

## PYHA Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, September 11

6:00PM - Oakstone

### Board Members Present:

Megan Fritsch      Greg Fawver      David Gauder      Zach Goepfinger  
Chad Normington      Aaron Palmer      Liz Payne      Debbie Reynolds  
Blythe Robbins      Lindsay Schleis      Mike Taylor      ~~Bekie Timmons~~

### Ground Rules:

- o Your time is valuable. We respect each other's time so all topics run on time.
- o If won't be complete, table until next month or discuss via email.
- o 3 Types of topics
  - Informational – Provides information to the Board.
  - Discussion – Informational plus requires idea generation and/or input in preparation for a Decision.
  - Decision – Discussion plus decision required.
  - A vote is taken.

1. 6:00pm - Call to order (approve minutes from August meeting) 6:06 p.m. - August meetings, OIC notes vs language that's in the A team tryout document, so no confusion. Will amend and get back out for vote.

2. 6:05pm – Old Business -  
6:10pm - Manager Handbook - see draft  
Should we be tracking USA Hockey for volunteers?  
Making tweaks  
Email to entire Board

3. 6:15 - Treasurer Update

- Treasurer's Update - this is the part of the season that I'm knee deep in getting all the registrations completed and money in for Camp Ice/Tryouts/Placements. Nothing to report until the season is in full swing.
- 3v3 Tournament - final registrations are coming in. We need more volunteers for the event, especially Refs. Do we offer skater credit for Refs? Suggest \$80 per session (2 hr blocks). This event is a lot of work and with so many events happening around the state for "Fire Up" events it is hard to get support. If we want to continue the event we would need someone to take it over. \*\*Send an email for volunteers, please.
- Apparel - store is open, lots of items.

- Fundraising - lots of restaurant nights scheduled, we will do individual chocolate sales again this year. Committee is working on getting the raffle tickets ordered asap. They are going to decide the winning amounts soon and let us know.
- Grants - Sent in Grass Roots application and sending Sauer Grant application. Looking for funding to get more goalie equipment.

4. 6:30pm - OIC Update / Parent Meeting Recap 6:44pm

- A team tryout and locker room policy docs
- Think parent meetings went well per questions that were asked. In person was very informative. Nice questions. Face to face. Virtual was good. Couple pointed questions. Both went well. A lot of questions about goalies in the first meeting. No goalie questions the second meeting. Cross and double rostering lots of questions. Coach selections. Team size was something that seems misunderstood. People seem to feel that bigger is better than smaller team size.
- Skills - fluid, will need to discuss and match schedules

5. 7:15pm – Girls Hockey 7:03pm

- would love to start conversations with Waunakee and Sun Prairie to start discussions re U14
- Another 10U register
- Dragons Advisory Committee - Tara, Meagan D, Aaron P, Justin S - coaching liaisons Paula and Pete F
- Andrea - MII Banner Made - ¼ page to advertise in Culver Cup program
- other orgs to start scheduling games - hopefully can start scheduling soon
- a lot of chatter re jerseys - approval to order the extra jersey and to come out of budget

6. 7:45pm – MII / Hartmeyer

Stu Taylor has hired a few more people in the last month.

He has been working with the OTHA league in a proposal to help with the Monday ice schedule. He had a lengthy conversation with them on Thursday and believes we have a compromise that will help the Patriots.

He is asking that we finalize the 3v3 schedule soon. It is this weekend and he still does not have a schedule so if someone could provide that it would be great.

Mechanicals seem to be working fine.

They installed the AED today.

EMIC's business plan was sent over to the city on 9/9 by Chuck Chvala. Kevin Conroy is following up with the Mayor this week.

We could consider another round of letters / emails on behalf of the Patriot families, if we choose to now would be the time.

7. 8:00pm- Quick Hits

a. 3v3 Tournament

- \$60/2 hour shift, Megan motion to Approve/Aaron second - 8 yay
- Lets look long and hard for next year

b. Golf Recap

- Went well - \$8-\$9K profit
- Save the Date-August 3rd, 2024

c. Ice Time Update

- Few ice slots at UW
- Mcfarland Sunday ice
- 45 min ice slots
- Days off school
- Need Sun Prairie ice for the girls

d. Manager Handbook - see above

8. 9:10pm – Committee Updates 8:10pm

- Advertising/Sponsorships – Chad Normington
  - Apparel – Liz Payne
  - Jerseys – Lindsay - Order 10 Smalls, 10 Mediums - Mites
- Here is my jersey update. Travel Jerseys are ordered.

We will need to vote / decide on how to proceed with the Mites and Travel Team Practice Jerseys on Monday. I'm putting all the details here so you all can review in advance and make decisions in case I am not there. (Will be about an hour or so late for the meeting).

We currently have 54 reversible blue/white jerseys on hand in the following sizes:

AS	1
YL	38
YM	15

Note: We will need to order additional jerseys for this season in smaller sizes.

The problem I have identified is the shuffle of jerseys and the need for jerseys beyond the season for teams who may choose to do things such as additional jamborees/tournaments or halftime skates at Capitals games, Badger games, etc. Also collecting jerseys from 4-6 different coaches becomes cumbersome and feels inefficient, however if this is the best option I'm all for it.

One suggestion to alleviate this is to assign a jersey to a skater in their first year of mites. That jersey is theirs for the 2 seasons and should be turned back in at the conclusion of the and then collect the 2nd year mites at the end of the season. The problem I can see here is that it doesn't really resolve the need if those 2nd year mites still need to use their jerseys for the exact reasons outlined above. It perhaps just cuts down on the number of jerseys to be collected at the end of the season but doesn't fully solve the problem.

I'm open for feedback and discussion on this. Happy to keep doing it how we have been, to do the 2 year plan or to look at alternate options. For reference we used to just have single colored jerseys that were not reversible in the blue/white/red categories and the kids kept that jersey and got new ones each season. We moved to reversible so that it was easier in games when playing the same color opponent.

For the Travel Team Practice Jerseys we currently have 152 jerseys in inventory in various sizes. There was at least 1 team that did not hand in their jerseys at the end of last season. As we have discussed, unless we make this a function of the manager and the kids individually physically hand them in one by one at the very last practice we will never fully have control over this process. Also, feedback I have received from coaches, especially at the lower and younger levels is that it would be nice to have their name or number on the back so they know who they are calling out when they are working with them.

I personally would love to put the onus on the families with this particular part of the jerseys.

I'd like to formally decide how we want to proceed for this season so we can get it in motion. We can:

- Have families buy the practice jersey. Have Dan apply names or numbers to each side of the jersey. (We will need to decide operationally how that works with collecting the \$. Perhaps we just charge all travel families a fee??) Going forward at registration each year could we include a field to buy a practice jersey for an extra charge (not sure this is even possible) and identify what size they would like. We would then keep an inventory say of 30-50 or so for new / incoming squirts so that they are on hand and Dan can just apply the number and we distribute.
- Keep the process as is and just be ok with some not turning in.

Totally open to suggestions and ideas on this and if it is less efficient to formulate a new process that is totally fine. Just wanted to get it out here.

- Dragons practice jerseys - royal/white or grey
- \$50 replacement fee

- Awards – Mike – newsletter blurb, pick up awards from last year
- Educational Awards Program – Bekie
- Equipment – Chad - change door handle
- Golf Outing – Chad - see above
- Communications – Blythe - newsletter for October ice times
- Tournaments/Events – Debbie - Waubesa Cup
- Fundraising – Liz / Greg - restaurant nights, chocolate sales, raffle
- Rec Team – Zach - 10 registered
- Recruitment – Board Effort
- Pictures - Megan - School and Sports Pics
- Grants/Scholarships – Liz - Try Hockey for Free - November 4th
- Rink/MII – Lindsay/Chad - see above
- ALD – Greg -
- Concessions – Jackie will report directly
- Governance – David
- OIC - Zach
- Registrar - Tamara
- Finance – Liz

9. 9:26pm - Discussion re moving player from U6 to U8.

10. 9:30 pm Upcoming Meeting Agenda Topics

11. 9:35pm Adjourn 9:33 motion to adjourn Liz/Chad - all in favor

#### Virtual Meetings

9/22 – A Team Approval Meeting

Squirts: Megan motioned to have 11 skaters and 1 goalie, Blythe second (11 yah, 0 nah)

PeeWee: Megan motioned to deny 11 skaters and 1 goalie, Liz second (7 yah, 4 nah)

Chad motioned to approve 4 teams at the PeeWee level, Zach second (7 yah, 4 nah)

Bantam: Blythe motion to have 15 kids on roster with 1 goalie, Chad second (11 yah, 0 nah)

9/29 – Team Placement Meeting

Squirts: Debbie motioned to approve 12 kids on the B team, 14 kids on the C team with Brian Holmquist as the B coach and Rich Greenlee as the C coach, Chad second ( 9 yah, 0 nah, 2 not present)

PeeWee: Blythe motioned to approve 11 skaters and 1 goalie on B, 12 skaters and 2 goalies on C1, and 11 skaters and 1 goalie on C2 with Tom Conti coaching B, Rob Godfrey coaching C1, and Ben Pirius coaching C2. Zach second ( 9 yah, 0 nah, 1 not present)

Bantam: Zach motioned to approve 11 skaters and a goalie on B, and 14 skaters and pass the bag on C with Matt Baumgartener as the B coach and Derek Peterson as the C coach. Blythe second (9 yah, 0 nah, 2 not present)

Dragons: Mike motioned to approve 11 skaters and a goalie on each Dragons team with Pete Fenster coaching A and Jeremy Holmes coaching B. Chad second (9 yah, 0 nah, 2 not present)