

# Ely Blue Line Board Meeting Minutes

## Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 5pm- GEL

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 5:04

ROLL CALL: Scott, Kevin, Tim, Nicole, April, Jackie, Janine, Allie, Sandy

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve by Danielle, 2nd by Scott, no discussion

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion to approve by Danielle, 2nd by Tim

TREASURER'S REPORT: made deadline for submitting taxes, cleaned up reports with accountant. Reffig timesheet- increase of \$5 for each bracket, kept mileage at current \$.67 per mile.

City Park & Rec looking to replace boards at the outside rink. Needs to be moveable boards to use in summer for pickleball use. City checking to see if clubs/communities will help cover some costs- our financials will be taking a hit with additional costs of Babbitt rink and other financial burdens pending.

Scott volunteered to help coach Squirts with Tony, going through the process to finish coaching requirements, and will get a coaches jacket.

COACHES REPORT: Tim had a meeting with coaches, went well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ARTICLE 5 POLICY MANUAL: table

2024-2025 CONTRACT WITH SCHOOL: Scott hasn't received a revised contract from school for us to sign for the current year yet, he will inquire.

**JERSEY ORDER/JERSEY DISTRIBUTION:** Jersey's will be here next week, will be brought to the Ely arena. Jersey hoodie mock-up through Northland Hockey, will get a window to order these. Letterman sports 11/5-11/12 order, delivery 12/16-12/22- will do direct ship, and will arrive week before Christmas, will upload the link to TR sites and website- will open now to start ordering. Squad Locker site can stay open all season for shop. 2nd jersey order- will check with Lori or Sandy to see who's registered and will do additional order if needed, original jersey order included a couple extra jerseys for each level.

**OPEN FORUM:** April discussed with Terry the zamboni situation- can't skate until zamboni is fixed. Tech coming tomorrow to service zamboni. Will want kids to come and skate to check ice and see if chipping up in some places.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**LAKE COUNTRY POWER GRANT:** Rianna clarified information on process and information and our specific needs may not fit this particular grant. This grant would need to be completed by the school as they own the arena, not us.

**IPAD- MUSIC SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Does not currently have music subscription- need to have a plan for music going into season. Danielle will look into getting a cheaper Ipad for music-

**PARENT REP TERMS:** looking to start onboarding sooner for scheduling the tournaments. Need to look at changing bylaws if needed- and start position in May- will research and table. Look at doing a position letter of expectations and duties and transition for all positions on board.

**NOMINATIONS CHAIR/COMMITTEE:** Start May 1st for nominations committee as well. Need to clarify in bylaws. Cannot be on the nominations committee if running for a position. Also bylaws state should have a person or two not currently on the board to also be on the committee. Possibly look

at setting a set amount of volunteer hours for non-board members. 5 members- 2 of which board & 3 non-board members. Look into having the secretary send a mass email on 2/1 announcing that voting is open.

REVISE BLUE LINE'S CONTRIBUTION TO ARENA FIX TO PERCENTAGE VS FLAT AMOUNT: Currently decided on paying \$11k. Now cost repairs are closer to \$100k- if we change to a percentage, we might be paying more than if we stick to a dollar amount. Discussed to keep as originally planned with dollar amount, all in agreement to keep as planned.

FIRST YEAR VOLUNTEER HOURS: Currently set at normal 25 hours with mandatory open skating and HS concession shift. Look to potentially change the first year of hockey to lesser hours for families to adjust and get used to all requirements. Look at doing lesser hours for Minis & Mites levels- then up to 25 hours once families reach the Squirt levels. Table for next meeting.

#### ANNUAL TASK CALENDAR- NOV:

OPEN CONCESSIONS: April will check with Tye on concessions and see if he's ready to open. Sam's Club account has been opened.

THFF EVENT: Good turnout, new kids this year helping and skating.

#### ANNUAL TASK CALENDAR- DEC:

ARENA STAFF PERFORMANCE REVIEW: Joseph

ANALYZE WEB DOMAIN, ELYHOCKEY.ORG, RENEW 1/7/25:  
Scott will double check with Tara- might be paid out for a couple of years

SUBMIT MN CHARITABLE ORG ANNUAL REPORT: Scott

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

New Arena Committee- Sandy and Allie working with the school to apply for grants for arena repairs and such with the school. Maybe be a part of the grant committee with the school. School has a breakdown of

costs for itemized repairs. Can we do 50/50 raffle at each home hockey game, will check more into. Need media for a new arena.

Fundraising- Nicole- application for gambling board. Will do a cash calendar magnet for fridge and sell tickets- one ticket = one calendar. Will do drawings Jan-April. \$500, \$250 & \$100 drawings per month. \$20 per calendar. Sell starting in December once the city and gambling board has completed their end for gambling license. Pies- Leena will help Nicole with distributing fundraising efforts and give a set amount of hours. Meat raffle needs a separate gambling license for doing later in the winter. Little Caesars pizza later in winter.

Howler- registration is full- will start with Friday night game RR vs Ely Mites Friday night, then Sat & Sun in Ely & Babbitt. Still be able to sell raffle tickets for raffle items during the HS game. This is senior night at this HS game.

3v3 tournament- choose weekend in March- choose 3/8 & 3/9 to try the weekend tournament.

As soon as zamboni is repaired, it will change from practicing in Babbitt to Ely and resume with Ely ice time scheduled. Planning to start Monday, 11/11.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NEXT MEETING: 12/4 @ 5pm @ GEL

ADJOURN: 7:14