

Evansville IceMen Maniacs Booster Club

OFFICIAL BYLAWS

Article I. General Provisions

Section 1.1 - Name

The name of this corporation shall be the Evansville IceMen Maniacs Booster Club and shall herein be referred to as the Booster Club.

Section 1.2 - Status

The Booster Club is a not-for-profit entity, incorporated in the State of Indiana.

Section 1.3 - Offices

The Booster Club maintains offices in Evansville, Indiana.

The mailing address for the Booster Club is:
P.O. Box 4631, Evansville, IN, 47724.

Section 1.4 - Affiliation

The Evansville IceMen Maniacs Booster Club, while endorsed by the Evansville IceMen as its official booster club, is in no way affiliated with the Evansville IceMen Professional Hockey Club or E.I. Acquisitions LLC, d/b/a Evansville IceMen (including its heirs, successors, assigns, affiliates, and/or subsidiaries) [together, "Evansville IceMen Hockey"].

The opinions expressed by the Booster Club and/or its members and the actions taken by the Booster Club and/or its members, do not reflect the opinions or intentions of Evansville IceMen Hockey.

Article II. Purpose

Section 2.1 - Mission Statement

The Booster Club is dedicated to assisting the players and staff of the Evansville IceMen Professional Hockey Club organization with on- and off-ice needs. The Booster Club also promotes fan-player interaction and helps contribute to a positive game-time experience for all.

Section 2.2 - Actions

In pursuit of this mission, the Booster Club will follow the current ECHL Booster Club Manual Guidelines in all operational areas.

Article III. Members

Section 3.1 - Eligible Members

Membership is open to anyone upon request. The Booster Club does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed or sexual orientation.

Section 3.2 - Qualification for Membership

Application for Booster Club membership shall be made to the President. Upon signing a Code of Conduct (only when first joining unless the Code is revised) and paying annual dues, the applicant shall be considered a Current Member.

Section 3.3 - Types of Membership

There shall be three (3) types of membership: Individual, Family, and Honorary.

Individual: One individual who shall be no less than eighteen (18) years of age.

Family: Includes immediate family members (i.e. 2 adults and any unmarried children up to age 23 or dependent children to include the handicapped) residing under the same roof with the same mailing address.

Honorary: Such memberships may be conferred upon any individual or business establishment as acknowledgement for their significantly valuable contributions to or support of the Booster Club.

Section 3.4 - Rights and Responsibilities of Members

Current Members are entitled to certain rights and responsibilities.

Every adult member shall have the right to one (1) vote in Booster Club decisions; the right to hear, consider, approve or amend the minutes of meetings; the right to recommend expenditures for consideration by the Booster Club; and the right to participate in the election of the Board of Directors.

Members also have the responsibility to volunteer when requested, and to attend Booster Club meetings and functions.

Section 3.5 - Term of Membership

Term of annual membership is for twelve (12) months, defined as the period from July 1st of the current calendar year to June 30th of the following year. Memberships that begin after July 1st shall still expire on the following June 30th.

Membership is renewable year to year as long as the member meets the requirements set forth in these Bylaws.

Section 3.6 - Membership Withdrawal

Membership can be withdrawn at the request of the member at any time. Member should make a request in writing or via e-mail to the Booster Club President. Any membership dues paid will not be refunded.

Section 3.7 - Membership Revocation

The Booster Club reserves the right to revoke membership at any time for failure to pay dues, violations of the Code of Conduct, or if otherwise deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.8 - Amount & Payment of Dues

Annual dues for the Booster Club shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Beginning with the 2012-2013 IceMen season and Booster Club year, and remaining the same each year until stated otherwise, the Board of Directors stipulates annual dues of \$5 per Individual or \$10 per Family. These amounts are subject to review each summer and can be changed for the upcoming hockey season if deemed necessary and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors. Upon Board approval, any change in dues must be communicated to the full membership within 30 days of approval.

Dues shall be made payable to the Evansville IceMen Maniacs Booster Club. New applications and dues shall be accepted at any time during the Booster Club year, beginning July 1st and ending June 30th.

Section 3.9 - Annual General Meeting & Additional General Meetings

The Booster Club shall conduct one Annual General Meeting near the start of each Booster Club year. This meeting will take place on or before the date of the first home game of each IceMen season. The meeting will include a financial report from the past year, a general update as to the status and direction of the Booster Club, and the election of the Officers to comprise the Board of Directors.

Additional full-membership General Meetings may be held as necessary throughout the season.

The Annual General Meeting (which includes the Board of Directors election) must be announced a minimum of 4 weeks in advance of the scheduled meeting date, and members seeking office must declare their candidacy a minimum of 2 weeks in advance of the election. Any additional full-membership General Meeting must be announced a minimum of 2 weeks in advance of the scheduled meeting date.

Article IV. Board of Directors (Officers)

Section 4.1 - Board of Directors

The Board of Directors consists of the Officers of the corporation.

Section 4.2 - Officer Positions

The elected officers of the Booster Club shall be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Member-At-Large.

Section 4.3 - Officer Eligibility

Any Current Member in good standing who is at least 18 years of age, has been a Booster Club member for a minimum of 60 days prior to the election, and has been actively participating in Booster Club activities is eligible to serve as an officer. A member shall only be considered to have been "actively participating" if he or she has been consistently contributing to the club's mission of service – such as by attending club meetings, volunteering at the Booster Club table at home games, and helping coordinate club events. Simply attending social events promoted by the club shall not be considered as "actively participating" for the purposes of determining officer eligibility.

The eligibility of any potential officer shall be determined by a vote of the current Board of Directors, excluding the current officer who would be opposed by the potential candidate. To be declared ineligible due to insufficient club participation, an interested candidate must be "voted down" by a majority of the voting officers. (Thus, given that 4 officers are involved in the decision, the vote against the potential candidate must be 4-0 or 3-1 in order to declare the person ineligible for office. In the event of a 2-2 vote, the potential candidate shall be considered eligible to run for office.)

Section 4.4 - Officer Responsibilities

Collectively, the Board of Directors is responsible for upholding the Booster Club's mission, maintaining the Bylaws and Code of Conduct, and generally overseeing the direction of the corporation. In addition...

President: The President shall possess the general powers and duties of supervision and management of the business and affairs of the Booster Club, its Officers, and members/agents thereof. The President shall preside over the Annual General Meeting of the club and any other scheduled General Meetings and Board of Directors Meetings. In the absence of the President or in the event of the President's inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall preside and perform the duties of the President.

Vice President: The Vice President shall assist the President in the discharge of his or her duties as the President directs, and shall perform other duties as may be periodically requested by the President. In the absence of the President or in the event of the President's inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall preside and perform the duties of the President.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall act as the principal accounting and financial officer of the Booster Club. The Treasurer shall be in charge of and responsible for maintaining the books of account of the corporation, and shall generally supervise the receipt and disbursement of funds of the Booster Club. In addition to performing all duties incident to the office of the Treasurer, he or she may also be responsible for other duties as assigned by the President. The Treasurer shall maintain and present a financial statement at each full-membership General Meeting.

Secretary: The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes of all meetings. The Secretary shall also oversee and confirm the results of the annual election of Officers. In addition, the Secretary shall work with the President to ensure that all required legal documents are filed as necessary.

Member-At-Large: The Member-At-Large shall be responsible for any duties that are appointed to them by the President. He or she will represent the full Booster Club membership on the Board of Directors, and will have the same voting rights as any other Officer during Board of Directors meetings.

Section 4.5 - Election of Officers

Each year, the Officers of the corporation shall be elected by a full-membership vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Any Current Member in good standing who is at least 18 years of age and has been a Booster Club member for a minimum of 60 days prior to the election is eligible to vote in the election.

A simple plurality vote of the eligible voting members present at the meeting is required for each Officer to gain election. If only one person wishes to seek an office, a vote of confidence shall be conducted for the position.

At the discretion of the Board of Directors, limited advance absentee voting may be permitted if a fair and verifiable method of balloting can be agreed upon before absentee votes are sought.

Each Officer is elected for a (roughly) one-year term, to officially expire at the following year's Annual General Meeting when the next election is held.

There is no limit to the number of terms an Officer can serve, provided he or she continues to earn election each year as outlined in these Bylaws.

Article V. Board of Directors Meetings

Section 5.1 - General Meetings of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors will meet a minimum of once annually, ideally in the weeks leading up to the Annual General Meeting. Additional Board meetings may be held as necessary throughout the season.

Section 5.2 - Special Meetings of the Board of Directors

Special meetings may be called by either the President or a majority of the Board.

Article VI. Guiding Principles

Section 6.1 - Use of the Mailing List

No individual member of the Booster Club will be allowed to use the membership list for personal benefit, or forward the membership list to any commercial or non-profit enterprise. Personal information of any member shall not be released without the expressed approval of said member.

In the interest of privacy, the business practice of the Booster Club will be to use blind copy (BCC) when sending general membership e-mails.

Section 6.2 - Binding of Commitments

No member may, at any time, act on behalf of the Booster Club or sign any commitment binding the Booster Club, without the written approval of the Board of Directors.

All contracts will be signed by the President of the Board of Directors.

Section 6.3 - Endorsement of Candidates

The Booster Club will not endorse any political party or candidate.

Section 6.4 - Alcohol and/or Drugs

At no time will Booster Club funds be used to purchase alcohol, unless prior approval is given by the Board of Directors. At no time will the Booster Club, in its entity, supply or purchase alcohol or drugs (prescription or otherwise) for any Evansville IceMen player(s). If individual Booster Club members provide alcohol or drugs to any player(s), the liability will rest solely with that individual member. (See Code of Conduct.)

Section 6.5 - Confidentiality

All members shall maintain transparency, discretion, and confidentiality at all times.

Members will honor the confidentiality of any privileged information obtained through involvement while acting as a representative of the Booster Club. This includes interactions with the Evansville IceMen staff and players. Members must exercise respect for the privacy of all players and members of the IceMen organization.

A player's personal information is never to be brought forward for discussion during any Booster Club functions.

At no time will a Booster Club member, or a Booster Club family member, release private information (i.e. address, phone number, e-mail address, etc.) to anyone except when it is required for a Booster Club business-related purpose.

Section 6.6 - Accountability

All members are held personally accountable and responsible for their individual actions and the results of the same. This includes, but is not limited to: dealing with Booster Club funds, interacting with and providing benefits to players, and all actions during Booster Club functions. (See Code of Conduct.)

Article VII. Amendment

This document can be amended by a majority vote of the Booster Club membership. Proposed revisions shall be drafted in advance by the Board of Directors, then presented to the full membership for discussion and approval at any General Meeting. Amendments must be ratified by a majority of the adult members present.

If the Board of Directors approves a change in the annual membership dues, this document can be amended to include the updated dollar amounts without requiring the revision to be approved by a vote of the full membership.

Grammatical corrections, minor language changes and formatting tweaks may be made at any time.

Article VIII. Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Booster Club or the Evansville IceMen Professional Hockey Club:

- The Treasurer shall prepare a final financial report, showing remaining funds after reconciling all financial obligations.
- The Secretary shall file all necessary legal documents required for the official dissolution of the corporation.

Any remaining funds shall be donated to the Evansville Youth Hockey Association (EYHA) or a similar youth hockey or sporting organization.