

# PRINCETON YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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

## Monthly Board Meeting Agenda / Minutes

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** 6:31 pm
- 2. ATTENDANCE:** Brittany Stearns, Melissa McAlpine, Joe Hostrawser, Jeremy Uhrich, Stacy Anderson, Amber Wilkinson, Adam Taffe, Dylan Sweeney, Zach Welding, JT Marchiafava, Craig Ballensky, Nick Schuett, Matt McLaughlin, Matt Plasch, Kristen Madoll, Stacy Melby, Jeff Holm, Laurel Merten
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF GAMBLING REPORTS** (*Amber Wilkinson, Gambling Manager*): December reports were sent to the board for review on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026. No questions about December reports. Raffle Tickets: total deposit of \$24,600, total prizes \$8,150, net \$16,450. There are still two families that have not turned in their unsold tickets or money. They need to turn in unsold tickets or pay \$200 for misplaced tickets. One additional expense is a storage cabinet for PGC as the current one is not large enough to hold all gambling supplies that need to be locked up. We are in need of more Meat Raffle workers – request to advertise for the position. New BINGO programs. State gambling rating received and we received 4 out of 5 stars. Jeremy Uhrich motions to approve the LG1004, Nick Schuett seconds. All in favor, motion passes. Dylan Sweeney motions to approve the transfer of \$35,000 for bills, Nick Schuett seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

### PGC – 020

Total Net Receipts: \$28,557.00

Net Profit/Loss: \$8,976.83

Bar bingo on Mondays, Meat Raffle on Fridays, Horse

Races when busy

### Shooters – 024

Total Net Receipts: \$26,126.45

Net Profit/Loss: **(\$297.36)**

Bar bingo on Tuesdays, Meat Raffle on Sundays

### Lanes – 017

Total Net Receipts: \$16,091.15

Net Profit/Loss: \$5,187.21

### Clyde’s Grill - 022

Total Net Receipts: \$30,043.45

Net Profit/Loss: \$7,062.65

Bar Bingo on Thursdays, Meat Raffle on Saturdays

### Dirty Blonde – 031

Total Net Receipts: \$20,053.35

Net Profit/Loss: \$1,986.00

Bar bingo on Wednesdays, Meat Raffle on Saturdays,

Horse Races when busy

### Arena – 001

Total Net Receipts: \$16,904.33 (includes raffle)

Net Profit/Loss: **(\$4,564.41)** (due to Haga payment)

### Total Net Receipts

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

2/2024 \$97,785 vs. 2/2025 \$96,513

3/2024 \$92,649.18 vs. 3/2025 \$112,603

4/2024 \$91,188 vs. 4/2025 \$91,377

5/2024 \$105,819 vs. 5/2025 \$94,579

6/2024 \$90,590 vs. 6/2025 \$87,200

7/2024 \$105,638 vs. 7/2025 \$80,779

8/2024 \$83,940 vs. 8/2025 \$108,677

9/2024 \$101,219 vs. 9/2025 \$110,129

10/2024 \$134,635 vs. 10/2025 \$106,533

11/2024 \$104,744 vs. 11/2025 \$133,607

12/2024 \$111,796 vs. 12/2025 \$137,776

### Total Net Profits

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

2/2024 \$18,752 vs. 2/2025 **(\$1,466)**

3/2024 \$12,092 vs. 3/2025 \$24,387

4/2024 \$12,821 vs. 4/2025 **(\$1,576)**

5/2024 **(\$9,572)** vs. 5/2025 \$15,587

6/2024 \$4,696 vs. 6/2025 \$9,888

7/2024 \$26,006 vs. 7/2025 \$1,189

8/2024 \$23,190 vs. 8/2025 \$49,170

9/2024 \$36,098 vs. 9/2025 \$30,838

10/2024 \$44,988 vs. 10/2025 \$10,625

11/2024 **(\$3,749)** vs. 11/2025 \$41,814

12/2024 \$19,120 vs. 12/2025 \$18,351

4. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** (*Brittany Stearns, Secretary*): December minutes were sent to the board for review on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026. JT Marchiafava motions to approve December minutes, Craig Ballensky seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
5. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT** (*Dylan Sweeney, Treasurer*): December reports were sent to the board for review on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026. No questions about December reports. First payroll has been processed with ADP. Employees have until 3/31/26 to set up Direct Deposit. Request to set Annual Budget meeting date. Reminder to route approved invoices to the Financial Manager timely. Upcoming Expenses: \$64,399.76 mortgage payment due 02/28/2026. December mortgage payment of \$64,399.76 was deducted on 1/2/26 and is included in December numbers. Balances as of 12/31/25 and a year-over-year comparison were shared aloud in the meeting as requested at the December meeting. Craig Ballensky motions to approve December treasurer reports, Adam Taffe seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

Account Balances (as of 12/31/2025):

Arena Checking - \$71,616.60  
 PYHA Checking - \$88,518.27  
 Fundraising Checking - \$132,241.58  
 Capital Improvements - \$10,835.60  
 CD 9297 - \$31,446.30  
 CD 9289 - \$156,375.00  
 Total Checking/Savings: \$491,033.35

Summary for December:

Total Income - \$159,167.76  
 Total Expenses - \$161,145.17  
 Net – (\$1,977.41)

6. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (*Joe Hostrawser*): Slight change to 10U/12U Districts schedule. Received a donation of \$100 from the Church League for the used equipment and they are hoping to give more at the end of February.
7. **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (*Nick Schuett*): Reviewed an anonymous feedback form submission regarding the moral ethics of specific board members based on recent rule violations including: ¾ Ice Mite Game, Mixed level team playing a C level team, and an un-rostered parent on the bench for a game. Form included a request to remove board members or stop them from running again but at a bare minimum a discussion at the next board meeting. See D10 report below for more. The board discussed the importance of knowing and understanding the rules (or who to call and ask if unclear) to prevent these infractions.
8. **ARENA/ADVERTISING MANAGER REPORT** (*Missy McAlpine*): Ice out for both rinks is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Ice will be back on the West Rink by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. West condenser tower leaks need to be repaired. Various Zamboni repairs are needed. Rink lighting still needs to be addressed. West rink bleacher heaters need parts. Outdoor lights needing replacement to be done as soon as it is safe (weather). Brittany Stearns motions to approve scheduling the annual Zamboni maintenance for the East Rink/Northwoods Zamboni, Nick Schuett seconds. All in favor, motion passes. Concession sales for Mite Jamboree weekend were \$7,176.25 up from \$5,749.00 the previous year. Missy is working on scheduling EMTs for Districts. Discussed plan to fill unclaimed DIBS for Districts/Regions. A reminder that a simple thank you to the arena staff goes a long way. Advertising/Summer Income Opportunities (Laurel Merten): Rum River Days Block Party following the parade and leading up to the All Class Reunion, Car Shows, Craft Fair (moved up to May 2<sup>nd</sup> so it is no longer on Fishing Opener/Mother's Day weekend), ACE, State Farm and Milaca Meats will be advertising with the arena. Concessions will begin selling meat sticks from Milaca Meats as well as working with them on pulled pork meal deals for certain events. TUC's is making a directional indicator sign, so it is clear where to go for the rink and for dryland. TUCS has given PIA permission to clear cut the area between the facilities for overflow parking, clear passage from one facility to the other as well as a picnic area. Discussing an additional TV for the lobby/concession area that would be dedicated to scrolling information pertinent to members, setting up a Minuteman apparel store that is always open and working with Marv's on the Viewing Deck upgrade.

9. **DISTRICT 10 REPORT** (*Joe Hostrawser*): Spoke to the same issues listed in the VP report above. Joe shared that he was notified by D10 and MN Hockey that as a result of the rule violations listed in the VP report above, there would be fines assessed, PYHA will not be allowed to host the Mite Jamboree during the 26-27 season and hosting Districts/Regions/State in the future could be at risk. Also mentioned Tier I tryout dates and the Hockey Director Conference (5/1 – 5/3) as we need at least one board member to register and attend.
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## 10. REPORTS

- **Away Tournament Coordinator**, *Nick Schuett/Brittany Stearns* – Travel Teams are done with tournaments and Mite/8U teams each have one jamboree remaining.
- **Communications Coordinator**, *Zach Welding* – nothing new to report
- **Equipment Manager**, *JT Marchiafava/Jeremy Uhrich* – need to schedule equipment return dates. Discussed members wanting to hang on to equipment for Breakaway Spring League and needing to schedule equipment return dates following the end of that league.
- **Fundraising Coordinator**, *Craig Ballensky* – working on updating list to see which families have not yet met their fundraising requirement. Talked about giving those members the option to pay the difference between what they sold and what was required or doing a spring fundraiser. Like the car wash cards but not having to pre-buy them if we cannot guarantee they will all be sold. Considering doing Nelson Nursery Gift Cards one last time but they have pulled their arena sponsorship, so we are not planning to partner with them in the future.
- **Game Sheet Coordinator**, *Brittany Stearns* – should be tracking shots on goal. iPads are in need of updates but need to clean storage first. Looking to get through Districts/Regions first before worrying about cleaning storage and doing updates. Waiting on iPad league key for Districts/Regions. Request to turn off screens before putting iPads in the cabinet.
- **Girls Program Coordinator**, *Nick Schuett* – 8U/10U having good seasons. Cam and Kristen are working on recruiting and retention strategies, engagement with families and association support. Further co-op committee discussions are needed regarding moving 8U out of Mites and into the co-op. Looking to plan monthly all girl skates over the summer.
- **Hockey Director**, *Nick Schuett* – discussed leveling of travel teams – most are having competitive seasons. Wins and losses are not the only indicator of a team’s success. Clinics end of Monday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026. Districts start on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- **Home Tournament Coordinator**, *Jeremy Uhrich* – nothing new to report
- **Mite/8U Coordinator (On-Ice)**, *JT Marchiafava* – Full Ice games started. Teams and families really enjoyed the Mite Jamboree.
- **Mite Jamboree Coordinator**, *Danielle Murphy* – did not attend/nothing new to report
- **Mite/8U Coordinator (Off-Ice)**, *Craig Ballensky* – season going well and jamboree went well.
- **Outdoor Ice Manager**, *Jon Stenslie* – replaced rotted door. Going well and being utilized.
- **Recruitment Coordinator**, *Dylan Sweeney* – Try Hockey for Free (THFF) on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 10:00 am. Early Childhood Fair on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026. First Year Free Program ready for next season.
- **Referee Coordinator**, *JT Marchiafava* – a couple fell off from the original list. Had refs from all over D10 help with the Mite Jamboree. Refs for all Mite/8U games scheduled.
- **Registration/Team Manager Coordinator**, *Brittany Stearns* – Shared projections for 26-27 season with numbers at Bantams/Peewees/12U not looking great and able to support 2 Bantam or 2 Peewee teams. Discussed the need for the board to consider a co-op, at least at the Bantam and Peewee levels, as a solution to thrive and not just survive. 12U could make a return in the 26-27 season but is dependent upon what the girls who played youth (Squirt/PW) decide to do next season. Discussed Mite/8U players who should still be Mite/8U next season by birthdate and how if they choose to play up with their grade (Peer Move Up) they will need to acknowledge that upon registration as they cannot change their mind down the road and attempt to “play down” with their appropriate age group at a later date. Addressed an anonymous concern brought up by multiple parents regarding PYHA coaches encouraging kids interested in playing goalie to leave the net, promising goalies they will be pulled up to the next level for the 26-27 season and telling parents their child can play down if they aren’t ready for the next level, despite their date

of birth and USA Hockey age classification. Again, reiterated the importance of knowing and understanding rules, where to look or who to ask if unsure.

- **Scheduling Coordinator (Practice)**, *Joe Hostrawser* – all scheduled, working on giving every team an hour for their end of season fun practice and if any teams advance, making sure they have practice hours.
- **Scheduling Coordinator (Games)**, *Missy McAlpine* – Summer Ice: 6.5 hours rented for every Sunday, STP hours have been turned in as well as High School Scrimmage Fest, a 4-day camp in July during High School no contact and BBL's summer camp. Bryan Osmondso is still committed to running pre-skates, tryouts, and clinics for PYHA but will not be offering a Summer Skills camp. Discussed talking to BBL about opening up their summer camp to PYHA Mite/8U and Squirt/10U, where we had the largest registration numbers with Bryan Osmondson.
- **Social Media Coordinator**, *Becky Krueger* – focused on Gambling sites, tournament updates, Mite Jamboree, Green Giants National Fundraisers, and some fun team videos. Facebook: 72,000 views and 1400 interactions. TikTok: 4500 followers which is a 216% increase.
- **Tiny Tigers Director**, *Zach Welding* – Last session Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, will include games with goalies from Mite/8U up to Bantam. Participation dropped from 50+ to around 30 after the first 3 weeks. Hoping to do an equipment return following the last session on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.
- **Volunteer Coordinator**, *Dylan Sweeney* – Reviewed Stacy Melby's email recap of hours requirements and families not getting extra credit via coaching, board, managing, ODR etc. It is clear that we need to increase the hours requirement next season or add a tournament requirement (i.e., 12 hours throughout the season and then another X hours during Jamborees or Tournaments). Suggestion to remove high school ticket sales from DIBS and consider doing a monthly volunteer spotlight.
- **Website Coordinator**, *Zach Welding* – nothing for the website. Wi-Fi in the West Rink is now fully functional with the additional access point installed. Dryland Facility update: Walls are bare, they will be spray foamed, then drywalled and then plywood will be installed from the floor up 4 feet for protection.

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## 11. NEW ITEMS

- **Cheers to Princeton Glasses Renewal:** Jeff Buss with Cheers Glasses reached out to see if PYHA wanted to renew their spot on the Cheers to Princeton glasses at PGC and Clyde's. After discussion, it was decided to pass for this year. Brittany Stearns to let Jeff Buss know.
- **Non-Parent Coach Payments:** Discussed Brittany's email regarding non-parent coach payments needing further clarification and definition in the future. The only defined payment amounts at this time are for Bantam A Head Coach, Bantam B Head Coach and Assistant Coach (split amongst assistant coaches on roster). At the February meeting, these amounts will be defined and documented.
- **Board Vacancies and Letters of Intent:** There are 3 board members whose terms are ending. Letters of Intent are due to the PYHA Secretary by the start of the February meeting. Zach to send an email.
- **Dylan's Resignation:** On Monday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Dylan Sweeney sent his resignation to the Board of Directors with an effective end date of February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. Per bylaws, this vacancy must be filled within 8 weeks of vacancy for the remaining term (up 4/2027). Board members brought the name of a replacement to the meeting for discussion. Another member in attendance at the board meeting asked to be considered. The board voted and Ryan Cross was chosen by majority vote to fill the remainder of Dylan Sweeney's term.
- **Player Character Awards:** Nick will email Head Coaches regarding submitting their Player Character Award nominations to the PYHA Secretary by the start of the February meeting. The board will then vote on one Squirt/10U and one Peewee/Bantam to receive the awards for the 25-26 season.
- **Coach of the Year Awards:** Zach emailed members regarding Head Coach nominations due to the PYHA Secretary by the start of the February meeting. The board will then vote on the Coach of the Year.
- **End of Season Celebration:** March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. No committee is in place this year. Discussed keeping changes from last season or going back to Skills Competition. Decide to go with a simplified version of the 2025 Tiger Bash: 3v3, goalie game, regular concessions, Player and Coach awards and Board Voting (open until 8:00 pm). Zach sent an email to all members with this information. Players wanting to participate in the 3v3 or goalie game, need to register by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

- **Volunteer Hours vs Non-Parent Coach:** Stacy Melby, volunteer coordinator asked about a family on the Volunteer Master List that had not claimed DIBS and had a family member, who is not a parent or legal guardian, as a rostered coach. To ensure it was handled correctly by the Volunteer Coordinator, who is new to the role this season, this needed to be brought to the attention of and discussed by the board which took place at the monthly board meeting on Monday January 26th, 2026. The conversation regarding a scenario that PYHA had not had previously highlighted the need for some further clarification regarding Non-Parent Coaches, Assistant Coach Selection and Volunteer hours in the PYHA Handbook. Two options were proposed for handling this for the 25-26 season and an email vote followed. On January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Brittany Stearns made a motion for Option 2 (partial non-parent coach payment and reduced volunteer hours). Jeremy Uhrich seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Family was updated.
- **Daulton's Salary Review (Closed Item):** The board discussed Daulton's salary, value to the association, certifications, and association finances. Daulton's salary increase was decided on unanimously and is retro back to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Missy to inform Daulton.

12. **ADJOURN:** - Nick Schuett motions to adjourn at 9:17 pm, Adam Taffe seconds.