

# PRINCETON YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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

## Monthly Board Meeting Agenda / Minutes

Dec 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:** - 6:34 pm

**2. ATTENDANCE**

Joe Hostrawser, Chad Ruzek, Eric Englund, Jeremy Uhrich, Corey Murphy, Nikki Elton, Missy McAlpine, Becky Krueger, Todd Frederick, Brittany Stearns, Zach Welding, Ben Heath.

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

\$9,326 profit after the raffle ticket expenses. Becky Krueger motions to approve LG1004, Zach Welding seconds. All in favor, motion passes. Joe Hostrawser motions to transfer \$15,000 for bills, Corey Murphy seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

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

Brittany Stearns motions to approve November’s meeting minutes along with December 5<sup>th</sup>’s special meeting minutes, Chad Ruzek seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

**5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT** (*Joe Hostrawser, Treasurer*)

Corey Murphy motions to approve the Treasurer’s Report, Corey Murphy seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

**6. PRESIDENT’S REPORT** (*Jeremy Uhrich*)

Nothing new at this time.

**7. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT** (*Eric Englund*)

Received several feedback form submissions from members. Those were discussed and will be followed up on by the appropriate board members. Spent time climbing on roof and helping get new heater installed on the West Rink.

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

Blue water found a building clog and cleaned it out. Was full of asphalt. Bill water will bill us for \$800. Furnace hooked up and West Rink locker rooms now have proper heat going to them. A Stop the Bleed class was attended by mostly staff and a few board members. Instructor gave us recommendations for emergency equipment and plans. Family that we sponsored, received their gifts. Starting to make arena plans for the summer, selling ice, and other events. Reminder that we have some contracts coming due for the 24-25 season so we need to begin thinking of those.

**9. DISTRICT 10 REPORT** (*Jeremy Uhrich*)

Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> via zoom. D10 says there have been coaches yelling at referees and wants associations to remind coaches to refrain from that sort of behavior and that they will start issuing more misconducts. Match penalty meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month. There was talk about removing school waivers, no waivers for 1<sup>st</sup> year squirts and below. Trying to cut back on that. All associations agreed to pay mite referees \$30 for league games. Incorrect goals and assists should be reported to presidents. Must note who is sitting out for games. Coaches need to look closely at Game Sheet before signing off.

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**10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

- **Away Tournament Coordinator**, *Joe Hostrawser* – Waiting for the Sauk Rapids Mite Jamboree to open registration so we can register our Mite A, Mite B, Mite C Moose, and Mite C Wild teams (March 1-3).
- **Communications Coordinator**, *Becky Krueger* – Working on the next Tiger feed newsletter teams, social media platforms keep growing, and made hockey themed Christmas cards to send to sponsors.
- **Equipment Manager**, *Eric Englund / Chad Ruzek* – Found some slide boards, look to be usable. Were in plyo room.
- **Fundraising Coordinator**, *Corey Murphy* – New Year’s day is the Gophers Hockey game. 22 tickets left to sell. Heggies pizza is still going.
- **Game Sheet Coordinator**, *Brittany Stearns* – 1<sup>st</sup> time ever, had to reach back out to level coordinators to fix something. Make sure managers let Brittany know of any mistakes and Brittany will go to D10 rep as there is a process to fixing errors on Game Sheet.

- **Girls Program Coordinator, Becky Krueger** – Todd and Becky ordered custom buddies for 12U and opened up to 10U and 8U as well. Girls are continuing to sell keychains for Gillette Childrens. 10U's playing during intermission of the Squatch. All girls skate night planned. Going to work with BBL and Coop management team to grow program and to try and aquire some grants.
- **Hockey Director, Ben Heath** –
  - I. Received anonymous complaint about a Head Coach in our program, Ben called coach to address matter.
  - II. HDC Update – There was an HDC meeting on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Main topic of discussion was how we can improve the tryout process to make it shorter in duration, more convenient/efficient/effective for graders, etc. Someone from HDC may attend a future meeting to share ideas with the board. Potentially January.
  - III. Coaches Newsletter – Working with HDC to put together a template for a monthly coaches newsletter with things like a Tip of the Month, Drill of the Month, Team Updates, with various links (As a substitute for in season coaches meetings). Plan to finalize it at an HDC Meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Will send to coaches, and board members thereafter.
- **Mite/8U Coordinator (On-Ice), Ben Heath** –
  - I. Practice jerseys – Having players wear Blue USA Hockey Jerseys and Orange game jerseys is working great for competition drills, small area games, and in-house scrimmages. Could never see going back to any other color coordination or hassling with pullovers that eat up ice time. (Players wear assigned practice jersey colors as posted on team pages).
  - II. Asked each Mite team to schedule a minimum of 4 outdoor ice practices. Will send a reminder once ODR is open.
  - III. With warm weather we've made great use of the ODR for dryland practices and Mite A team positioning stuff with a soccer ball instead of using up valuable ice time for that.
  - IV. All mite teams have played competitive games thus far, no blow outs.
  - V. Sauk Rapids Jamboree registration is supposed to open the first week of January. We need to sign up all our mite teams (A, B, C Moose, C Wild). 8U Girls are in a different tournament – St. Michael Girls Feb.10-11.
- **Mite Jamboree Coordinator, Danielle Murphy** –
  - I. Currently need 3 Mite A teams and 1 Mite B team to fill the PYHA Jamboree.
- **Mite/8U Coordinator (Off-Ice), Zach Welding** – Just got skate with varsity times. Will send to Missy.
- **Outdoor Ice Manager, Jon Stenslie** – Watching temps, maintenance on Zamboni, checked battery, waiting for it to get cold. Eric and Missy will coordinate getting an outhouse on site.
- **Recruitment Coordinator, Becky Krueger** – Been promoting open skate on social media, will look into learn to skate. Picture night went well, quick in and out. Todd and Beckey are going to order a 12U banner and pay for it.
- **Referee Coordinator, Joe Hostrawser** – Presidents met and agreed to pay youth refs get \$30 for full ice mite games. Sent Ben an email about how game is set up. Will be calling icing and off sides. Penalties, players will be sent back to bench. Went ahead and scheduled two refs for all full ice games, will have a D10 mentor ref. Will meet with them after game for a 10-15 minute meeting. Will get ref schedule out soon.
- **Registration/Team Manager Coordinator, Brittney Stearns** – Mite A Practice coach will be redlined for not completing their coaches clinic. 3 other PYHA coaches could potentially get redlined if their requirements are not completed in time.
- **Scheduling Coordinator (Practice), Jeremy Uhrich** – Scheduling is completed through February, every team is currently above D10 recommendations for ice hours. As season goes on will notify coaches of any available ice hours that come up.
- **Scheduling Coordinator (Games), Missy McAlpine** – Just rescheduled a HS game.
- **Tiny Tigers Director, Zach Welding** – Nothing new to report.
- **Volunteer Coordinator, Corey Murphy** – Nothing new to report.
- **Website Coordinator, Becky Krueger** – Nothing new to report.

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## 11. NEW ITEMS

- **Purchase 50 Additional Gopher Tickets for Fundraising** – (via email on 11/30/2023) Corey Murphy would like approval to purchase the additional 50 tickets for the Gophers game that we have on hold. The first 50 are almost sold out. Joe Hostrawser motions to purchase the additional 50 tickets to sell, Chad Ruzek seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
- **Coaches Locker Room** – Todd Frederick from the HDC came to present the idea of converting the old East Rink entry way into a PYHA Youth Coaches Locker Room. Estimated project cost to be \$2500 but has two people who will donate the money. Started talking about this idea at HDC meeting as a way to create a better atmosphere for our coaches. Every coach to have their own locker (fits sticks), team lockers for pucks and training, dry erase board, bulliton board w/drills, etc. Woud develop a needs list. Would be ideal to take doors out of exit or block it off, take inside swing doors out, put in a single door with key code lock for coaches. Room could also be used as a mite locker room during the mite Jamboree or other time when locker rooms are in short supply.

Ben Heath motions to convert the old entry way into a PYHA coaches locker room, Zach Welding seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

- **Film Review Plyo Room** – Current policy for the Plyo Room is to have it closed for use during HS games.
- **Dryland Facility/Equipment**– Once we get date to install we will let everyone know. 4 or 5 helpers is all we'll need. Equipment – straps, dumbbells, and racks. Squat racks from HS?
- **Dryland Supervision** – We will need to decide if we want to have a Dibs volunteer or use an arena employee for supervision.
- **Calendar Access** – Jeremy Uhrich Will look into creating a new google calendar for the Dryland .
- **End of Year Banquet** – The date will be Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 4:30-7pm. Throwing out the idea of doing a goalie scrimmage as part of the skills competition in addition to the Fastest skater and obstacle course.
- **Feedback Form** – The Vice President will forward to appropriate contacts and/or address at board meetings.

**12. ADJOURN:** - Joe Hostrawser motions to adjourn at 8:59 pm.