

Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2025 at 7 pm

Location Ames Conference Room

Attendance: Josh Ruppert, Steve Hendrickson, Ed White, Jake Taylor, Matt Ostdiek, Derek Bachmeier, Jennifer Buck, Susan Butler and Debbie Ruppert

Items covered in this meeting:

1. Discussed the scoreboard and the cost for use this coming year, about \$3,500. Discussed the ads and how much it would possibly cost to add features after goals. Josh will be talking to High School teacher that may be able to assist in production for scoreboard. It was determined that we will continue to discuss to see what possible savings could be found and how it will be used in the 2025 – 2026 season
2. Hockey Day Minnesota was discussed; it is taking place in Hastings. It will continue to be discussed to see if an opportunity exists to play this year on possibly a Thursday. The costs were discussed along with the separate Duluth Trip.
3. Finances were discussed along with the year end balance sheets. The list of payments from last year will be obtained by Steve Hendrickson to provide clarity on where the possible expenses were last year that could be reduced this year and provide clarity on the year-end balance.
4. The By Laws were discussed with the recommendation that the Fundraising Director be added to the executive board, this would still be an appointed position due to the importance of getting a qualified individual to handle the position. The other changes discussed to the bylaws include Amendments to bylaws by the executive board, prohibition of lobbying and Minnesota Department of Revenue requirements.
5. Coaches discussed some possible changes this year including the in-season ETS plan, and the possibility of working out at Ames after practice. The possibility of video card changes for the upcoming season were discussed along with the possibility of the cuts of some apparel provided to the players. The coaches also discussed a possible activities director that would be able to assist with additional paid coaches by the school district. The board will be looking at the possibility of an online store for year-round apparel sales. The domain name must also be changed over. Lastly, new jerseys and breezers were discussed and will be further looked into in the coming weeks.

6. A new raffle idea was discussed, it would be a calendar raffle, the tickets being sold in possibly October and November and the drawing occurring in December.

The meeting was then adjourned, and the next meeting will take place on May 19th at 7pm at Ames Conference Room.

The items that will be discussed again are:

- Bylaw Changes
- Hockey Day Minnesota
- List of All Payments and Finances
- Game Day Experience and Scoreboard
- Online Store
- Apparel
- Raffle