

PYHA Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, July 14th, 2025

6:00PM - Oakstone

**Board Members Present:**

David Gauder 2023-2026	Andy Roe 2024-2027	Liz Payne 2024-2027	Lindsay Schleis 2023-2026
<del>Chad Normington 2023-2026</del>	Greg Fawver 2024-2027	Aaron Palmer 2024-2027	Blythe Robbins 2023-2026
Kelly Vetter 2025-2028	Scott McConnell 2025-2028	Mike Taylor 2025-2028	Brent Ruhland 2025-2028

**Ground Rules:**

Your time is valuable. We will follow the agenda and stay on time.  
PYHA Code of Conduct is to be followed.

6:02 pm - Call to order & Approve June Minutes  
David motion to Approve, Scott second, all in favor  
Organizational priorities – needs a tweak on the development verbiage

6:05 pm – Girls Hockey Updates

- Girls Try Hockey for Free Event June 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Hockey for free was a tremendous turnout – 30 to 35 skaters total with approx. 20 renting equipment
- Survey Results – SP & Waunakee
  - 81 respondents across Patriots and Waunakee (no response from SP)
    - Would like to follow up with everyone that responded to the survey with a call to action to register
    - Estimating 2 teams at 14U (Stoughton, McFarland, Oregon forming their own mini icebergs teams), 2 teams at PW
    - Discussion on 10U
    - 2 Hours Per week is committed by SP. If we have 4 teams we have enough ice.

6:57 pm - Season Opening

- Updated Registration Numbers & Projections
  - Bantam – 2 Co-ed , 1 dragons

- PW 3 co-ed, 1 Dragons
- Squirt 4 co-ed, 1 Dragons
- Jerseys
  - Will need to order more Adult Large practice jerseys
  - Mites should be ok

7:06 pm – OIC Update

- Updates to Skill Sessions Structure
  - Background: The committee agreed that skill practices are important for player development. The focus is on quality repetitions that help skaters improve, not just ice time.
  - Recommendation:
    - Require more coaches on the ice during skills; at least two from each team per session. This will be added to the coach's requirements document.
    - Clearly state during registration that skills sessions are not for everyone. Skaters should be interested in improving and willing to be a positive member of the group.
    - Effort and attitude are more important than the skater's ability.
    - If a skater becomes a distraction and does not improve after a conversation with their family, they may be removed from skills sessions. No refunds will be issued.
- Discussion on Goalie attendance at Skills sessions – Not needed – Goalies have their own skills sessions
- Game Scheduling: Last season, PYHA teams struggled to schedule games due to other associations starting before team selection and the timing of our game ice getting released.
  - Recommendation: Assign one person per age level (possibly AGLs or OIC Coaching Mentors) to schedule a base set of games for all expected teams, including: Home and home series with other Division 1 teams in Region 4 (targeting 5 home and 5 away games)
  - 1-2 additional games outside of Region 4 could be scheduled
  - This process would pre-fill roughly half of each team's schedule.
- Pre-Season Ice:

- Background: Survey feedback and conversations with families indicate that they feel the current placement process is too long and creates stress, especially for skaters trying out for A teams who also participate in B/C placements.
- Recommendation:
  - A Team Tryouts: Start on a Sunday (we tried to stay away from weekends last season) & have 2 sessions (no change to the number of sessions)
  - B/C Placements: Reduce from 4 sessions to 3
  - U14 Girls & Co-ed teams will have an A-team tryout.
- Proposed Timeline:
  - Sunday-Monday & Tuesday: A-Team Tryouts
  - Wednesday: Board approval & A-team announcements
  - Thursday/Friday: B/C Placement Session 1
  - Monday/Tuesday: B/C Placement Session 2
  - Thursday/Friday: B/C Placement Session 3
  - Saturday: OIC and Board meetings to approve coaches and final rosters
- Proposed changes to the [Tryout and Placement Doc](#) to be circulated via email and voted and approved.

8:09 pm - EMIC Update - 1<sup>st</sup> draft of contract has been shared from the city and looks to be what we expected. It is being run through legal.

8:14 pm – Treasurers Report

Taste of Madison – Doing things differently this year, but we are still in. We only get Sunday.

Require everyone that volunteers to complete their serve safe test. Sign up needs to be completed by Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>. 2 hour test will be compensated by volunteer or concession hours (members choice on where to place the hours) and then each hour served at the tent.

Tournaments will be booked tonight – changes can be made at the next OIC meeting if needed.

8:25 pm – Share Point Documentation and Email Update

Email Update – cname file issue. David will be working to clean things up. Deleting scholarship email. Will delete the dedicated OIC email. Fundraising email is being figured out. Dragons email (Tara & Megan) to be migrated to Teams.

8:34 pm – Golf Outing

17 Teams Registered – Sending out a last call

8:36 pm - 30/60/90 Day Review

- 30 Days:
  - Placement and Tryout Doc
  - Board Member Background Check, Safe Sport, USA Hockey
  - Registration Open
  - DoH to engage with MG Coach as liaison to the program
  - Jersey Counts – Practice Jerseys / Dragons Jerseys / Mites / L1 & L2
  - WAHA Annual Meeting in Stevens Point (President, DoH, and voting members) August 2nd
  - Golf Outing July 26th
  - Region 4 Showdown August 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Camp Ice / A Team Tryouts / Evaluation Schedules Preliminary
- 60 Days:
  - Registration Closing Date (August 17th)
  - Camp Ice / A Team Tryouts / Evaluation Schedules Finalized
  - DOH Parent Meeting Schedule Set
  - U6 & U8 Schedules / Registrations / Registration Closing
  - Travel Jersey Store Opens
  - Apparel Store Opens
  - Fundraising Schedules Set
- 90 Days:
  - Season Opens
  - Begin working on Waubesa Cup

8:47 pm – Adjourn

Mike motion to adjourn, Greg second, David – opposes.

Plan put in place to discuss next course of growth with SP.

9:25 – Meeting Adjourned