



***PYHA Board Meeting Minutes 2/9/2026 - 530pm @
Thompson Free Library***

Attendance: Geoff Shorette, Dylan Morin, Tyler Erickson, Nick Cannon, Sarah Robinson, Erica Tapley, Chad Philips, Joey Gould, Brittany Gould, Stacy Poulin (Via GMeets - Dan Tilton)

1. Call to Order

- a. Welcome and Introduction of Attendees

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. Review and approval of minutes from 1/21/2026
Motion to accept the minutes, voted and approved.

3. Open Forum

- a. Opportunity for board members to raise additional topics
 - i. Update on upcoming tournaments -
 - a. 8u has the Shamrock Showdown in March.
 - b. 10u T3 has the March Madness Tournament in Mass at the end of March and will not be going to the state tournament.
 - c. Waiting on standings for 10u T4 for state tournament.
 - d. 12U is going to a tournament in Marlboro the weekend of Feb. 20th.
 - e. A 12U select team is going to the Western Mass Meltdown the second weekend in March.
 - f. 14U is done with outside tournaments, waiting on standings for state tournament.
 - b. Questions and feedback from attendees

4. Presidents Report

- i. MEAHA Meeting 2/10
 - a. The 14u league scoring conflict has been worked out, both Dec. 7th games were counted as league games, PYHA president plans to bring this up at the upcoming meeting as this is the second year in a row other teams have changed games to nonleague if their team didn't fair well, or vice versa.

5. Treasurer Report

Operating account	\$51,801.27
Equipment Fund/Snack Shack	\$2,454.37
Fundraising	\$40,697.16
Bill Orton	\$7,466.70
Officiating	\$209.11
Total	\$102,628.61

6. Old Business

i. none

7. New Business

a. Survey Committee Report

1. 10u - T4 will be offered. The subcommittee also proposes holding T3 tryouts, as player interest and numbers for next season supports splitting into 2 teams.
2. 12u - T4 will be offered. The subcommittee proposes holding T3 tryouts, with the caveat that this is subject to having enough players to split into 2 teams, as numbers are very tight.
3. 14u - T4 will be offered. The subcommittee proposes play at the T4 level, no T3 tryouts.
4. Based on survey results and communication with players' families, there were not enough players to commit to offer a 14/12u all girls travel team next season. We have options for scrimmages and a partnership with Maine Inferno will be explored.
5. Last, based on conversations from these informed recommendations, we also suggest setting a precedent for all PYHA tier 4 registration, **capping** registration at teams of 20 with a waiting list of up to 26, at which time, 2 teams of 13 would be formed. We also suggest **returning panthers be eligible to register early** before registration is made public.
6. We recommend using language that encourages players who try out for other Tier 3 programs that they are welcome back home should they not be accepted.

b. Piscataquis Forward

1. J. McNamara held a special meeting to announce that there will be summer ice, aiming for Jul 1, 2026. Their goal is to raise \$100,000 for programming to cover the cost of summer ice. J. McNamara was asking what PYHA could do to help promote and identify summer programming. A summer league could cover about 40% of this goal. PYHA does not want to run this, but some coaches will be willing to help manage players/teams during these

scrimmages. Tanya is pretty booked for summer commitments. They will be reaching back out to the summer hockey camps that have come in the past to hopefully get them back, although this is late notice. Reach out to J. McNamara should you have any ideas to help bring revenue in for summer.

2. PYHA will be working with PF to help spread the word and let our community know about summer programming.

c. End of season banquets and appreciation

1. Budget was increased to \$1000, in the past the ice cost was covered outside of banquet money.
 - a. Motion to spend \$400 per team, 6 in total, for annual banquet, ice will be paid for outside of this budget, voted and approved.

d. Girls' Team Updates

1. 2 girls teams have been formed - a 14/12 mix and a 10/12 mix. Games are set for Feb. 28th - 10u/12 plays at 10:00; regular 8u plays in between; 14u/12u plays at 1:00. Music, photography by Kim Orff, WABI and The Observer are both interested in covering the story. In need of ice time for a practice and printing of rosters
 - a. Motion to spend up to \$500 for ice time and printing of rosters. Seconded, motion failed.
 - i. Discussion - this wouldn't be enough for the 2 games and ref fees
 - b. Motion to approve funds for ice time, 2 games and one 90 minute practice, referee fees, and the printing of rosters. Seconded, Voted and approved.
 - c. Pioneers- All girls High school co-op - Brewer Athletic Department is in charge of contracting with Pioneers school districts. PYHA would like to advocate for our panthers alumni for FA to choose to contract with Pioneers. Board members asked if players can pay to play varsity elsewhere why can't girls pay to join the Pioneers coop? Would there be a way to sponsor them through our organization and continue to advocate PYHA athletes?
 - d. GTG social media funds can be used to boost T3 and Girls' games.

8. Registrar Report

- a. none

9. SafeSport Coordinator Report

- a. none

10. Coaching Coordinator Report

- a. none

11. Rink Report

- a. See above for PF and summer ice plans.

12. Equipment

- a. none

13. Grant Funding-

- a. See above regarding GTG grants funds for T3/Girls social media boost.

14. Sponsorships

- a. none

15. Learn to Play

- a. Finishing up last session.

16. Learn to Skate -

- a. One more session was added to close out the season.

17. Tier 3-

- a. Tryout fees for 26-27 teams should just cover the cost of the ice
- b. Is there a place to have practice after ice goes out for current T3 10u team, looking into options.

18. Tier 4-

- a. If 10u T4 doesn't go to states - they should be able to go to another tournament, looking into options, potentially able to host their own jamboree, reach out to Monica for scheduling.

19. Girls Coordinator Report -

- a. See above
- b. Sarah would like to explore a partnership with Inferno and what that could look like.

20. Scheduling

- a. Sarah will reach out to Monica and coaches to schedule a 90 minute girls' teams practice
- b. 10u T4 Tournament/make-up games

21. Fundraising Report

- a. Will need to write a check to Kim Creates for t-shirts as she usually only uses Venmo

22. Adjournment

- a. Summary of action items and responsibilities
 - 1. Social media promotion on T3 tryouts - Allison for 10u and 12u
 - 2. Coaching Coordinator will set up evaluators and dates/times for T3 tryouts
- b. Next meeting - Mar 18, 2026 @ Thompson Free Library
- c. Motion to adjourn, voted and approved