

PYHA Board Meeting
April 1, 2026
Palouse Ice Rink and Google Meets

1. Call to Order/Attendance

6:17pm: Dan called the meeting to order, roll call, quorum verified

Present: Justin Hughes, Stacey Poler, Dan Bayly, Liz Bryant, John Paradis, Andy Carlson

Missing: Asia Paszcynska, Brant Schroeder, Tim Spencer

2. Old Business

Action Item: Stacey moved to approve minutes, seconded. Minutes approved.

3. New Business

Public Comment

Leslie Stamper-Liddle: requests that we consider a different photographer for next year. Brought some samples from a local photographer's portfolio. Requesting, if possible, to have a game schedule posted on website and for more information about how to learn more about the Board and what the different roles entail.

Liz, Stacey, and Dan encouraged Leslie to attend future meetings and to consider getting involved with volunteering for the board even if not in a formal capacity.

Presidents Report – Dan

Goalie camp went well. Did not make a profit, but about broke even.

Upcoming changes from USA Hockey regarding requirement that players play in the state where they live. WA has drafted a policy that would allow for an exception, which Idaho will need to agree to, which will allow out of state players to register with the association that is closest to their physical address. We will know in May once Idaho votes. Dan plans to attend half the May 2nd meeting in Lewiston; Andy will attend the second half if he can. Discussion re: whether we should “campaign” as a border state regarding the impact that they will have on our association if we are no longer able to register Washington students.

Treasurer report - Stacey

Current balance - \$167,790.32

Outgoing/pending: \$20,140.30

Tournament reimbursements still collecting: approx. \$5,800 from 12U, 8U, and 18U state deposit reimbursement. Reconciling money outstanding for tournament fees. Has been in contact with managers and they are aware and are working to get the funds to Stacey. Concern that there was some missing funds – amount written on envelope came up \$105 short at bank count.

Question – can we do a business Venmo? Concern – the individual collecting the funds will be subject to tax if over \$600 collected. Perhaps we can look at using Sports Engine.

Leslie asks if it is possible for us to have a locked box that is just for PYHA. Stacey plans to do some work on revising how tournaments are billed. Dan notes that Laura has offered us office space upstairs at the ice rink. Perhaps we could use that as secure storage.

Director of Coaching Report (Dan reported on behalf of Brant)

Dan provided a brief update on the status of coaching applications. In instances where more than one, will invite applicants to come present to the Board so we can give feedback and then hand decision over to the coaching committee. Dan mentions that with the new USA hockey out-of-state rules, exceptions will be league specific. For example, if a Lewiston skater wanted to play in Moscow, they would need to exceptions (one for Moscow and one for Lewiston). Justin asks if it is possible to approach LC about desire to consider merging associations (one association with two rinks). Could be some good potential for future collaboration, but a complete merger may be unfeasible (unless we find that the USA hockey rules are hindering us).

Additional New Business

Structure for next year:

Andy, Dan, and JC met to develop a proposal. Would like to have two smaller house rosters for each level. Each would be equally divided. Starting at 10U, have a select/travel team that would have 1 extra practice per month and travel to perhaps one tournament. Charge a nominal fee and could use that to cover the tournament fee. Proposal Below.

10U: The 10U house program focuses on skill development and fun in a low-pressure environment. Players will be divided into two house teams and compete primarily in half-ice games, keeping the experience age-appropriate and maximizing ice time for every player.

Second-year 10U players will have the opportunity to participate in a select travel team, with a small number of highly skilled first-year players potentially included. Select participation comes at no additional cost to families. Select players will have up to one

additional practice per month beyond the regular house practice schedule. The select season will include one additional select tournament in March.

12U:The 12U program introduces a more structured development pathway. The season kicks off with a rating/evaluation skate in the spring, to provide feedback to players and help coaches place players appropriately in preparation for the season. However, rosters will not be finalized until the official season begins in the fall.

Two house rosters will provide competitive play for all participants, and roster flexibility allows players to fill in on the other team when conflicts arise.

A select team will be formed through coach and neutral outside evaluation, giving motivated players a higher-intensity competitive experience. Select participation will require an additional fee, and select players commit to two to four extra practices per month in addition to the house schedule. The select team will participate in three tournaments per year beyond the regular house schedule. Select team players must participate in the house program to be eligible for select participation.

14U: The 14U program builds on the 12U model with increased competition and development opportunities. A spring rating/evaluation skate (potentially open to players from outside organizations if agreements can be reached) will allow players to receive feedback and coaches to prepare for the fall season. However, rosters will not be finalized until the season begins in the fall.

Two house rosters provide the foundation of the program, with roster flexibility available when scheduling conflicts arise.

A select team will be formed through coach and neutral outside evaluation, giving motivated players a higher-intensity competitive experience. Select participation will require an additional fee. Select players practice once per week beyond the regular house schedule. The select team will compete in three to four tournaments per year in addition to the house schedule, beginning with "B"-level tournaments in the fall and potentially advancing to "A"-level events later in the season based on the team skill level. Select team players must participate in the house program to be eligible for select participation.

18U:The 18U program offers the association's most comprehensive competitive structure. A spring rating/evaluation skate (potentially open to players from outside organizations if agreements can be reached) will allow players to receive feedback and coaches to prepare for the fall season. However, rosters will not be finalized until the season begins in the fall.

Two house rosters serve as the core of the program, with players available to fill in across rosters as needed.

A select team (which may include players from outside organizations under a formal agreement) is formed through coach and neutral outside evaluation. Participation in the select program will require an additional fee. Select players will also participate in the house program.

House players receive two practices per week plus a flexible third slot that may be used for games, scrimmages, or specialty clinics (total of 3 ice times). Select players receive one additional practice per week (total of 4 ice times).

The goal for the 18U select team is to participate in a formal league. Alternatively, *if league play is not feasible,* there will be five to six additional select tournaments per year, scheduled so they do not conflict with house games or events.

Proposal Discussion: Andy vocalized strong support for getting into a league. Include checking coaching in practice so that they learn how to safely check/take a check. JC included a session on this in his showcase, and it was great. Andy says he thinks this is something that we could work into our program.

Discussion regarding league downsides: probably some injuries. Could not have outside players who also play in their association. Scheduling would be more complex (2 away and 2 home with each team) but still need to invest time and effort to make sure that the house league remains strong.

Justin asks if there is anything we can do now before registering. Dan clarifies that we must be able to tell people what they are registering for.

Justin will work on getting ice reserved for a Rate Skate evaluation: 10U+; skaters will register through Sports Engine - \$10/player charge.

First step: pursue PNAHA B and see if this is a viable option.

Action Item: Dan moved to approve the structure outlined in the document with understanding that we plan to pursue PNAHA. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

4. Discuss 'To Do' Items:

- Dan will email PNAHA B to let them know we would like to apply for membership
- Justin will schedule rate skates with the rink toward the end of the month.
- Andy will recruit coach evaluators
- Dan will ask JC to help develop evaluation forms for rate skate
- Dan will schedule a time for the coach applicants to present to the board
- Liz will report out on election results (closes 4/2 at 11:59pm)

5. Confirm Next Meeting / Adjournment

Next meeting is May 6 at 5:15pm, at which the Board will follow processes outlined in Bylaws and will qualify the votes and elect officers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm