMINED: Mites are so small, having a hard time with actual practice with not enough kids- will try to blend ice time with Squirts to try and have some hockey practice to learn skills as well as skating with MM to have fluidity for practice. 2nd year squirts possibly skate up at end of season- depending on when PW's are closer to districts or regions - when seasons are wrapping up can plan to have 2nd years move up.

END OF YEAR SKILL CLINIC PREPARATIONS: Jeremy will contact Billy & Kayla Foy to see if they're interested in hosting the event.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Referee DJ wanted to thank everyone for the flowers from his mom's passing.

Send arrangement for referee Scott Olson: Red & white flowers not more than \$50 total with tax & delivery and a \$100 gift card to GEL, Sandy will get both for the funeral this weekend.

Ref room dedication: Amy- DJ called Amy after the weekend- Angie Olson still does announcing and books for HS games, Scott reffed for many years. Possibly put a plaque in honor of Scott or name the referee locker room in his honor. Start wheels in motion for a plaque for the first home game next fall, will speak to Angie prior to this for her approval.

Little Caesar pizza fundraiser: usually make between \$1000-1500 for easy fundraiser, will keep it this winter, Leena will set up and get information out.

Jessica scheduled PW games out of district area- games next weekend in the cities- those areas charge teams for refs, and will have parents cover.

NEXT MEETING: Feb 4th 5pm GEL

ADJOURN: 6:18pm- motion by Tara, second by Jackie B- no opposition