

Meeting minutes for 9/5/24 EBL board meeting  
Ely Blueline Board Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, September 5th, 5pm- Arena

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 5:01pm

ROLL CALL: Joseph, April, Jeremy, Scott, Rachel, Tara, Nicole, Allie, Jackie, Kevin, Tim, Danielle, Jake, Sam, Sara, Sandy, Aaron

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: Gear-up grant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Jeremy, 2nd by Scott

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion by Danielle, 2nd by Kevin

Allie asked if there is a specific fundraising amount set for arena repairs vs just towards the general budget.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Scott said pay rates for arena employees are: Terry \$16.50, Dave & Derrick \$13.50 currently. ESST- Terry has 18 hours, Dave has 12. Every 30 hours worked earns 1 hour, max of 48 hours per year. Derrick does not work enough in a calendar year to earn ESST. Terry's rate was increased last year, as was the other rate for arena staff. Motion by Danielle, second by Joseph to increase hourly rate by \$.50. No opposition, no discussion. New rate will be \$17/hour for Terry, \$14/hour for Dave & Derrick

FMLA change goes into effect in Jan 2026- will need to offer up to 20 weeks of leave time.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Joseph has not heard back from Mesabi East on any players coming to Ely. District meeting is on 9/25. Planning parent meeting for 9/26 to get jerseys ordered before 10/1. Update TR (Team Reach) pages for the new season. 6pm meeting time for PeeWee & Bantams, then 6:30 for Squirts, Mites & Mini's meeting. Jackie will get papers ready for the parent meeting- will check with Jen on that. Also send email to Ely/NER/Tower for parent meeting and registration.

Question on age of 5 & up, yes- kids can register before the age of 5.

**COACHES REPORT:** Tim- now has a full roster of head coaches. Still looking for assistant coaches. Frank Udovich, Kevin Niskala and Ryan Kari for Bantams, Luke Macho and Jeremy Engen for PeeWee, currently Squirts only has head coach- Tony Harding, Mites- Andy Vogl?, Mini- Kayla & Billy Foy.

Rachel will help with LTS when able. Tim spoke with Clint Gregory, he's interested in helping but not sure. Question about possible stipend for non-parent coaches.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**ARENA STAFF WAGES REVIEW:** increase hourly rate by \$.50/hour

**ARENA STAFF POSITIONS POSTED:** none needed

**COACHING SELECTION FINALIZATION:** process

PICTURE DAY SET UP: table- when Janine puts jersey order in, and gets an estimated timeline, she will then finalize the date for pictures.

ARTICLE 5 POLICY MANUAL: table

BABBITT ARENA SCHEDULING: later in agenda with arena schedule & ice needs

OPEN FORUM ON AGENDA: 2 minute open forum, after unfinished but before new business. Nice to have someone speak up at the additions/deletions section. Will include this in our next agenda/meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS:

PARENT MEETING: 9/26 6pm, welcome letter for parents, younger kids 6:30. Last couple of years to maybe email more than just FB. Email group through Sports Engine for mass email- Jackie will check with Lori for email lists, or Sandy.

GEAR UP GRANT: Tara heard back we got \$2200- has to buy from Dick's sporting goods. Check at Dick's for goalie gear

NEW TOURNAMENT IDEAS: Allie proposes 3v3 tournament- thinking of June tournament for 6-9 & 10-14 age ranges- 4 games each level- at Iron Trail in Virginia, then again in Aug or Sept depending on Blast schedules. Also maybe a smaller version of 3v3 in March in Ely to get feet wet. \$150/kid for weekend or \$250 for both- Ely \$100 or \$175 for both weekends, includes t-shirt. Allie will check and get additional details with Iron Trail and go from there.

ARENA SCHEDULE & BABBITT ICE NEEDS: April- Jake is good with schedule for HS practice time. Schedule is the same as two years ago when we had a Bantam team last. April will reach

out to Babbitt for ice time scheduling there. April gave note to parent reps for ideas of how long Terry & staff will need before each level game, HS needs 2 hours to get ice ready & such.

**ANNUAL TASK CALENDAR- SEPT:**

ARENA STAFF HIRED (W4, I9, new hire report, QB entries): skip

RINK FEES/AGREEMENTS FOR Chix/Rusty's & hourly: Rusty's & Chix pay \$1600 for season, hourly is \$100, same as last year. No changes made.

RINK SET UP (Livebarn/Square): Terry usually gets Livebarn set up. Apple square should be concessions person- April will get ahold of Ty.

SPONSORSHIP FOR ARENA/RENEWAL LETTERS: Tara has a couple options, currently only one in-ice sponsor set up. In-ice sponsor is \$2500 for first year, \$2100 after years. Got zamboni sponsor for Derrick goalie coach/trainer.

Sun, Oct 6th Hibbing has sessions for safe checking/concussion prevention. For peewee & bantam levels.

ARENA CLEAN UP DAY: Sunday, October 6th @ 8am, send email later with parent meeting email.

SEASON KICKOFF EVENT: scratch

TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE PREPARATION: early Nov. Sam will check on... 11/2 then again 2/22- table for next month

LTS & THANK YOU FOR COACH DUFFY: working on replacing coach Duffy- April will check on a plaque for Tom to hang in the arena and get a gift for Tom.

MINI TO MITE SKATE UP PETITION: Allie & Jeremy petitioning to move Noah up to Mite level, has letters of support- petition passed by board- no opposals or discussion.

ADVERTISING FOR COACHES & POSSIBLE STIPEND TO RECRUIT NON-PARENT PEEWEE HEAD COACH: table

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Allie sending emails asking for donations for arena- waiting for response from Pulsar Helium. Nicole- pays \$4500 for the sportsman raffle.... Keep around that amount or less- 2025 magnet calendars- Echo makes these. Weekly drawings on Wednesdays for the cash calendar- ranging from \$100-\$500 on week starting in Jan to April or May. \$10 ticket, has to sell min of \$100 for each family to sell. Or raise it to \$20 for a calendar. Will proceed with the cash calendar at \$20.

CORRESPONDENCE: 6 Mites & 5 mini's confirmed for Howler tournament. Greenway/Hibbing and Silver Bay also have tournaments the same weekend for mites/minis. Hoping for 8 teams at each level.

NEXT MEETING: 10/2/24 at 5pm at the arena

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