

Meeting Minutes: Orono Hockey Booster Club

Meeting Date: May 31, 2026

Meeting Time: 4:00 - 5:30pm

Location: Bucks Pub

Board Members Present: Dutch, Xochill, Mike, Connie, Spencer, and Maggie.

Meeting Call to order at 4:00 pm

1. Committee Leadership & Role Appointments

The board reviewed urgent vacancies and finalized procurement management for upcoming team apparel.

- Fundraising Chair: The position remains vacant. Due to the critical nature of seasonal planning, recruitment remains an immediate priority. The board approved an initiative to offer an incentive of reduced or waived player dues to secure a qualified volunteer candidate.
- Equipment Manager: Angie was formally appointed to the role. The board reviewed and approved the selection of the Waggle warmup suits for the upcoming season.

2. Financial & Seasonal Fundraising Strategy

The board restructured the player fundraising framework to offer families greater flexibility in meeting seasonal financial targets.

- Customizable Funding Menu: To meet the targeted financial assessment of approximately \$1,500 per player, the board approved a multi-option framework. Parents may fulfill this milestone through a combination of the annual Salt Sale, the Snap! Raise digital platform, Media Guide corporate sponsorships, or direct personal contributions.

4. Captains' Practice Coordination & Coaching Alignment

The board evaluated historical ice allocations (totaling 39 hours last season) and reviewed vendor proposals to finalize the upcoming training structure.

- Ice Availability: Inquiries are underway with arena management to determine structural limitations and verify if scheduling ice times beyond two sessions per week is feasible.
- Training Vendor Review: The board is gathering comprehensive pricing and staffing proposals from multiple local alternatives, including:
 - *Fortis*: Evaluated a multi-coach on-ice program at an approximate projection of \$18,000.
 - *East Hockey*: Pending proposal collection and review.
 - *Independent Coaching Options*: Gathering availability from independent regional coaches, with rates projected at \$100 per hour.
- Staff Finalization: All independent coaching options will be cross-referenced with the Head Coach for final approval. Once all vendor data is collected, the board will vote to activate the program and route the finalized logistics through the Head Coach for confirmation.

5. Event Nights & Community Engagement

The board initiated planning for seasonal milestone events to enhance the player and family experience.

- Senior Night: Formally recommended scheduling this event during a high-profile Friday or Saturday home game window.
- Parent-Athlete Recognition: Initiated plans to restructure and modernize the traditional parent/son recognition night to improve engagement and community experience.
- Team Dinners: family volunteers to host player pasta dinner events.
- Master Schedule Review: Updates are being integrated into the master event document. The finalized schedule will be routed to the Head Coach, Athletic Director, and arena management for administrative clearance.

6. Travel & Tournament Logistics

Logistical details were refined for the upcoming trip to East Grand Forks.

- Lodging & Transit: Negotiations are underway to secure a team block at the AmericInn. The master operating budget will be updated to absorb a two-night allocation for team bus transit and hotel rooms.
- Ice Logistics: Clarifications are being routed to the coaching staff to verify administrative ownership of the East Grand Forks morning pre-game skate ice

rental (Booster-managed vs. District-managed) and to finalize the preferred skate time.

7. Adjournment

- Next Meeting: Scheduled for 6/22/2026 at 4:00 at Red Rooster.
 - Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.
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