

Meeting Minutes: OHS Boys Hockey Booster Club

Meeting Date: August 17, 2026

Meeting Time: 6:00-7:30

Location: *Red Rooster*

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

Meeting Call to order at 6:00 PM

1. Captains' Practice Coordination & Registration

The board finalized seasonal registration parameters and reviewed budget impacts stemming from extended pre-season training.

- Pricing & Deficit Funding: Registration fees will remain fixed at \$545, despite an extra week added to the schedule prior to tryouts. The Booster Club board approved funding the resulting \$2,200 deficit (\$2,000 for ice time and \$200 for coaching).
- Registration Portals:
 - The registration and payment portal is being established in Crossbar.
 - A broad broadcast email containing the link will be sent to all parents.

2. Financial & Player Contribution Tracking

The board reviewed oversight mechanisms for managing mandatory individual player fundraising milestones.

- Contribution Management: A shared spreadsheet has been created to track each player's progress toward the required \$1,500 contribution.
- Oversight Roles: Dedicated committee members have been assigned to monitor specific funding categories, including general payments, the Salt Sale, Media Guide Ads, and personal buyouts.

3. Facilities, Logistics & Post-Tryout Planning

The board initiated structural planning for post-tryout team events and arena-specific upgrades.

- Locker Room Reveal: The coaching staff must choose between a two-wave reveal (Wave 1: immediate reveal without player details; Wave 2: adding names/numbers later) or a single comprehensive reveal one week after tryouts. Committee members will send these options to the coach and verify with the jersey vendor if name-printing can be executed within 3 business days.
- Morrison Sound System: The arena sound system requires structural improvements. A \$2,200 unit has been identified, and the board will propose splitting the total equipment cost equally with the Girls' Hockey program.
- Water Bottle Inventory: Missing team water game bottles will be replaced. The equipment team will order the necessary inventory and route the final invoice to the Treasurer to update the master budget.

4. Media, Photography & Special Event Nights

The board established tentative timelines for team media guides, photography sessions, and seasonal theme nights.

- Team Photos: Tentatively scheduled for November 24th at 4:00 PM.
- Media Guide Game Coverage: The following regular-season games are locked in for dedicated photography and Media Guide features:
 - Nov 28: Home vs. Hutchinson (Primary Media Guide focus)
 - Dec 12: Home vs. Delano
 - Jan 2: Away vs. BSM
 - Jan 9: Home vs. Mound (Youth Night)
 - Jan 21: Away vs. Minneapolis
 - Jan 29: Home vs. Blake (Parents' Night)
 - Feb 20: Home vs. Chanhassen (Senior Night)
- Postseason & Alternative Events: The committee will select three additional dates from a pool of event options, including a Pancake Breakfast, Parent-Player Night at Woodhill (Feb 6), and a coach-led fun practice. The finalized schedule will be sent to the photographer to lock in dates.

5. Fundraising, Sponsorships & Community Engagement

The board evaluated active corporate sponsorships, community restaurant partnerships, and independent player merchandise initiatives.

- Media Guide Corporate Sponsorships: The program is currently \$2,200 short of its baseline target goal of \$6,725. Reaching this baseline is highly probable if at least half of the remaining unconfirmed business contacts commit to a sponsorship package. A general trend indicates that several returning high-tier sponsors are scaling back to smaller packages this season. However, growth continues with the acquisition of two notable new sponsors: Chevy of Delano and Red Cow in Wayzata.
- Bag Sponsors: The program has secured one corporate sponsor (Morgan Stanley) out of a targeted four. It remains to be determined exactly how these specific placements integrate into the core operating budget; because these funds fall outside the initial baseline, they currently serve as an extra help surplus. The hard deadline to close sponsorships for patch printing is September 15.
- Youth Association Contribution: A formal grant proposal for player gloves and bags was submitted to the Youth Hockey Board for review. If approved, this will inject an unbudgeted \$5,000 to \$10,000 into the program. Updates are expected next week.
- Community Dining Partnerships: A 20% restaurant donation night is being coordinated with Tono Pizza for an upcoming Monday night. Promotional graphics will be designed and deployed to Instagram.
- Lunds Fundraiser: Dates are formally locked in for November 24th and 25th. The committee is tracking the status of a tentative December 23rd date.
- Silent Auction: No updates or action plans will move forward unless required for balancing. If activated, the auction will take place during the Pancake Breakfast utilizing a donation from Scheels.

6. Travel, Tournament & Operating Budget Modifications

Logistical details and team allocations were restructured to reflect updated travel needs and financial guidelines.

- Away Game Meals: The Booster Club has removed pre-packaged team meals from the budget for this season. Players and families will manage their own food. The Treasurer will adjust this line item to \$0 in the master spreadsheet with explanatory notes.
- Apparel Store Windows: The online storefront will operate in two distinct windows. Window 1 will deliver gear before tryouts; Window 2 will open immediately after tryouts. Specific calendar dates are being pulled from the vendor for parent communication.

- Player Gear Allocations: The individual player gear budget (covering backpacks, water bottles,, and stickers) was officially increased from \$130 to \$150 per player. Committee members will coordinate with coordinators to manage setup and delivery.
- East Grand Forks (EGF) Transit & Ice:
 - The head coach is arranging a morning skate session, and the committee is confirming that ice time is locked in.
 - A quote for a team bus upgrade has been received. The committee will consult with the Athletic Director (AD) to verify district funding contributions and booking protocols.
- Special Event Clearance: Finalized theme night dates will be proposed to the AD and arena management to prevent scheduling conflicts.

7. Volunteer Coordination

The board initiated the structure for mandatory parent service roles ahead of the upcoming season.

- Parent Meeting Prep: A master draft listing all seasonal volunteer requirements (e.g., Parent Night, Banquet, Pancake Fundraiser) is being compiled. Parents will be required to sign up for these roles or receive assignments during the post-tryout parent meeting. The draft will be distributed to the board for feedback shortly.

8. Adjournment

- Next Meeting: TBD - approx 4 weeks
- Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.