

PRINCETON YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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

Monthly Board Meeting Agenda / Minutes

March 27th, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER: - 6:30 pm

2. ATTENDANCE

Nikki Elton, Jeremy Uhrich, Joe Hostrawser, Missy McAlpine, Ben Heath, Brianna Gadacz, Becky Krueger, Eric Englund, Chad Ruzek, Jamen Lewis, Mitch Nelson, Krista Benjamin, Brittany Stearns, Amber Wilkinson, Gage Chaffee.

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

February slow month, about breaking even, March is looking better. Do not need to do a new lease for gambling since PYHA owns the arena. Horse racing started at Princeton golf course and was real busy with lots of participation. Jeremy Uhrich makes a motion to transfer \$30,000 for bills, Chad Ruzek seconds. All in favor, motion passes. Eric Englund makes a motion to approve LG1004, Becky Krueger seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (*Ben Heath, Secretary*)

Jamen Lewis makes a motion to approve February’s meeting minutes, Eric Englund seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT (*Jamen Lewis, Treasurer*)

Brianna Gadacz makes a motion to approve February’s financials, Becky Krueger seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

6. PRESIDENT’S REPORT (*Joe Hostrawser*)

A member who received disciplinary action by PYHA has appealed the decision with District 10. Review process is currently ongoing.

7. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT (*Jeremy Uhrich*)

Nothing new to report.

8. ARENA/ADVERTISING MANAGER REPORT (*Missy McAlpine*)

Scheduling for next season has begun and high school teams are almost completed. BBL ice hours have been scheduled for September through October thus far. Craft fair has 36 currently registered, can fit 79 vendors at PIA. We are on the chamber of commerce email blast with up to 300 contacts. Summer to do list is coming together. Pickle ball is going to happen, open gym style. Eric Jacobs going to do a couple of informal classes. Will start April 17th. A couple nets ordered, balls, paddles, etc. Should fit at least 6 courts. Very minimal cost to start up. \$5 to come and play.

9. DISTRICT 10 REPORT (*Joe Hostrawser*)

No meeting in March. Next meeting April 9th.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- **Away Tournament Coordinator**, *Joe Hostrawser* – On June 1st we will start looking at tournaments for next season. Missy would like a tournament coordinator for our Peewee A/Bantam A Jamboree that we host in the beginning of the season to alleviate the workload of herself and other arena staff.
- **Communications Coordinator**, *Jeremy Uhrich* – Regular season done, summer camp information has been sent out.
- **Equipment Manager**, *Eric Englund / Chad Ruzek* – Handed out 47 sets of equipment for Mites/TT, still waiting for 3 sets to be returned. If equipment is not returned deposit checks will be cashed.
- **Fundraising Coordinator**, *Vanessa Voita* – Nelson nursery gift cards are the last available fundraising opportunity of the season.
- **Girls Program Coordinator**, *Becky Krueger* – BBL is looking to do some parades again, Becky is working with them on details.
- **Hockey Director**, *Jeremy Uhrich* – Nothing new to report.
- **Mite/8U Coordinator (On-Ice)**, *Ben Heath* – All mite/8U coaches have confirmed that they returned puck bags and goalie gear. One coach kept a set of goalie gear for his spring breakaway mite team.

- **Mite Jamboree Coordinator**, *Danielle Smith* – Did not attend.
- **Mite/8U/Tiny Tiger Coordinator (Off-Ice)**, *Brianna Gadacz* – Many Mite and Tiny Tiger parents have expressed a desire to have official team/individual pictures, would like to look into our options of doing so next season.
- **Outdoor Ice Manager**, *Jon Stenslie* – Portable bathroom still there. Warming house needs to get painted this summer. We need to get that pumped more. Will discuss portable bathroom needs/details in the fall.
- **Recruitment Coordinator**, *Brianna Gadacz* – Early childhood fair on the 19th. Will reach out to people on survey who might be interested in helping with a recruitment committee. Thursday, June 8th is the Princeton Parade.
- **Referee Coordinator**, *Chad Ruzek / Joe Hostrawser* – Mite season ended. Youth referee checks will be in the mail this week. Joe not in charge of Breakaway referees this year, that is being handled by the Breakaway league.
- **Registration/Registrar Coordinator**, *Nikki Elton / Brittney Stearns* – We need to let parents know that a they must register their players each year with USA Hockey and that they need to use their new USA Hockey number each year when filling out the registration form online. Divorced parents sometimes take turns registering kids, some of these parents do not live in the association boundaries which can raise flags with D10. Registration form will be updated in an attempt to help avoid these kinds of issues.
- **Scheduling Coordinator (Practice)**, *Joe Hostrawser* –
 - INDOOR ICE REPORT FOR MITES 2022-2023 SEASON (games and practices included).
 - Mite A (68 HRS)
 - Mite B (61 HRS)
 - Mite C Black (61 HRS)
 - Mite C Orange (62 HRS)
 - 8U Girls (55 HRS)

Note: Some teams were offered additional hours that their coaches turned down. *Outdoor ice practices, pre-skates, assessments, chalk-talks, and dryland not included in tally.
- **Scheduling Coordinator (Games)**, *Missy McAlpine* – Getting things ready for the upcoming season.
- **Tiny Tiger Coordinator (On-Ice)**, *Ben Heath* – A link to a document containing all of the [Tiny Tiger Station Based Practices for 2022-2023](#) have been posted to the PYHA website (coaches corner) for future reference/education.
- **Volunteer Coordinator**, *Becky Krueger* – 11 families did not complete hours. Becky told them that they would get an invoice.
- **Website Coordinator**, *Jeremy Uhrich* – Summer information is on the website with registration links. Will send another email out to remind people about the summer clinic. New email addresses for new board members will be set up.

11. NEW ITEMS

- **Plan for unsold old jerseys** – If not sold by June we will give old jerseys away. Will reach out to alumni first. Brittany to check with united heroes to see if we can donate socks and jerseys to them.
- **Updating board with disciplinary problems, team issues etc.** – Board members need to communicate with the entire board when there are disciplinary issues/problems happening in the association so everyone is up to speed. Any disciplinary forms filled out need to go to the rest of the board as well.
- **Plan for contacting members who requested communication via survey** – Members requesting a phone call on the survey will be contacted by board members with a short briefing of those discussions to follow at April's meeting.
- **Determine a procedure for requesting funds from PYHA to pursue higher playing opportunities** – PYHA has given financial donations to the Green Giants when they've made it to the national tournament to help offset costs. These have been team donations given for team achievements. PYHA does not give financial donations to individuals for individual achievements, i.e. trying out and making various AAA type teams and/or participating in various AAA type tournaments.
- **Coach recruitment options for off-season** – Plan to post a "coaches wanted" post on PYHA's Facebook Page.

- **Plan to evaluate and add/revise handbook and bylaws** – Officers will begin revising the PYHA handbook and update bylaws as needed. Revisions will be reviewed and approved by the board during the summer.
- **HDC governance discussion, next steps** – The HDC (Hockey Development Committee) is not a decision making body, they are an asset to the PYHA board. PYHA’s Hockey Director acts as a go-between for the board and the HDC. At times, HDC members may attend meetings to update the board with any pertinent info. The HDC is also keeping minutes of their meetings that can be reviewed by PYHA Board Members.
- **Detailed overview and update on Mighty Ducks grant** – The way the grant it is written up, it is not legitimately attainable. The city of Princeton is trying to write up a document for a land-lease agreement to see if it can be still be attained.
- **Parking lot update (scope, bids, timing, financing)** – Ben Heath makes a motion to spend up to \$300,000 on a new parking lot, Jeremy Uhrich seconds. All in favor, motion passes. As soon as bids come in, board will review and approve a vendor to go with.
- **Parent survey update/results** – Discussed main concerns in the survey and will further discuss ways PYHA can improve results for next season in upcoming meetings during the summer.
- **Summer clinic status update** – Registration numbers are low. Will send out an association wide reminder.
- **50th-anniversary brainstorming (committee, budget)** – Getting Princeton Union to write about it, submitting and article to Let’s Play Hockey, spring clean up event, beautification projects, parking lot party, were some ideas that were brought up to promote PYHA’s 50th Anniversary. Will look into forming a committee and setting a budget.
- **Letters expressing board role interest/vision for 2023-2024** – Want to know what roles board members are interested in and why we should nominate/vote for them at April’s meeting. An optional email to fellow board members may be sent for this purpose before April’s meeting.
- **PYHA goal planning session (May?)** – A group of board members will meet before May’s meeting to identify 3 main goals PYHA would like to achieve by the end of the 2023-2024 season.
- **Rum River parade** – Brianna will register PYHA for the parade. Business card magnets, try hockey for free jerseys, and a design for magnets were some ideas for promoting PYHA at the event. Will add to April’s agenda for further discussion.
- **Summer volunteer opportunities** – Possibly try to get kids out to businesses to sell 50/50 raffle tickets and things like that.
- **Dry land space** – Brianna Gadacz motions to lease the Westling Building (12 months starting in June) for PYHA Dryland Purposes at \$1,000 a month to include heat and electric, Eric Englund seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

12. ADJOURN: - 10:00 pm.