

Ely Blue Line Club Meeting Minutes December 7, 2022

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 6:08 pm

ROLL CALL: Joseph Carter, Kevin Niskala, Tara Shock, Tim Hegman, Amy Kromer, Ammie Peterson, Danielle Nickolson, Amanda Mattila, Janine Lamontaigne, Jake Meyer, April Basarich, Sandy Kari

AGENDA ADDITIONS & DELETIONS: Divider Panels, Arena Liability, Goalie Gear, Squirt Tournament, advertising on website

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ammie motion to approve November minutes. Danielle 2nd. Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: Amy motion to approve. April 2nd. Motion carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tara

Wells Fargo debit card purchases are going well. Payroll is going smoothly with addition of assistants and direct deposits. Dylan is now fully trained in. Total combined assistant hours are anticipated to be about 15 hours each week. Terry is adding to the number of arena personnel for High School games.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Joseph

A person in town has been offering private hockey and/or skating lessons. This is outside the Ely Blue Line Club and will have no relationship with the Blue Line Club unless proper channels are used.

COACHES REPORT: Tim

All coaches except 2 have all certification complete. Completion is expected next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Arena manager/assistant hours - covered in Treasurer report

Game sheet - going well, it is easy for everyone to use.

Coach jackets - Finished and ready to hand out once all credentials are complete.

Jersey personalization - Dirty Dog had some issues getting the names on cleanly. They will not charge the Blue Line for Squirt team personalization due to mistakes. No bill yet.

**Blue Line received an anonymous donation in the amount of \$130.00 for Mini Mite team jersey personalization. **

Another local company offering personalization is Vermilion Design Company in Tower.

Apparel - currently in transit and will be in this week.

Fundraising - Clubs Choice delivery will be December 15th. Amy will handout 5:00 - 7:00

Volunteer hour tracking - completed hour totals will be communicated to members.

Board minutes online - Do Financial Reports need to be included? It was decided only the Annual Financial Report needs to be listed and monthly reports are available upon request.

Advertising on website - Sandy Kari will look into website ads. For now we will list a "Thank You" to each current sponsor. Current sponsorship contract states an ad will be on our website. This might need to be eliminated in the future if we are not able to do this.

Divider Panels - Kevin received an update from Becker Arena Products stating the panels will be delayed until early 2023 due to material delays. Kevin will check on timing with Becker.

Arena Liability - We need more signage in the arena to keep kids from running around. Tara will make some and post

Goalie gear - Mikey Lund has a list of goalie gear needed to accommodate Mite players' range of sizes. Joseph will clarify these with Mikey.

Squirt Tournament - Squirt team families voted to attend 4 tournaments. Costs of these tournaments are; \$1100, \$900, \$450 and free. Danielle made a motion to approve the Blue Line paying for all four tournament costs for 2022-23 Squirt teams. Board voted unanimously to approve.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant writer - Tyler stepped down. Impossible to write without goals.

Financial goals - Large group discussion around the state of our arena, need for updates, and desire to keep a vibrant hockey program in Ely. There is a community center with a pool in the works at the former Revenue Building. There are other sports groups that could work with the Blue Line to develop a plan for a sports center/multiple use arena. Tara and Joseph will find a committee to explore options.

Team water bottles and medical for Bantams - Amy motioned to buy 30 water bottles for teams' games with a cost up to \$100. Danielle 1st, April 2nd. Motion approved.

Amy motioned to buy 3 medical kits and refill with necessary items. (Tiff and Amy). Amy 1st Ammie 2nd. Motion approved.

Referee pay - Tara will clarify with DJ concerns over pay for Bantam games using 3 referees.

Registration Concerns/issues - LTS firming up registration for all participants.

April made the Board aware of 2 Mini Mite players who did not receive the free registration for being 1st year players. Tara will issue refunds. A different Mini Mite player has decided to not play this season. Tara will issue a refund less jersey fee (family has the jersey).

Volunteer Policy - families are not showing up for shifts. - Table for next meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nomination Committee: none

Tourney Update: Only a few teams have registered. Board named off more youth teams to invite to increase numbers. Janine will reach out. Might not hold a raffle due to low numbers attending.

COVID-19 Safety Committee: none

Fundraising Committee: There are still many raffle tickets to sell. Nicole will put some in concessions. A reminder will go out to membership to sell tickets after Christmas.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Parkin Lot for Future Discussions: Credited hours for held positions, Gear swap, Sale of vending machine, Tournament volunteer hours (mandatory), Potential for a hired position for Blue Line financials, legal document submissions, grant writing.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 3rd at 5:30 - Davis' garage

ADJOURN: 8:16 Danielle 1st, Amiee 2nd

Notes submitted Tara Shock

Additions since meeting

12/27

Tara motion to pay for divider panels to be shipped, not to exceed \$700, Danielle 2nd, motion passed

12/27

Amy motioned to reduce registration to \$150, plus jersey fee, for bantam player returning from varsity play - player is bantam aged and switch okayed with all coaches. Tim 2nd, motion passed.