

## Penquis Youth Hockey Board Meeting Minutes 9/21/2021

At the Piscataquis County Ice Arena – 5:45PM

In attendance:

Allison Phillips  
Matt Spooner  
Anthony Phillips  
JD Walker  
Jim Austin  
Chad Phillips

**Treasures report:** Report provided via email from Cindy Obrey

Checking: 24,349.39  
Paypal: 2656.80  
Equipment fund: 1021.00  
Fundraising: 1666.33

A check for 750.00 today for the new-to-us 8U nets

**Season Start October 18<sup>th</sup>. Currently Registered:**

LTP-6  
8U- 8  
10U-7  
12U-5+  
14U-1

We are aware of many intending on registering and simply haven't yet.

**Coaching Updates:** Tom Collins 8U coach

Jerseys/New Ice Rules

Jerseys are in production through Gunn's Sports Shop.

New Rules:

Icing the puck on a penalty kill is now an icing call, no longer waved off.

Offsides are immediately called, no more warning to exit the zone.

If periods are 12min periods, penalties are 1min 30sec versus the full 2 mins.

\*Other rule changes, though none that will impact our teams.

**Scheduling:** Scheduler is waiting to hear from other teams to begin scheduling games.

**Fundraising:** Parents meeting to be held with fundraising as a focus as well as the upcoming season requirements and details. Heather will be sending an email to parents soon for increased participation from parents as well. Discussion of Booster program, providing swag to parents/families who raise money.

**Other:**

-Bill Orton Fund

The Bill Orton fund was established in 2021. It was established to commemorate William "Bill" R. Orton III who passed away suddenly September 19, 2020. Bill was instrumental in the early years for youth hockey in Piscataquis County. He, along with his wife, Julie, wanted their three boys, Rich, Ben, and Rob to have the opportunity to play hockey locally. In Bill's memory, this fund has been created to help give the youth in our region an opportunity to play. These funds will be used at the discretion of the Penquis Youth Hockey Board of Directors to help fit a kid in gear or to help with registration fees.

\*In the early years of the fund, coaches will be the ones to identify possible help with expenses.

\*Account to be created for Bill Orton donations specifically.

-8U/10U that coaches see a need for LTS will be registered for LTS with PYHA paying the reduced fee. LTP also be sent to LTS, though they will pay the reduced fee themselves due to LTP being free.

-Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Figure skating event possibly hosted by the arena, could affect practice but that may be vacation week when practices will likely not be held.

-LTP gear discounts via Gunn's and PCIA finalizing

-Communicating High School and Older youth hockey games at the arena for our youth to attend and see what their future games could look like.

-Increase communication with parents and community members via text, FB, email, school flyers, etc.

***Meeting concluded with moving Monthly meetings to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm to accommodate practices. Next meeting is annual meeting, nominations to be emailed to Allison prior to meeting.***