

PRINCETON YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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

Monthly Board Meeting Agenda / Minutes

February 24th, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER: - 6:31 pm

2. ATTENDANCE: Brittany Stearns, Nikki Cook, Becky Krueger, Christina Robarge, Kathy Kraft, Gage Chaffee, Nick Schuett, Dylan Sweeney, Ben Heath, Matt Plasch, JT Marchiafava, Craig Ballensky, Mike Krueger, Nate Martinson, Amber Wilkinson, Melissa McAlpine, Joe Hostrawser, Jeremy Uhrich, Stacy Melby, Matt McLaughlin, Zach Welding, Kristen Madoll

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF GAMBLING REPORTS (*Amber Wilkinson, Gambling Manager*)

No questions on gambling reports or summary (below). Quiet month. Discussed request to run Bingo in the VFW backroom and decided to hold off for now. Events (Bingo, Horse Races, Meat Raffle) are to draw traffic, and it does not make sense to host them where we do not have pull tabs/e-tabs. Ben Heath motions to approve the LG1004, Becky Krueger seconds. All in favor, motion passes. Brittany Stearns motions to approve the transfer of \$19,610 for bills, Dylan Sweeney seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

PGC – 020

Total Net Receipts: \$22,668.55

Net Profit/Loss: \$5,388.95

Bar bingo on Mondays, Meat Raffle on Fridays, Horse Races when busy

Arena – 001

Total Net Receipts: \$1,315.06

Net Profit/Loss: **(\$53.57)**

Shooters – 024

Total Net Receipts: \$34,102.90

Net Profit/Loss: \$3,827.39

Bar bingo on Tuesdays, Meat Raffle on Sundays

Total Net Receipts

7/2023 \$125,800 vs. 7/2024 \$105,638

8/2023 \$121,387 vs. 8/2024 \$83,940

9/2023 \$156,017 vs. 9/2024 \$101,219

10/2023 \$123,630 vs. 10/2024 \$134,635

11/2023 \$88,087 vs. 11/2024 \$104,744

12/2023 \$104,534 vs. 12/2024 \$111,796

1/2024 \$91,643 vs. 1/2025 \$111,454

Lanes – 017

Total Net Receipts: \$8,240.95

Net Profit/Loss: \$2,196.31

Total Net Profits

7/2023 \$4,285 vs. 7/2024 \$26,006

8/2023 \$45,165 vs. 8/2024 \$23,190

9/2023 \$53,704 vs. 9/2024 \$36,098

10/2023 \$6,140 vs. 10/2024 \$44,988

11/2023 **(\$9,865)** vs. 11/2024 **(\$3,749)**

12/2023 \$24,194 vs. 12/2024 \$19,120

1/2024 \$16,070 vs. 1/2025 \$26,902

Clyde’s Grill - 022

Total Net Receipts: \$29,440.60

Net Profit/Loss: \$8,964.66

Bar Bingo on Thursdays, Meat Raffle on Saturdays

Dirty Blonde – 031

Total Net Receipts: \$19,945.55

Net Profit/Loss: \$6,578.54

Bar bingo on Wednesdays, Meat Raffle on Saturdays, Horse Races when busy

4. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** (*Brittany Stearns, Secretary*): January minutes were sent to the board on February 17th, 2025, for review. Jeremy Uhrich motions to approve January meeting minutes, Nick Schuett seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
5. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT** (*Jeremy Uhrich, Treasurer*): Reviewed January reports. Summary below. Discussed lights (electricity), fundraising account balance uses, increased expenses YOY. Arena account is used for bills, payroll, and payroll taxes. PYHA account is used for registration, team bills and mortgage. The mortgage is paid 4 times during the winter. The board approved the entire mortgage payment due on 2/28/25 to be paid from the fundraising account. Dylan Sweeney motions to approve January treasurers' reports, Nick Schuett seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

Account Balances (as of 1/31/25):

Arena Checking - \$85,631.24

PYHA Checking - \$47,382.87

Fundraising Checking - \$159,972.22

Capital Improvements - \$10,835.60

CD 9297 - \$30,000.00

CD 9289 - \$150,000.00

PL summary for January:

Gross Profit - \$99,679.05

Gross Expense - \$87,829.32

Net Profit - \$11,860.85

6. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (*Joe Hostrawser*): Joe thanked us all for all that we have done this season as we are nearing the end of the season. D10 was incredibly happy with the district tournaments at Princeton Ice Arena. PYHA has 9 banner additions this season and has ordered another Squirt and another Peewee banner. Check for entry and gate fees given to Brittany Stearns for PWA Regions in Cloquet. PWC qualified for the Championship Series in March (pilot program). BBLYHA contract renewal in process. BBL has requested usage of the dryland facility and ODR. Board to brainstorm ideas and share via email prior to the March board meeting.
7. **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (*Becky Krueger*): Coach complaint resolved. One feedback form was received, and it was from the VFW regarding Bingo, so it was forward to Amber (see gambling notes above). PIA received great feedback from numerous D10 reps regarding the district tournaments hosted at PIA. Parent incident at the PWA District Championship game will be resolved this week (2/24 – 2/28).
8. **ARENA/ADVERTISING MANAGER REPORT** (*Missy McAlpine*): registration is live for Craft Fair and Tiger Sports. The arena staff received lots of compliments for district tournaments hosted at PIA. PIA is already in talks to host districts again next year. Hired positions for districts (not claimed in DIBS) cost us \$1,270.00 which is up from last year. Concessions brought in just over \$15,000 during districts. Concessions were up over \$13,000 YOY. West Rink ice out process has begun. Missy is meeting with Darin Laabs on March 4th to discuss the PHS contract. Arena Maintenance: compressors are off. SCR will do compressor maintenance. West Rink Zamboni will be sent off for maintenance and new batteries. State Tournament: practice ice on Thursday and Friday morning is free for participating teams. DIBS for selling programs (there are a few families that still need their hours, and this will be their last opportunity. Discussed board expectations document and knowing what you are signing up for when you run.
9. **DISTRICT 10 REPORT** (*Joe Hostrawser*): New next year, there will be a 3-hour course for Mite coaches instead of CEP Level 1. Level 4 coaches are not doing their continuing education. Coach abuse towards refs is getting out of hand.

10. REPORTS

- **Away Tournament Coordinator**, *Becky Krueger/Brittany Stearns* – tournament feedback form was sent out to coaches. The board needs to consider increasing team funds due to rising tournament costs. The board needs to register for tournaments in May as tournaments are opening registration earlier.

- **Communications Coordinator**, *Becky Krueger* – Tiger Bash 3v3 reminder, notification that Letters of Intent have been posted to the website, Tiger Sports registration email
- **Equipment Manager**, *Dylan Sweeney/Jeremy Uhrich* – Tiny Tiger equipment return went well. Still need to schedule mite equipment return. Discussed doing during Tiger Bash but that will depend on resources.
- **Fundraising Coordinator**, *Corey Murphy* – Nelson Nursery Spring fundraiser should kick off soon
- **Game Sheet Coordinator**, *Brittany Stearns* – nothing new to report
- **Girls Program Coordinator**, *Becky Krueger* – All girls skate scheduled; 12U team is wrapping up their season with fun practices and a Stanley Cup game; 10U finished 2nd in Districts; 8U just attended the White Bear Lake Jamboree this past weekend.
- **Hockey Director**, *Nick Schuett* – Coach Exit Interviews will be starting soon – will be with head coaches as they have been in the past but considering adding assistant coaches too if it works out logistically. Coaching applications for the 25-26 season will be accepted starting in March (coincides with USA Hockey and CEP courses).
- **Home Tournament Coordinator**, *Corey Murphy* – did not attend/nothing new to report
- **Mite/8U Coordinator (On-Ice)**, *Ben Heath* – nothing new to report
- **Mite Jamboree Coordinator**, *Danielle Murphy* – did not attend/nothing new to report
- **Mite/8U Coordinator (Off-Ice)**, *Zach Welding* – nothing new to report
- **Outdoor Ice Manager**, *Jon Stenslie* – did not attend/ODR is done for the season/the board needs to hang helmet signs (in ODR Zamboni room) before next season
- **Recruitment Coordinator**, *Dylan Sweeney* – There were 11 kids registered for THFF and 9 showed up, many of them girls. USA Hockey Rep stopped by. On ice help from coaches, 12U and Peewees. Upcoming events: early childhood fair, parade, learn to skate dates (3) and a TGFF event. Working on scheduling the 25-26 THFF dates now.
- **Referee Coordinator**, *Joe Hostrawser/Jeremy Uhrich* – only 8 refs this season but we got it done with some assistance from BBL. Joe and a mite coach only needed to ref one game each.
- **Registration/Team Manager Coordinator**, *Brittany Stearns* – Thank you email sent to team managers for their dedication to and support of their teams this season. Orange team folders should be returned to team mailboxes as teams wrap up. Non-parent coach payments were collected from teams and provided to Nikki. Non-Parent coach payments have been issued.
- **Scheduling Coordinator (Practice)**, *Joe Hostrawser* – teams are wrapping up and the teams still going (PWA and PWC) are still getting ice. Every level had more hours than were recommended and those hours will be recapped at the March meeting.
- **Scheduling Coordinator (Games)**, *Missy McAlpine* – high school game scheduling is already happening for next season
- **Tiny Tigers Director**, *Zach Welding/Nick Schuett* – nothing new to report
- **Volunteer Coordinator**, *Corey Murphy* – did not attend/Extra Credit Dibs were assigned; there are a few families that still have hours left to claim (last opportunity will be the 12U State tournament). The board needs to discuss the volunteer hours requirement as out of 134 families, 81 families get extra credit and don't have to claim DIBS leaving only 53 families to do all DIBS hours which is why the board ends up doing so much during district/region/state tournaments and why so many hours are hired out.
- **Website Coordinator**, *Becky Krueger* – Tiger Bash details added to website; Registration for Tiger Bash 3v3, Summer Skills and Tiger Sports moved to the top of the home page. Craft Fair registration is open for vendors that have come in the past – registration will open to all vendors on March 1st. Joey from Crossbar to meet with Nikki regarding financials – goal is to move from SE to Crossbar by April 1st.

11. NEW ITEMS

- **Dual PYHA & Community Fundraiser (Kathy Kraft)**: Kathy Kraft presented an opportunity to the board to partner with Faith Fest for an event that is happening at PIA in May or June (TBD). Faith Fest is planning to do a Pig Roast and Comedy Dinner. They were wondering if PYHA would like to do an afternoon bingo event prior to their events. All gambling would have to go through PYHA who holds the gambling license. More information to come from

Kathy Kraft (date) so the board can discuss and decide by March 7th. Revenues would have to be split (gambling to PYHA and Pig Roast/Comedy Dinner to Faith Fest). The arena can hold up to 400 people and many volunteers are needed for these types of events. The date and availability of staff/volunteers is critical to the decision.

- **Girls HS Hockey Summer Training, Youth Communication, etc. (Gage Chaffee):** PBBL Girls Head Coach and HDC member Gage Chaffee attended to discuss ways that PYHA can help PBBL and redline advertise the summer STP development program. The ideas discussed were bulletin board (traffic will be minimal as teams wrap up), posting to PYHA website or PYHA sending a communication on behalf of PBBL staff and redline to eligible participants. The conversation then moved to needing to repair the BBL, PYHA and PBBL relationship. After a lot of discussion, it sounds like some of the right steps are being taken but even more is needed: having set meeting dates/times, collaboration, communication, rebrand/facelift/refresh and brand consistency. Additionally, the need to understand why girls leave after 12U or are choosing to play with the boys is apparent. This could possibly be achieved by meeting with specific families to ask those questions and also meeting with all girl families to discuss the co-op and the path for girls as they move through youth hockey.
- **Quick Change Goalie Gear Loaner Request:** Matt McLaughlin requested to borrow a set of quick-change goalie gear for Spring Breakaway. The board agreed this would be fine as equipment borrowed during the season has been kept for Spring Breakaway league in the past. Matt will need to sign out and take responsibility for the gear being loaned out by PYHA. Zach Welding to work with Matt McLaughlin on this.
- **Year End Tiger Bash to Do List:** The committee is meeting on March 4th to finalize details and needs (i.e., chuck-a-puck seller, someone to work the silent auction, someone to keep an eye on West Rink events). 3v3 registration update: 12 Bantams, 12 Peewee/12Us, 8 Squirts/10Us, 14 mites. Goalie Scrimmage update: 3 travel goalies and 3 mite goalies. 3v3 referees: Joe Hostrawser and Mitch Nelson, 3v3 scorekeepers: Todd Frederick and Bryan Osmondson. 3v3 coaches: Zach Welding, Craig Ballensky, James Lyon, Ben Heath and JT Marchiafava. There is no plan b for 3v3. Association members requested a change, something new, fresh and inclusive. If they choose not to participate in this, we will make it work for those that did register and can always try something new next year.
- **BOD Storage:** Becky Krueger proposed the idea that the board uses a cabinet in the PLYO room for board items (ballot box, raffle tumbler, tablecloths, gold pucks etc.) which seem to be moved around too often. Locks will be purchased and only the board will have access to the BOD storage cabinet.
- **Skate it Forward:** Becky Krueger and Dylan Sweeney will work on the Skate it Forward grant submission this week. Minnesota Wild Foundation will choose 6-10 associations to receive a \$250 grant per new skater under the age of 8 that registers for the 25-26 season. Applications are due 2/28. Becky needs:
 - a. Plan detailing how PYHA intends to increase # of kids playing hockey in the community for 25-26 season
 - b. Plan detailing how PYHA will assist in raising philanthropic funds for Skate it Forward throughout the state
 - c. Any additional ideas on support material or statistics to help the eval process
- **Grants:** The Skate it Forward grant conversation led to a discussion on other grants for PYHA to pursue including but not limited to: Legacy Grant, Engelstad Foundation Grant and the possible return of the Hockey Bill Committee (season long commitment).
- **Letters of Intent:** 6 letters received by 6:23 pm on 2/24/25. No letters submitted at the board meeting. 3 open seats. Letters posted to website on 2/25/25.
- **Head Coach of the Year Nominations (closed item):** 2 nominations received by 2/22/25 deadline: one for Zach Welding and one for Mike Krueger. Nominations were reviewed and then Zach Welding and Becky Krueger stepped out during the vote. Mike Krueger won by majority vote.
- **Character of the Year Nominations (closed item):** 3 nominations received by 2/22/25 deadline and all were for players in the Bantam/Peewee/12U category. Normally there is one chosen via vote from the Bantam/Peewee/12U age group and one chosen via vote from the Squirt/10U age group. Since no nominations were received for the Squirt/10U age group, it was decided that one boy and one girl would be chosen. Taylor Englund was chosen for the girls, and Henry Nelson was chosen for the boys. Brittany Stearns asked if nominations had ever been shared with those that are nominated but not chosen and suggested that this is something to consider going forward as it would be nice for players and head coaches to read the nominations submitted for them.

12. ADJOURN: - Nick Schuett motions to adjourn at 9:30 pm, Ben Heath seconds.