

PRINCETON YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

“Team First – Integrity – Grit – Engaged – Respectful”

Monthly Board Meeting Agenda / Minutes

July 22nd, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER: - 6:31 pm

2. ATTENDANCE

Brittany Stearns, Melissa McAlpine, Dylan Sweeney, Jeremy Uhrich, Corey Murphy, Joe Hostrawser, Becky Krueger, Zach Welding, Chris Gadacz, Craig Ballensky, JT Marchiafava, Cameron Carson, Matt Plasch, Nick Schuett, Ben Heath, Amber Wilkinson

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF GAMBLING REPORTS (*Amber Wilkinson, Gambling Manager*)

Summer slow down. Finish Line has been sold, new owners/business will not have any gambling at all. Need to work on additional/new gambling sites. Annual audit was completed 7/1/24. Becky Krueger motions to approve LG1004, Ben Heath seconds. All in favor, motion passes. Brittany Stearns motions to approve transfer of \$10,000 for bills, Ben Heath seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (*Brittany Stearns, Secretary*)

Corey Murphy motions to approve June meeting minutes, Zach Welding seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT (*Jeremy Uhrich, Treasurer*)

Discussed what the financials would be without gambling, the need to obtain additional/new gambling sites and curb unnecessary spending. BOD signed Thank You Card for donator for donation received in June. Corey Murphy motions to approve the treasurer’s report, Ben Heath seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

6. PRESIDENT’S REPORT (*Joe Hostrawser*)

Nothing new to report.

7. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT (*Becky Krueger*)

PYHA Feedback Form received – anonymous compliment regarding timely communication of preskate and tryout dates and times. Eric Englund is putting out PYHA registration yard signs. We have additional yard signs to put out once we determine areas of need. Becky Krueger is updating one of four 4’x8’ PYHA banners to hang at arena drive entrance, will state that registration is open. Joe is completing the form to get PYHA Registration Open information on the Community Ed digital sign.

8. ARENA/ADVERTISING MANAGER REPORT (*Missy McAlpine*)

Arena hosted a birthday party recently which was a success for both the customers and the staff, some lessons learned and things to implement going forward. The arena also recently hosted the Murphy Benefit and the \$236 profit was donated to the Murphy family, all in favor. East Rink start up scheduled for 09/03/2024 with painting starting on 09/06/2024. Missy getting a quote from Jet Ice for center ice logo template. Mora purchased available ice hours. Kick Off Party Cornhole registration via PYHA website – looking for 20 teams at \$40/team. Bantam/Peewee A Jamboree – still need 2 PWA teams

9. DISTRICT 10 REPORT (*Joe Hostrawser*)

No July meeting. Associations starting to communicate their player needs. Neck Guard Laceration protection information being shared.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- **Away Tournament Coordinator**, *Becky Krueger/Brittany Stearns* – nothing new to report
- **Communications Coordinator**, *Becky Krueger* – recent communications/social media posts regarding: Coaching applications, Early Bird Level 2 & 3 CEP courses, Neck Laceration Protection information, registration opening and 10K puck updates and shout outs. Upcoming communications and social media content: Goons 4 Good, All Girls Skate Night, Registration reminder and next/final learn to skate session.
- **Equipment Manager**, *Dylan Sweeney/Jeremy Uhrich* – plan to schedule time soon to go through and organize gear and pull out and organize tryout jerseys.

- **Fundraising Coordinator, Corey Murphy** – Goons 4 Good tourney update: 40 players registered, waiting to hear how many registered for Cornhole, 6 T-Shirt Sponsors, 6 Cornhole sponsors and 1 puck sponsor. Unfortunately no ice sponsors. Discussed Taps for Tigers Brewfest fundraising idea for Spring 2025. All in favor, Corey to start gauging interest.
- **Game Sheet Coordinator, Brittany Stearns** – in August, Gamesheet will be removed from the arena iPads so the iPads can be updated and then Gamesheet will be reinstalled.
- **Girls Program Coordinator, Becky Krueger** – Planning to have parking lot pre-season dryland again, 8U #'s are projecting to be higher than normal – could possibly have 2 smaller 8U teams, BBL families are reaching out about the co-op, 08/11/24 All Girls Skate Night and possible all girls co-op meeting to follow (TBD).
- **Hockey Director, Nick Schuett** – Pushing for early coaching applications and pushing all coaching applicants to complete certification items now versus waiting, HDC June Meeting was focused on tryouts – Nick will take the following back to the HDC: Evaluators will be paid \$25/hour, on-ice coordinators (highschool players) will be paid \$15/hour, Andy and Bryan to design tryout drills and these drills will be done by Bryan during Preskates so no time is wasted explaining drills during tryouts, due to the number of projected Bantams a 2nd hour was added for Bantams on each tryout day – Bantams will be split for tryouts (split TBD), HDC mentioned they would like tryout 1 and 2 to be skills based and tryout 3 to be internal scrimmage based, HDC asked PYHA to consider building Player Profiles going forward – Zach Welding to obtain needs from Hockey Director/HDC and then build a tool to use for this, Evaluators scores will be entered into Excel tool by a non-board member (Missy McAlpine for 9/21 and 9/22 and TBD for 9/28), HDC has asked PYHA to consider Girls tryouts going forward, even if they only have 1 team, so the girls gain exposure to the tryout process.
- **Home Tournament Coordinator, Corey Murphy** – Peewee/Bantam A Jamboree – Bantam A full and Peewee A looking for 2 more teams
- **Mite/8U Coordinator (On-Ice), Ben Heath** – nothing new to report
- **Mite Jamboree Coordinator, Danielle Murphy** – did not attend
- **Mite/8U Coordinator (Off-Ice), Zach Welding** – 31 HKYIQ sticks ordered in the first round
- **Outdoor Ice Manager, Jon Stenslie** – did not attend
- **Recruitment Coordinator, Dylan Sweeney** – Learn to Skate dates set (6/9, 7/21 and 8/11). July 21st Learn to Skate had 7 participants and support from last years Bantam A players as well as Becky. Next/Final Learn to Skate date is 08/11/24. New ice pusher needed – Missy said Mike could make one/some. Old pusher may be salvageable but needs to be welded. Free Splash Park Day on July 18th was really busy.
- **Referee Coordinator, Joe Hostrawser/Jeremy Uhrich** – email will be sent to youth referee's from 23-24 season to see who plans to return for the 24-25 season
- **Registration/Team Manager Coordinator, Brittany Stearns** – registration opened early this year (on 7/15) and some families are taking advantage. As of 07/22/24 there were 14 players registered.
- **Scheduling Coordinator (Practice), Joe Hostrawser** – nothing new to report
- **Scheduling Coordinator (Games), Missy McAlpine** – Plyo room has been closed (reserved) for all highschool home games
- **Tiny Tigers Coordinator, Zach Welding/Nick Schuett** – nothing new to report
- **Volunteer Coordinator, Corey Murphy** – preparing to load preskate/tryout LRMs into DIBS as well as HS Games
- **Website Coordinator, Becky Krueger** – 24-25 season registration is live, working on a website refresh, working on correcting the Jamboree "home" page to be generic information with separate pages for the Bantam/Peewee A Jamboree as well as the Mite Jamboree, SportsEngine is switching to Season Management – Becky attending a webinar on 08/13/24, Brittany to forward Crossbar contact to Becky for a possible future systems solution

11. NEW ITEMS

- **Arena Internet:** Zach working to obtain password to update internet access/profiles/settings/speed – also getting a quote to put an access point in the West Rink

- **Goons 4 Good Temporary Liquor License:** Missy and Corey let us know the cost would actually be \$1,075 and not \$875. Jeremy Uhrich motions to approve the additional \$200 for a temporary liquor license for the Goons 4 Good tournament, Ben Heath seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
- **PYHA Logo Update:** Becky presented 3 logos to the board for discussion, all in favor of the circular logo and nobody in favor of the shield logos. Becky to follow up with logo/apparel company on purchase and copyright fee. Board vote needed by end of July so will be handled via email. Once purchased the PYHA logo will be used for jersey's, apparel, center ice, communications, website etc.. There will be one circular logo but 3 possible word combinations to be used as needed for different purposes (Princeton Hockey, Tiger Hockey and Princeton Tigers).
- **Locker Room Monitors (LRM) for 24-25 season:** D10 is requiring that each travel team has at least 3 LRMs besides the coaches. Fines for teams in locker rooms without an approved LRM are \$1,000 first offense, \$2,000 second offense and \$4,000 third offense – these fines will be paid by the team and not PYHA. Brittany proposed sending individual emails to families as they register regarding this requirement and the need for parents to complete USA hockey certifications in order to be approved LRMs. All in favor.
- **Tiny Tigers Follow Up and Registration:** Zach is completing the USA Hockey registration for Tiny Tigers Learn to Skate program. Tiny Tigers registration will open on 08/15/24, Tiny Tigers will be nine 1 hour ice sessions on Saturday's at 11:00 am starting on 11/16/24 and ending on 1/11/24, with no session on 12/14/24.
- **Mite Jamboree Info and Registration:** Mite Jamboree is 01/18/24 – 01/19/24, there will be 36 ice hours and cost will remain at \$575. Registration will open ASAP and we are looking for 8 Mite A Teams, 8 Mite B Teams and 10 Mite C Teams. Contacts are: Danielle Murphy, Zach Welding and Ben Heath.
- **Raffle Tickets:** BOD will ask Amber to have 400 raffle tickets printed and ready for Preskates/tryouts and the Mite Parent Meeting
- **2024-2025 Teams on USA Hockey Portal:** USA Hockey Portal is live for 24-25 season, the Board Roster, Flex Roster and LRM Roster have been built. Board Roster is due to D10 by 09/30/2024. Brittany requested that board members send her their USA Hockey # ASAP so she can verify SafeSport and Background requirements are complete.
- **Haga Kommer Audit Proposal:** Board members reviewed and discussed – no decision made yet, need to discuss with Nikki Elton at upcoming meeting
- **SOP Review:** work in progress but initial SOPs are done and have been reviewed by BOD
- **Coaches Room Update:** grants requested did not come through, the space/room can be used as is and can be a work in progress if funds/grants become available or members want to donate time and resources
- **Mite Goalie Question:** a family reached out about not being able to indicate goalie versus skater when registering their mite. Their son is interested in playing goalie full time. Per USA Hockey, there is no goalie designation at the Mite/8U level. Once placed on a team, the coach manages this. The player can play goalie often but possibly not 100% of the time depending on team and other players interested in playing goalie.
- **Stearns Family Play-Up Request (skater):** Cody Stearns submitted a request for board approval for Lane Stearns to tryout as a Squirt for the 24-25 season. Lane Stearns meets aall requirements, board approves. Joe Hostrawser will notify Cody.
- **Clemente Family Play-Up Request (goalie):** Clemente family submitted a request for board approval for Dominick Clemente to tryout as a Squirt for the 24-25 season. Dominick Clemente did not meet the requirement for playing on the top team for the prior 2 seasons however based on projections there may be a Squirt Goalie shortage at which time an exception could be made by the board. This item was tabled until the August meeting at which time almost all 24-25 registrations should be in and more will be known about Squirt level goalies. Joe Hostrawser will notify Clemente family of the tabled conversation. Revisit in August.
- **Present Arena Manager Performance Review to BOD (Closed item – BOD Only):** BOD finalized the Arena Managers Performance Review at the May 2024 meeting. Arena Manager received the performance review in June 2024. Process finalized for prior year.
- **Present Arena Maintenance Performance Review to BOD (Closed item – BOD Only):** Arena Manager finalized and provided the annual performance review to the Arena Maintenance staff. Arena Manager and BOD reviewed the discussion and feedback from the Arena Maintenance Staff. Process finalized for prior year.

12. **ADJOURN:** - 9:24 pm Nick Schuett motions to adjourn, Zach Welding seconds.