

Ely Blue Line February Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 4th, 2026, 5pm, Grand Ely Lodge

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 4:59pm

ROLL CALL: Leena M, Joseph C, Amy K, Allie P, Jackie B, Jackie R, Scott K, Tara S, Kevin N, Erin M, Sam B, Sandy K, Mary F, Jeremy P

FEBRUARY CASH CALENDAR DRAWINGS: \$500- Joe Thunstrom; \$250- Eric Urbas; \$100- Mark Zupancich

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: Update for ref room- apparel update

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MEETING MINUTES: Motion to approve by Sam, second by Tara- no opposition

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: Scott- noticed payroll is currently around \$20k right now, hours spread pretty good between Dave & Trevin. Paid for both goalie camps for the season. Raffle reimbursements from Venmo- not taking venmo payments for any raffle entries. \$40k was moved back to the checking account from the CD after 6months. Motion to approve by Tara, second by Sam- no opposition.

TREASURER'S REPORT: CD is hitting maturity on the 5th, currently received \$670.68 in interest for CD, if we keep it invested will renew at 3.71% until July 5th- last one was 4% for 5 months. We do not currently need to use the money that is in the CD. Motion to leave \$40k in CD for 5 more months- motion to approve Jackie B, second by Tara S- no opposition.

Raffle sales cannot be paid for with venmo- cash or check only. Reached out to the gambling board and refunded any payments made with Venmo and received cash payments for those.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Districts coming up, brackets are out and seedings should be out after this weekend.

COACHES REPORT: Not a lot- TJ is now approved through USA hockey and is helping the Bantam team. Some movement on the bantam team with kids moving to HS team.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

OPEN FORUM:

NEW BUSINESS:

HS VOLUNTEERING DISCUSSION: Sandy- question with number of volunteer hours needed, and HS families no longer having volunteering duties- maybe we can have HS parents/families helping. We can ask the HS families to help with possibly two shifts, or do the penalty box or goal judge to help out. Or have parents mention to each other to help out or just check DIBS and sign up. Or ask to add HS parents to email for requesting additional help. Possibly try and negotiate in the contract for next year to remove penalty box and goal judge positions for HS games, we'll keep concession shifts during HS games.

COACH OF THE YEAR: Jessica asking to either start doing it again or remove the plaque from the wall in the lobby. The last time we did coach of the year was Eric Urbas & Ryan Puzel a few years ago. Any nominations for this year? One nomination was John Kannas- Squirt coach, no opposition- Amy and Tara will update plaques. *Executive board reopened for further consideration as additional coaches were also nominated after the meeting was adjourned.*

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD- now taking nominations for volunteer of the year- have PR's let the executive board know names.

TOURNAMENT UPDATES AND REMAINING NEEDS: need 6 shifts yet for Babbitt on Sunday, one announcer shift Sat in Ely. Raffle shift on Sunday in Ely- for this weekend.

Districts- concessions and entry fee table shifts need to be entered for district weekend.

Squirt & PW Howler weekends went really smoothly- Excluding concessions & raffles for this weekend, currently over \$14k in profit- not including districts about \$3k minimum.

No alcohol in raffle baskets in school grounds, can be empty boxes for show or such.

One complaint for refs for each of the two weekends, one complaint for not having a female locker room- otherwise good feedback in general.

EMT DONATION FOR TOURNAMENTS: Had one EMT on site for all PW games- 21 hours for PW Howler and will need again for PW Districts- which will be 18 more hours for that weekend. Jackie B has not heard back yet from Dusty Moravitz (ambulance director) on if there is a charge for staffing EMT's or if we decide to donate to the Ely Area Ambulance Dept.- will wait to hear if Dusty replies or after the district tournament weekend.

ADDING ADULT W/ CONCESSION SHIFTS FOR HS CLUBS/GROUPS: Sat 9-12 concessions time for 2 spots this weekend, needed. ** move to unfinished business for next month so we know how much to donate for HS clubs for those that helped. **

SELLING VENDING MACHINE: Sam & Jackie R- mentioned to sell it, will not be using it as the Blueline. It's not getting used, can we sell it? If not gone by April- Sam will post it on marketplace for free.

PLAYER/PARENT EXPECTATIONS: Amy- John Kannas has had a lot on plate- squirt coach- possibly have parent meeting mid-season to revisit expectations- have at least a few parents at practice for when situations happen- whether injury or situation with coach, etc. PR has intervened in some cases with parents, not always resonating with the parent- parents not present at practices, coaches can only do so much,

cannot discipline, etc. Have a separate member approach the parent and say, the parent must be at practice, if getting pushback then find a new approach. Also, we need to get/stay ahead of it- set meetings with the coach, coaching coordinator, PR. Make it up to the coach if they need to sit the player for a period to hold accountability, and make parents be at practice.

****Add to December task calendar to perform mid-season code of conduct/expectations with parents & players. Add a mid-season coach meeting for reminder on code of conduct.**

CROSSBAR: Looking to replace Sports Engine with Crossbar for the next season- need to do prior to April. ****table for March meeting**** Most of the district is using Crossbar already.

ANNUAL TASK CALENDAR- FEBRUARY:

OPEN BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS POSTED: Tara is working on it, Tara is heading up the nomination committee. Thinking of setting as can either be on the nomination committee and doing volunteer hours- or doing a board position.

SKATE UP INVITATIONS DETERMINED: currently have 1 squirt that is practicing a little with PW, otherwise after season is over the 2nd years can potentially practice with next level higher.

END OF YEAR SKILLS CLINIC PREPARATIONS: Jeremy will text Billy & Kayla Foy

MARCH TASK CALENDAR- MARCH:

UPDATE FAMILIES ON THEIR VOLUNTEER HOURS: Mary is working on it.

UPDATE FAMILIES ON THEIR FUNDRAISING REQUIREMENTS:

ARENA STAFF END OF YEAR REVIEW:

END OF YEAR BANQUET/ANNUAL MEETING: March 24th at the GEL-

CORRESPONDENCE: Apparel- 2nd order came in, Amy will let Scott know what we made on it.

Ref room- Amy spoke with Angie Olson, she thought it was a great idea for next season to get a plaque for Scott's memory for the first home game of next year for HS season.

NEXT MEETING: March 4th, 5pm GEL

ADJOURN: 6:28pm