

PRINCETON YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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

Monthly Board Meeting Agenda / Minutes

October 28th, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** - 6:30 pm
 2. **ATTENDANCE:** Brittany Stearns, Becky Krueger, Melissa McAlpine, Jeremy Uhrich, Joe Hostrawser, Dylan Sweeney, Nick Schuett, Zach Welding, Ben Heath, Chris Gadacz, Matt Plasch, JT Marchiafava, Mike Krueger, Amber Wilkinson, Nikki Cook, Corey Murphy
 3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF GAMBLING REPORTS** (*Amber Wilkinson, Gambling Manager*)
Bingo and Meat raffles have restarted for the winter months. Clyde’s off to a good start. Dirty Blonde is expanding. Swapping out old jerseys at gambling sites with new jerseys with new logo. Still in need of people to work events on weekends at gambling sites. Becky Krueger motions to approve LG1004, Ben Heath seconds. All in favor, motion passes. Ben Heath motions to transfer \$40,000 for bills, Zach Welding seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
 4. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** (*Brittany Stearns, Secretary*)
Ben Heath motions to approve September meeting minutes, Dylan Sweeney seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
 5. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT** (*Jeremy Uhrich, Treasurer*)
Question regarding when certain funds hit/are posted (i.e., Ice Rentals and HS contract payments). Becky Krueger motions to approve September treasurer report, Corey Murphy seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
 6. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT** (*Joe Hostrawser*)
Tryouts are completed and went very well. Joe and Nick met with 2 families following tryouts. A 3rd family refused to meet and unfortunately decided to quit hockey. PYHA had 100% participation at mandatory D10 Head Coach meetings. Joe met with Bryan Osmondson and mapped out Monday night skills and the Saturday Skate & Skills (formerly Skating Progression). D10 fined PYHA \$100 for having a full ice Mite A vs Mite B scrimmage. Mites cannot have full ice scrimmages/games until after January 15th and teams cannot cross Levels or classifications, except for at the A levels as A and AA are deemed the same during the regular season – they become different once District Playoffs begin.
 7. **VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT** (*Becky Krueger*)
No feedback forms received – nothing new to report
 8. **ARENA/ADVERTISING MANAGER REPORT** (*Missy McAlpine*)
Focus has been on Game Scheduling for the past month. Bantam A/Peewee A Jamboree (preview) was a success, and we received positive feedback from D10 and attendees. The gas company came out to look at one furnace.
 9. **DISTRICT 10 REPORT** (*Joe Hostrawser*)
D10 Tier II Green Giants (Prospects) are headed to Nationals in Michigan in April. Camden DeFouw, PYHA Bantam A, is a member of that team. D10 Mandatory Manager and Head Coach meetings have concluded. Pilot program for B2 Bantams, Peewees and 12Us to advance beyond the District Tournament happening this year – D10 is one of 3 associations piloting the program. Mite Game Scheduling is happening on 11/6 and no change to the 7 full ice game limit (no full ice until after January 15th).
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- 10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**
- **Away Tournament Coordinator**, *Becky Krueger/Brittany Stearns* – Tournaments for 10U and Peewee A were rescheduled due to final level determination being different than initial level declaration.
 - **Communications Coordinator**, *Becky Krueger* – recent communications focused on Saturday Skating & Skills, Try Hockey for Free event and season reminders (i.e., Fundraisers and DIBS). Bantam/Peewee Jamboree photos to be shared on website and social media soon. Some fun social media posts with different teams/levels throughout the association – these will continue throughout the season.
 - **Equipment Manager**, *Dylan Sweeney/Jeremy Uhrich* – game jersey handout is complete, still waiting for game socks to arrive. Ordered new mite equipment, will provide gambling sites with new jersey with new logo. Tiny Tiger equipment handout scheduled for 11/7/24.

- **Fundraising Coordinator**, *Corey Murphy* – Winter fundraisers were due on 10/27/24. Feedback around new process thus far has been around: Nelson Nursery visibility/reporting and Nelson Nursery delivery date. Both are being addressed. Corey will work with Becky to send out a survey to the association to solicit feedback on the new process (online stores). Raffle tickets due on 12/1/24. Spring Fundraiser will be Nelson Nursery Gift Cards.
- **Game Sheet Coordinator**, *Brittany Stearns* – iPads have been flipped back to the regular season league code following the Bantam/Peewee Jamboree. All teams have been sent their Gamesheet invitation codes and login information. Reminders for the season: Specify Game Type Warning is still an issue; End Time must be entered or the team will be fined. Training videos shared with team managers.
- **Girls Program Coordinator**, *Becky Krueger* – 12U picked up a 3rd tournament in River Falls (D10 permission to leave the state was obtained). Discussed 12U and 10U practices and areas of focus. 12U Jamboree happening in Princeton in February. Discussed PBBL Co-Op. BBL is withdrawing more and more and is in violation of the PBBL Co-Op contract. PYHA Board to address with BBL board (3 members needed that aren't part of the co-op).
- **Hockey Director**, *Nick Schuett* – Next HDC meeting will focus on Coaches Newsletter, tryout recap, Saturday Skating & Skills and addressing varying skill levels within teams (i.e., 10U). Discussed the need for more coaches at lower levels and utilizing more coaches on the Flex Roster.
- **Home Tournament Coordinator**, *Corey Murphy* – Peewee/Bantam Jamboree (preview) was a success. Looking to schedule Squirt and 10U jamborees in Princeton in the future.
- **Mite/8U Coordinator (On-Ice)**, *Ben Heath* – Mite assessments complete, teams formed, coaches and managers identified and rosters in progress.
- **Mite Jamboree Coordinator**, *Danielle Murphy* – Hoping to add music and an announcer this year. All levels are full. Missy shared a creative idea of post-game interviews.
- **Mite/8U Coordinator (Off-Ice)**, *Zach Welding* – weekend practices scheduled through the end of December. Game scheduling on 11/6/24. Quick Change Goalie gear is awesome – requested another set or 2. Jerseys and socks handed out.
- **Outdoor Ice Manager**, *Jon Stenslie* – did not attend
- **Recruitment Coordinator**, *Dylan Sweeney* – Try Hockey for Free event happening on 11/2/24. Advertised with Community Education, Princeton Primary School and on various local Social Media sites. Eligible to apply for a \$500 grant just for hosting this event, researching what more we can do with these events in the future (i.e., free first year, vouchers etc.)
- **Referee Coordinator**, *Joe Hostrawser/Jeremy Uhrich* – 4 confirmed, 6 awaiting seminars and 3 TBD
- **Registration/Team Manager Coordinator**, *Brittany Stearns* – Travel Rosters are approved. New waiver rules and tightened MN Hockey boundaries (play where you live) created additional challenges for roster sign off this year. Mite Roster signoff is Sunday 12/1/24 – Brittany will be out of town that weekend. Will work with D10 to get team folders to them prior to 12/1, may need someone to attend in her place. Brittany and Becky had a Travel Team Manager meeting on 10/14/24. Looking to schedule a Mite Team Manager meeting in early November. Discussed surrounding community's w/o hockey (Milaca, Foley, Ogilvie, Zimmerman) and options for those residing in those towns/school districts.
- **Scheduling Coordinator (Practice)**, *Joe Hostrawser* – done through December. Starting to work on January. Adding a 3rd Bantam team and balancing all the different game lengths added some extra challenges this year.
- **Scheduling Coordinator (Games)**, *Missy McAlpine* – D10 Game Schedules are out and PYHA calendars have been updated and verified by team managers. Adding a 3rd Bantam team and balancing all the different game lengths added some extra challenges this year.
- **Tiny Tigers Director**, *Zach Welding/Nick Schuett* – 41 registered as of 10/28/24. Equipment handout scheduled for 11/7/24. Calendar created and shared with registered families. Jerseys ordered.
- **Volunteer Coordinator**, *Corey Murphy* – other than the Mite and 12U jamborees and the HS Scrimmage Fest, all DIBS for the season have been posted and most claimed. Brittany will send Corey names of those who get Volunteer hours through committees.
- **Website Coordinator**, *Becky Krueger* – team pages have been updated with rosters, headers, sponsors etc.

11. NEW ITEMS

- **PYHA Financials (Chris Gadacz) – to be discussed during Gambling and Treasurer Reports:** Chris Gadacz did a deep dive into PYHA financials, created an easy-to-read balance sheet, raised a concern and made some suggestions for the board to consider. A follow-up is needed with the Commercial Lender to discuss the FDIC limit concern; funds have been moved to interest bearing accounts. The Board agreed to set up an annual meeting to discuss financials and decide how to properly allocate funds (i.e., what to hold, what to reinvest and how). Date for annual financial meeting TBD. Reviewed sample meeting minutes from Sartell and working on including some basic financial information in monthly meeting minutes.
- **Mite Development (Mike Krueger):** Mike raised some concerns around Mite development, specifically, the perceived negative perception around Mite evaluations, segregation within teams and the autonomy around the Mite program.
- **Zimmerman Resident Clarification:** As of the 24-25 season, those that have a Zimmerman address but fall in ISD 477, play for Princeton and those with a Zimmerman address that reside in ISD 728, must play for Elk River. This is different than years past where Zimmerman residents could make a one-time choice, like Milaca, Foley, Ogilvie etc., and is due to the new waiver rule and tightened MN Hockey district/association boundaries.
- **Student Coach Update:** Players ages 13 – 17 with a valid USA Hockey Player #, may go through the process of becoming a rostered student coach. Highschool students do not have USA Hockey player #'s as they register through MSHSL. They can help on ice on a limited basis if they have the signed Student Coach form and have sat through the SafeSport presentation with the association president.
- **Reminders for Coaches (Dryland Facility, On Ice Practices, Exhibition Scrimmages etc):** Discussed email that will be sent out to PYHA coaches regarding: D10 Meeting Attendance (kudos from D10), Saturday Skating & Skills, Communication with Arena Manager, Reserving the Dryland Facility, Team Practices (who is allowed on ice), communicating scrimmages and appropriate D10 links (coach-controlled vs Exhibition) and locker room assignments.
- **Crossbar Platform:** Becky distributed a handout and spoke through her initial demo with Crossbar. The board is strongly considering making the switch from SportsEngine to Crossbar at the end of the 24-25 season due to increased cost, ease of use and servicing.
- **Wild Fundraiser:** Discussed open dates for MN Wild Program sales fundraiser. Open dates were not ideal for any PYHA team (Squirt/10U or above). The consensus was to pass for this year and reconsider down the road.
- **Sharing of Arena Codes:** Discussed the wide dissemination of lockbox and door codes at the arena. Codes should only be shared on a need-to-know basis. Discussed possibly changing codes, especially if time has passed and board members and coaches have changed.
- **Late Registration for Isaiah Snow:** Discussed via email on 10/22/24. Becky Krueger motions to approve the late registration and addition of Isaiah Snow to the Squirt C team. Zach Welding seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

12. **ADJOURN:** - Jeremy Uhrich motions to adjourn at 9:49, Corey Murphy seconds.