

Ely Blue Line May Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 6th, 2026, 5pm Grand Ely Lodge

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 5:04pm

ROLL CALL: Mataya U, Amy K, Rachael T, Tara S, Jackie R, Kevin N, Jackie B, Samantha B, Allie P, Sandy K, Mary F, Jeremy P, Erin M,

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: apparel- Amy had to leave before we could get to this on agenda.

APPROVAL OF APRIL MEETING MINUTES: table for next month- Jackie B forgot to post to TR page for everyone to review prior to meeting.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: Scott not at meeting, table for June meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT: Done paying bond payment to school, we have fulfilled the obligation. Transferred \$5k from savings to checking to cover tournaments that our teams are signing up for. In general the board has questions with the treasurers report so will table for next month, will look at who can help with creating a budget for the upcoming season.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Joseph not present at meeting, sent a message- tentative dates next season-

Districts February 19-21

Regions March 5-7th

State March 19-21

COACHES REPORT: Kevin- not much new right now, hoping coaches will come back next season, should also start working on that now with being able to sign up for tournaments for next season.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

WATER FOUNTAINS: Kevin got prices for water fountains- WN Plumbing for two water bottle filling fountains. \$4900 for two back fountains with water bottle filler (which are \$2400 each) with \$100 misc fees and labor free of charge. Quote for front water fountain next to concession stand \$2600- does not include demo or wall patch work. Look at getting a grant through Essentia (Sandy) or asking the Football Booster to help pitch in to cover the cost. Can cut the front water fountain if necessary for now and look at adding later on. Will table until we hear back from the grant application and FB Boosters Club.

CROSSBAR: \$695 for season, a little cheaper than SportsEngine. In the process of switching, domain name will not change. Training session for every position that will need to access/manage the site.

NEW BUSINESS:

ARENA REPAIRS UPDATE: Allie- athletic facilities repairs- bids went out, all quotes came back extremely high- reworking what is being done- exterior of arena was eliminated, no roof or gutters, so will only do cement work heater in locker room hallway. How can we bridge the gap with the school for better communication for additional funding for the arena? What can be the next step for ADA accessibility?

HOME TOURNAMENTS: Allie- should we continue to host additional tournaments? One idea is to have one home tournament each month- PW in Dec 18-20, Jan 15-17 for Squirts, M/MM Feb 6-7. Districts Feb 19-21 if we host districts. Or- do M/MM and either squirt or PW and not all three for Howler. Look at adding raffles for tournaments to the fundraising coordinator to give volunteer credit.

SURVEY RESPONSES: not much feedback, volunteer requirements want less, frustrated on travel requirements and all said yes for continuing to host tournaments.

INCENTIVES TO INCREASE NUMBERS: Jeremy- teams are lean going into next season. What solutions can we do to increase numbers?

Some ideas are too much travel, not enough travel- too many games and sometimes not enough games. We need to find balance. A lot is the stigma of the sport, how can we better educate the families on hockey. Maybe include on registration flyers of when games and practice. Is less more with the young level? Family based sport, and support for helping each other. A social media blast to show support of what we offer. Continue with listing honor roll students on FB also. List other successes as well.

FREE GEAR RENTAL: Free rental for M & MM levels- motion made by Sam, second by Jackie B- no opposition. If at a higher level, can do case by case or scholarship option.

CLARIFICATION ON ROLES & MEETING ATTENDANCE: Tara has bylaws- voting board members need to attend, if miss more than 3 consecutive meetings then can be replaced. Sometimes taking positions to get out of volunteer hours. Voting members need to attend meetings.

VOTING IN COORDINATORS- current candidates:

- Coach- Kevin Niskala
- Volunteer Coordinator- Hailey Donahue- table
- Arena Scheduler- Sara Fetyko, Nikki Engen, table
- Concessions- Jackie Ridings
- Tournament Coordinator- Allie Pace
- Assistant Tournament/jerseys/socks- Nicole Roy?
- Fundraising Coordinator- Leena Mickle
- Registrar- Nikki Engen/Jackie Bush
- Website- Mary Friedmeyer
- Referee Coordinator- Ryan Bush
- Sponsorship- Tara Shock
- Equipment- Andrea Gornick
- Safe Sport- April Basarich
- Apparel- table- Amy Kromer or Amanda Stevens or Nicole Roy

BUY OUT PRICES FOR VOLUNTEER: currently at \$500 for volunteer buyout. \$500 breaks down to \$9.25 per hour. Look at increasing buyout, or changing back to hours versus shifts.

RECEIVE TWO CHECKS FROM ALL FAMILIES REGARDLESS OF BOARD POSITION: for volunteer hours, no matter- if not fulfilling position or duties and knowing not coming back next season.

ANNUAL TASK CALENDAR- MAY:

SECRETARY OF STATE ID RENEWED: Scott-

CREATE PARADE COMMITTEES: July 4th- no penalty box idea- been done too many times, family orientated or alumni- 50th anniversary of blueline club- generations of hockey- Tara, Mary, Sam
Peter Mitchell Days parade- 50 years of Blueline- Jackie B, Rachael

ANNUAL TASK CALENDAR- JUNE:

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING:

TEAM LEVELS DETERMINED- HOW MANY TEAMS PER LEVEL:

REGISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENT:

APPAREL ORDER CREATED, INCLUDING JERSEYS:

FUNDRAISING PLAN FOR UPCOMING SEASON:

RINK CONTRACT WITH ISD 696/CITY OF BABBITT:

VOTE IN MANAGERS/COORDINATORS FOR UPCOMING SEASON:

UPDATE DISTRICT 12 WITH NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

REVIEW POSTED BLUE LINE POLICIES- ASSIGN UPDATES TO COORDINATORS AS NEEDED:

REFEREE RATES DETERMINED AND FORM UPDATED:

CORRESPONDENCE:

NEXT MEETING: June 3rd- GEL

ADJOURN: 7:42pm