

Ely Blue Line Club June Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 4th, 5pm- Arena Lobby

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 5:01pm

ROLL CALL: Jackie B, Jackie R, Kevin N, Allie P, Joseph C, Scott K, Tara S, Rachael T, Nicole C, Amy K, Sandy K, Sam B by phone

AGENDA ADDITIONS & DELETIONS:

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Motion to approve April & May minutes, motion by Joseph, second by Scott- no opposition.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: Scott- gave update on Wells Fargo account, tournament registrations starting to come through. Frandsen Bank account is smaller, with final bond payment being taken out. Net income was -\$3984.33, which was less than last year. Scott is still working with the tax lady on taxes for 2024. Still no update on PFMLA starting in 2026- because we have employees, we will need to follow. Danielle might be an asset in this area with additional information. Motion to approve by Kevin, second by Sam- no opposition.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Scott- no news really

Mikey Lund doing a hockey camp this summer, for goalie camp- can give info to anyone interested.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Joseph- We will plan to drop the 15U B regions tournament- or Allie mentioned if Mesabi East would be willing to switch and host girls tournament and we host Squirt districts. Also comes down to not enough hotels available to host the 15U B tournament. We need to have all new upcoming board members register with USA hockey and background check and send it to the registrar.

Many associations and districts are switching to Crossbar vs Sports Engine.

RR is going to AA for PW & Bantam level- which means they'll go to AA and B1 teams. Jr Gold is going to start a pilot team in the next year or two, which will bump up the team if they win significantly in season- this is only for Jr Gold teams. Vice Versa- if the team is losing significantly, will bump down.

Districts will only send two teams to regions. No video recording for regions tournaments, or go pro and such. PW & Bantam are eligible to go to tournament of the north, if not districts.

Scheduler- Rachael, will need to give info to the district for games, same with Ryan for referee. Neck guards responsibility of coaches and parents for both games and practices- possibly purchase extra for each team level, and maybe sell in concessions. Let the ref coordinator know if many complaints of reffing of games if missing many calls during games.

MN Hockey is pushing for a sportsmanship sponsor to monitor games for sportsmanship across board- parents, players, coaches. Any coaches removed from the game will also be suspended from the next game as well- associations can add a game if needed, up to three if necessary.

Tournaments need to be approved 30 days prior to the start date, and need to have rules submitted to the district. Squirt & higher need to be sanctioned by the state for tournaments. If anyone is willing to run for district director, he is taking another term but is able to run against.

Mite summit- dates around June for mite level- let Hailey know. Mites level should use intermediate size net, D2 is using intermediate nets for Squirt level too. Another game sheet type company, currently having one more year then moving to "Time to Score", can look to go after next season.

World Junior coming to the area, possibly Bemidji.

Developing a district committee that can be heard by other associations for major complaints- pool A and pool B to hear each other's concerns if needed for major complaints.

Decreasing number of whole ice games for Mites after Jan 1 from 10 to 5. Anyone playing out of state or Canada should have a travel permit- ask permission from the District. A

nother rule change- will find out his month- tag up offsides, and icing during penalty kill at Bantam level.

COACHES REPORT: No new news

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

DECIDE TO SPLIT TO KEEP REGISTRAR & SAFE SPORT TOGETHER AS ONE JOB: Motion to approve Nicole for Safe Sport and reduce hours to 5 hours, second Jackie B- no oppositions. Motion to approve splitting registrar position for Jackie B and Amy K, motion by Joseph, second by Scott- no opposition.

BABBITT PMD PARADE: Jackie B taking on PMD parade float, will get THFF items to deliver, and fruit snacks \$500. Jackie B will form committee- motion by Joseph, second by Scott- no opposition

ELY FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE: Aaron N- taking on float, \$750 parade budget.

OPEN FORUM:

NEW BUSINESS:

POSSIBLE WEBSITE CHANGES WITH SPORTS ENGINE CHANGING TO CROSSBAR: planning to stay with Sports Engine for this season as we already paid for season- over \$700, and contract them in April, can set reminder to look into in late winter to cancel if needed for upcoming season.

ANNUAL TASK CALENDAR- JUNE

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING: Erin has Bantam tournament for Superior booked currently Jan 16-18th, looking to schedule a second tournament, and will hope to book a third. Jeremy booked the Hayward tournament for Squirts in the second weekend in Dec, and l'Falls end of Jan. Sam- Mini signed up for Mesabi East and RR tournaments, trying to get Silver Bay in early Dec as well. Howler update- full for Mite with 6

teams registered. 4 teams signed up for Mini, 1 for Squirt & PW levels currently, has more emails coming through for those levels. Mites & Minis can do no more than 2 tournaments out of districts, and need to email the district for approval.

TEAM LEVELS DETERMINED- NUMBER OF TEAMS AT EACH LEVEL: one team at each level, not enough players to make two teams for any level

REGISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENT: announce starting now, especially at Mite & Mini levels.

APPAREL ORDER CREATED INCLUDING JERSEYS: Can opt out to buy new jersey if not needed, will keep with jersey hoodie also from Northland Hockey Association. Can look at bins of jerseys for M & MM levels and maybe switch to start with personalized jerseys starting at Squirt level.... Idea for later discussion. Keep with the current plan of the jersey if you want or need to purchase a new one for size or number issue.

FUNDRAISING PLAN FOR UPCOMING SEASON: Nicole will meet with Leena to help- Blueberry Arts parking lot weekend- tentative, Cash calendar- planning to, hats are going forward with two current designs- hoping to have ready by PMD, pies and Little Caesars.

RINK CONTRACT WITH ISD 696: school has not contacted us with a new contract yet.

VOTE IN MANAGERS & COORDINATORS FOR NEW FISCAL YEAR: done

REFEREE RATES DETERMINED AND FORM UPDATED: table for July meeting for Ryan and Scott to discuss and find out as well, currently paying over the minimum.

ANNUAL TASK CALENDAR- JULY

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS PREPARATION FOR ELY, BABBITT & TOWER/SOUDAN:

BEGIN PLANNING ARENA CLEAN UP DAY:

SEASON KICK OFF EVENT COMMITTEE SELECTED WITH FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR:

CHANGE NAMES ON BANK ACCOUNTS TO CURRENT EXECUTIVE BOARD:

BEGIN COACHING RECRUITMENT:
BEGIN REFEREE RECRUITMENT:
ARENA STAFF POSITIONS POSTED:
ARENA STAFF WAGES REVIEW:

CORRESPONDENCE:

NEXT MEETING: July 9th at arena at 5pm.

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