

Meeting Minutes: OHS Boys Booster Club

Meeting Date: April 26, 2026

Meeting Time: 3:00-4:30

Location: Bucks Pub

Board members present: Dutch, Jeff, Mike, Connie, Spencer

Coach present: Head Coach Mitch Hall

Meeting Call to order at 3:00 pm

1. Board & Committee Role Updates

The board updated the structural roster based on recent volunteer confirmations and identified remaining seasonal priorities.

- Role Appointments:
 1. Food Coordinator: Jess Pasqua (Confirmed)
 2. Fundraising Support: Emily Sutcliffe (Confirmed; specific scope of support TBD)
- Open Vacancies (Priority Order):
 1. Fundraising Chair
 2. Equipment Manager
 3. Creative Support Apprentice
 4. Gameday Experience

2. Review of Coaching Staff Consultation

The board met with Head Coach Mitch to align on athletic logistics, player development, and student-athlete communications for the upcoming season.

- Travel & Scheduling Logistics:
 - The seasonal game schedule has been formally cataloged.
 - Logistics were finalized for the out-of-town trip to East Grand Forks and Warroad.
 - The itinerary includes a multi-night stay in East Grand Forks (Thursday and Friday), utilizing early Thursday ice time in Orono, and coordinating a

Friday morning pre-game skate. The team will return home following Saturday's game.

- Captains' Practices & Ice Time:
 - Coordinating and exploring professional training vendor pricing (Fortis and independent alternatives) to evaluate 2-, 3-, and 4-day weekly schedules.
 - The board established an internal contingency team to ensure scheduling finalization if vendor coordination falls outside target parameters.
 - Inquiries are underway with the arena management to assess the feasibility of expanding available ice time blocks.
- Player Apparel & Equipment Slogans:
 - Existing white and navy jerseys will be repurposed for seasonal scrimmages.
 - Procurement plans were approved for new, position-specific training jerseys.
 - The team captains will collaborate on a seasonal slogan to present to the Head Coach for approval prior to production.
- Booster & Program Communications:
 - The Communications Director will launch a standardized weekly Sunday evening newsletter to centralize general operations and logistics.
 - A dedicated section has been reserved for a coaching update, pending final operational review by Coach Mitch.
 - Administrative ownership of the official program Instagram account will remain natively under coaching staff management, with shared access protocols established for security.
- Student-Athlete Development & Dryland Strategy:
 - The board and coaching staff reviewed the balance of player schedules to maximize developmental impact while preventing athlete burnout across academic, community, and training commitments.
 - The upcoming Dryland strategy will prioritize player-led, self-organized workouts immediately following Summer Training Program (STP) sessions.
 - The program will facilitate regional facilities coordination (utilizing FitHaus, the Orono Activity Center, and on-site rink equipment) without routing external training finances through the booster operating budget.
- Locker Room & Player Experience Initiatives:
 - The board approved a post-tryout welcome initiative to elevate the player experience.
 - Each rostered athlete will receive a personalized gear kit (including custom backpacks, apparel, water bottles, and equipment decals).

- A coordinated locker room reveal event will be executed shortly following the conclusion of team tryouts.
- Roster Outreach & Scrimmage Alignment:
 - Targeted outreach plans were discussed regarding player intent, retention, and managing potential logistical obstacles for prospective student-athletes.
 - Goaltender availability windows for the Summer Training Program were reviewed to properly align upcoming seasonal scrimmage dates.

3. Administrative, Digital, & Budgetary Operations

The board reviewed progress on ongoing operational goals from the prior session:

- Digital Infrastructure: The migration from SportsEngine to Crossbar remains underway to secure software cost reductions and improve website functionality.
- Email Standardization: The creation of permanent, role-specific official email addresses is ongoing to ensure clean data transitions for future boards.
- Fundraising Evaluation: The preparation of an internal booster survey is underway to finalize the seasonal choice between the standard Salt Sales and digital fundraising platforms.
- Budget Alignment: The master budget and task tracker will be updated to absorb added travel expenses (extra lodging night and pre-game ice rental) alongside the post-tryout player kits and general team supplies.

4. Adjournment

- Next Meeting: Scheduled for 5/31/2026 at 4:00 at Bucks Pub.
- Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.