

PRINCETON YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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

Monthly Board Meeting Agenda / Minutes

February 23rd, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:31 pm

2. ATTENDANCE: Brittany Stearns, Jeremy Uhrich, Joe Hostrawser, JT Marchiafava, Zach Welding, Craig Ballensky, Adam Taffe, Nick Schuett, Stacy Anderson, Amber Wilkinson, Brilee Drews, Daulton Drews, Matt Plasch, Melissa McAlpine, Matt McLaughlin, Cameron Carson, Laurel Merten

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF GAMBLING REPORTS (*Amber Wilkinson, Gambling Manager*): January reports were sent to the board for review on February 18th, 2026. PGC inquiring about Purse Bingo. It takes a lot of staff to run one and we struggle to get enough workers for regular BINGO and Meat Raffles. One idea is to partner with Sherburne County United Way to staff the event, and they would keep the proceeds (run like the Green Giant Beer Bust). Pull Tab Auditor inquired about possible pay raise. Currently \$15/hour. An audit can take anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour plus. There has not been a raise for pull tab auditors during Ambers tenure as Gambling Manager. No questions about January reports. Nick Schuett motions to approve the LG1004, Jeremy Uhrich seconds. All in favor, motion passes. Jeremy Uhrich motions to approve the transfer of \$20,000 for bills, Nick Schuett seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

PGC – 020

Total Net Receipts: \$22,896.60

Net Profit/Loss: \$6,156.21

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

Shooters – 024

Total Net Receipts: \$41,234.60

Net Profit/Loss: \$12,855.41

Bar bingo on Tuesdays, Meat Raffle on Sundays

Lanes – 017

Total Net Receipts: \$13,852.45

Net Profit/Loss: **(\$630.30)**

Clyde’s Grill - 022

Total Net Receipts: \$32,431.20

Net Profit/Loss: \$8,301.31

Bar Bingo on Thursdays, Meat Raffle on Saturdays

Dirty Blonde – 031

Total Net Receipts: \$19,309.10

Net Profit/Loss: \$2,093.46

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

Arena – 001

Total Net Receipts: \$552.66

Net Profit/Loss: **(\$168.49)**

Total Net Receipts

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

1/2025 \$111,454 vs. 1/2026 \$130,277

Total Net Profits

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

1/2025 \$26,902 vs. 1/2026 \$28,608

4. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** (*Brittany Stearns, Secretary*): January minutes were sent to the board for review on February 16th, 2026. Jeremy Uhrich motions to approve January minutes, Nick Schuett seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
5. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT** (_____, *Treasurer*): January reports were sent to the board for review on February 16th, 2026. No questions about January reports. Need to determine from where to pay the February mortgage payment (\$64,399.76). Nick Schuett motions to approve paying the February mortgage payment from the fundraising account, Brittany Stearns seconds. All in favor, motion passes. Outstanding payments: BLYHA Ice Bill for both High School and Youth, Ice Bill for North Branch youth, Ice Bill for Elk River youth and payment for hosting Districts and Regions. Summer Ice sales looking really good. For June, July and most of August ice sales are full or near full Sunday – Thursday.

Account Balances (as of 01/31/2026):

Arena Checking - \$48,008.44
 PYHA Checking - \$53,165.36
 Fundraising Checking - \$132,247.38
 Capital Improvements - \$10,835.60
 CD 9297 - \$31,446.30 (3.81%)
 CD 9289 - \$156,375.00 (3.25%)
 Total Checking/Savings: \$432,078.08

Summary for January:

Total Income - \$97,808.39
 Total Expenses - \$83,196.86
 Net – \$14,611.53

6. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (*Joe Hostrawser*): Good feedback from D10 regarding Districts and Regions hosted at Princeton Ice Arena. Suggestions for future seasons: remove the welcome table (due to lobby space) and just have 1 board member assigned to the lobby (mailbox/iPad area).
7. **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (*Nick Schuett*): nothing new to report
8. **ARENA/ADVERTISING MANAGER REPORT** (*Missy McAlpine*): Seconded the compliments from D10 to Princeton Ice Arena regarding Districts and Regions. Tiger Sports and Craft Fair registrations are coming in. West Rink Zamboni has been wrapped. West Rink Ice scheduled to come out March 2nd.
9. **DISTRICT 10 REPORT** (*Joe Hostrawser*): USA Hockey fees increasing by \$2.00 for Squirt/10U and above next season. MN Hockey/USA Hockey is continuing testing of intermediate nets at the Squirt/10U level. Gamesheet billing will be built into tournament registration going forward. District Playoffs are complete. Regions happening 2/27/26 – 3/1/26.

10. REPORTS

- **Away Tournament Coordinator**, *Nick Schuett/Brittany Stearns* – just a couple of jamborees left for Mite/8U to wrap up the season.
- **Communications Coordinator**, *Zach Welding* – nothing new to report
- **Equipment Manager**, *JT Marchiafava/Jeremy Uhrich* – few more returns here and there. A couple of families kept gear for Breakaway Spring League.
- **Fundraising Coordinator**, *Craig Ballensky* – wrapping up a few more details with Nelson Nursery so the Gift Card store can go live, and families can fulfill their outstanding fundraising requirements.
- **Game Sheet Coordinator**, *Brittany Stearns* – nothing new to report
- **Girls Program Coordinator**, *Nick Schuett* – Next Girls Co-Op meeting on Monday March 16th, 2026. More questions about scheduling and how to improve it in the future. Need to correct hours expectation on website for Mite/8U

families. 8UC jersey's were delayed significantly this season – need to order jersey's sooner next season. Request to put out clearer information for Mite/8U families or new to hockey families.

- **Hockey Director, Nick Schuett** – Update on Districts for PYHA teams: Squirt B2 went 1 and 2, Squirt B1 are consolation runner ups, 10UB2 are consolation champs, PWB1 did not qualify this season, Bantam B2 are consolation runner ups and Bantam A went 0 and 2. Started a conversation with the BBL Hockey Director regarding co-op at the Bantam and Pee wee levels next season to help both associations thrive vs just survive. Had a conversation with Steve Carroll regarding doing some summer goalie clinics in Princeton. Scheduling Head Coach Exit Interviews in the next few weeks. Signed up for the Leadership conference in May and encouraging other board members to attend as well.
- **Home Tournament Coordinator, Jeremy Uhrich** – nothing new to report
- **Mite/8U Coordinator (On-Ice), JT Marchiafava** – District games wrapping up. Sauk Rapids Jamboree and some fun practices to end the season in March.
- **Mite Jamboree Coordinator, Danielle Murphy** – did not attend – Zach shared survey results
- **Mite/8U Coordinator (Off-Ice), Craig Ballensky** – nothing new to report
- **Outdoor Ice Manager, Jon Stenslie** – done for the season
- **Recruitment Coordinator, Ryan Cross** – Try Hockey for Free on March 7th. Signed up for Early Childhood Fair. Presented an idea for the Mille Lacs County Fair – will partner with Laurel Merten.
- **Referee Coordinator, JT Marchiafava** – Even with a small crew this season, they were able to fill all games and then partner with surrounding associations to fill the jamboree.
- **Registration/Team Manager Coordinator, Brittany Stearns** – requested that team managers return their orange team folders to their mailboxes at the arena as their seasons wrap up.
- **Scheduling Coordinator (Practice), Joe Hostrawser** – Scheduling each team 1 solo hour in March for their fun night (i.e., Parent/Player/Sibling game or Stanley Cup).
- **Scheduling Coordinator (Games), Missy McAlpine** – already scheduling high school games for next season. PW/Bantam Preview Jamboree weekend is scheduled, Squirt Tourney is scheduled, High School scrimmage fest is scheduled and BBL Mite Jamboree weekend is scheduled.
- **Social Media Coordinator, Becky Krueger** – did not attend but sent updates: recent activity focused on District updates, 2nd year Bantams end of youth post and Open Registrations for Summer. Reminder: do not forget to share information with the social media coordinator so that what is being done/sent via email is also being shared on social media.
- **Tiny Tigers Director, Zach Welding** – Survey results – on ice help better this year but still needs to be more.
- **Volunteer Coordinator, Stacy Melby/Ryan Cross** – 42 spots left to fill for Regions, Board Coverage document no longer needed – instead, Board Members to claim DIBS. Need to look at hours requirement for next season and considering adding hours, requiring X hours are done during tournaments and removing HS gate from DIBS. Needs to be determined before registration goes live 7/1/2026.
- **Website Coordinator, Zach Welding** – reminder to share any website update suggestions and working with Laurel on the Princeton Ice Arena website.

11. NEW ITEMS

- **Non-Parent Coach Payments:** Finalized and documented non-parent coach payments as they were not defined for every level. Starting with the 26-27 season, Bantam/14U non-parent head coaches will be paid \$3500 at the conclusion of the season. Pee wee/12U non-parent head coaches will be paid \$2500 at the conclusion of the season. Squirt/10U non-parent head coaches will be paid \$1500 at the conclusion of the season. Mite/8U non-parent head coaches will be paid \$500 at the conclusion of the season. Assistant Coach(es) will be paid \$1100 at the conclusion of the season (exception: non-parent assistant coaches are not applicable at the Mite/8U level). For non-parent assistant coaches, it is one payment of \$1100 per team and split amongst assistant coaches at the head coaches direction. PYHA is responsible for 50% of non-parent coach payments and parents of players on the team are responsible for the other 50%. Acknowledgement of possibility of additional charges for non-parent coach

payments added to registration. PYHA had a non-parent head coach for 8U this season for the first time ever. These parents were not expecting an additional fee. For that reason, and as a goodwill gesture for late jersey's, PYHA is paying 100% of the \$500 to the non-parent 8U head coach for the 25-26 season.

- **Tiger Bash Update:** So far 33 registered – registration closes at 11:59 pm on 2/28/26. May need to adjust based on total number registered. Zach to send another email reminding families to register. Brittany to ask Team Managers to post a reminder in their SE Team Chat. Need to cover music/announcing, referees and clock.
- **Donation Requests Received:** Two donation requests were received. One from Princeton Youth Bowling for scholarship funds. Discussed with Financial Manager and board unanimously agreed to approve this donation request. The second request was from Princeton Ambassadors and after discussion, the board had some questions regarding the sponsor recognition mentioned. Brittany to ask for more information and share with the board for further discussion at March board meeting.
- **Add to Arena Staff:** Discussed proposal to add a part-time arena staff member focused on Community Relations/Engagement. JT Marchiafava motions to approve the addition of the part-time community relations/engagement role. Adam Taffe seconds. All in favor, motion passes. Craig Ballensky motions to approve \$16.50/hour up to 20 hours/week. Nick Schuett seconds. All in favor, motion passes. Official job description and FLSA worksheet to follow (Missy to work with Brittany).
- **Goons 4 Good 2026:** Discussed tentative dates for 2-day or 1.5-day tourney in August. Adam to discuss dates with Goons and let Missy know.
- **Letters of Intent (CLOSED ITEM):** 3 letters received for 3 vacant positions. Zach to post to the website by 3/1/26. Brittany to create voting ballots and ballot master for board review by 3/1/26.
- **Player Character Awards (CLOSED ITEM):** 1 nomination received for Squirt/10U – Samuel Eastey. 2 nominations received for Peewee/12U and above. Majority Board vote for Reed Luhman.
- **Coach of the Year Awards (CLOSED ITEM):** 5 nominations received for 4 coaches as one coach received 2 nominations. Majority Board vote for Daulton Drews.

12. ADJOURN: - JT Marchiafava motions to adjourn at 8:46 pm, Adam Taffe seconds.