

**PYHA Board Meeting Minutes**  
February 4, 2026, 5:15pm  
Palouse Ice Rink and Google Meets

**1. Call to Order/Attendance**

Dan called the meeting to order at 5:20pm, roll call, quorum established.

**Board Members Present:** Dan Bayly, Justin Hughes, Joanna (Asia) Paszcynska, Liz Bryant, Stacey Poler, Andy Carlson, Tim Spencer, John Paradis, Brant Schroeder

**Board Volunteers Present:** Brian Mitchell, Natasha Shoemake

**Guests:** Leslie Stamper, Gen Fealy, Christian Elsberry, Butch Fealy

**2. Old Business**

Stacey moved to approve the January minutes as written, motion seconded, all in favor. Minutes approved.

**3. New Business**

Public Comment

Leslie Stamper: requesting approval for a different image for tournament merchandise (sweatshirts, stickers). Good opportunity to use a unique image that is appropriate for the age group (young kids (8–10-year-olds); feedback from players is that they would like a different logo. Good way to get our association out there by generating interest. Leslie confirmed that there are no copyright issues.

Stacey moved to approve the logo for this year only, with the expectation that the managers will work with the tournament director (currently, Natasha Shoemake) to poll all teams for agreement upon a tournament-only logo moving forward.

President's Report – Dan Bayly

Try Hockey for Free – need to get on the schedule. It is an Olympic year, which generally correlates with increased interest. Asia comments that it would be ideal to coordinate after the rental gear is returned.

New USA Hockey manual will be coming out soon.

USA Hockey cross-border play will be changing and will be “infinitely more difficult” for players to cross state lines. Unsure how this will impact border town communities.

Block grants are due Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. Can submit for equipment (neck guards, goalie gear, stuff we already paid for) - anything that is “growing the game”.

Next season, tournaments need to be in a month in advance.

SafeSport is changing to a real, live reporting system for initial vetting and referral.

Return to Play Forms: these forms need to be submitted to the state when a player is cleared to return after a concussion. Brant asks if we can get clarification regarding whether this is concussion-specific or if we truly need to submit a form for every injury. Stacey notes that we need to change the CDC links on our website as they are currently redirect links.

Kory Scoran, the state ADM coach development lead will be down in Lewiston and Dan hopes that we can arrange a day for him to come up to Moscow.

CDA is seeking a permanent seat in the West Kootenay League.

Treasurer Report – Stacey Poler

Current balance: \$184,936.96

Ice fees have not yet been paid for January, and there are still a lot of ref fees pending.

Registrar – Asia

All records are up to date.

Director of Coaching – Brant Schroeder

Remind coaches that all players need to be clothed in locker rooms and access restricted to designated personnel (coaches, LRMs). PYHA players need helmets on heads whenever on ice, even if play has concluded.

Parent Rep – John Paradis

John requests that we remind families that he is available as a resource.

Additional Public Comment

Parent in attendance asked about the survey – is it anonymous? Dan – yes.

How is it used? Dan – intention is to get mid-season feedback and identify things we need to be aware of before the whole season goes by. Coaches and managers will get a summary of the answers so that they can use it to adjust as warranted.

Next question from same attendee: is there formal training for managers and coaches? Brant adds that there is a manual and suggests we post that on the website.

Tournament Director: Natasha Shoemake

Nastasha: one team was against the 4:4, so will move forward with 5:5.

Small hiccup at 14U tournament -some issues between one coach and a ref stemming from a player ejection. Dan clarified that we do not manage the refs and that the refs can submit a report if they feel it is warranted.

SafeSport Coordinator – Brian

No issues.

Scheduler – Justin

Has added some additional games, including some with Moses Lake that will be weather contingent. Gen asked about status of 18U tournament (March) in place of State. Dan says they are working on coordinating with CDA.

#### 4. New Business

Goalie gear

No knee pads. Dan asked Tim if he could explore some options. Tim asked for clarification re: knee pads only or full sets? Dan says full sets.

Andy suggests sorting by sizes vs. ages as there are 10U kids who wear 12U, 12 U who wear 14U, etc.

End of Year Party

Dan says WSU and UI are happy to play a game for PYHA only. Will be restricted to just PYHA – perhaps each family gets a certain # of tickets. Pizza and watch hockey.

Season structure for next year

18U is the only age group that we used a different structure for this year. Do we have an estimate of what 18U numbers will look like next year? Lower than hoped moving up from 14U and 5 aging out. Spring hockey will be huge in terms of capturing interest.

- Butch reports that this model has worked but a/b (splitting up skill levels) is preference
  - this model can work, but if the numbers pan out for A/B, great.
  - would like to do house league in west kootenay with select.

What didn't work?

- scheduling for the house teams didn't get them enough games
  - we need to get started earlier
  - coaching 2 teams is hard
  - need to set proper expectations for everybody

Stacey: should we get our coaches for next year now?

Brant: we let our coaches have a say for sure, we just need to get started earlier

- Dan: we need to define it for pyha with the coaches involved
  - can we split up 18u coaching up so that Butch is not burned out?

Stacey suggests moving up the timeline and making the plan earlier.

- Butch reports that he plans to be around for the next two years and is happy to help figure it out
  - ▼ what would have been better?
    - more coaches
    - more games?
    - hard to schedule (can't play both at once)
  - ▼ What is our ideal?
    - have an A team that plays within 3 hours in a local league
    - Have house that stays here and plays locally
  - ▼ Dan asks: how do we get WA OK with this?
    - have a proposal and get one of the WA folks to send it on
  - there is an nwal thing that might be a good option: Andy will look at this
  - Dan asked Butch/Gen to send Andy some teams that are good matchups.
    - can we get some coaches lined up early/now? and start getting going scheduling and so on
      - get coaches reg open now
    - Butch thinks that this can work, need to get started early

#### Association Name Change

Brant asked if we submitted our name change (Bears Youth Hockey Assoc – BYHA) to the state.

- Dan says not yet, was waiting for EIN and PO box.
- Brant says that they have been hesitant to approve in the past but might want to start sooner rather than later. Suggests giving them history and be honest that we forgot to ask them and ask for forgiveness.

#### **5. Closed Session**

Entered closed session at 7:00pm to discuss confidential matters not for public disclosure. Exited closed session at 7:30pm. No notes.

#### **6. Confirm Next Meeting/Adjournment**

Dan moved to adjourn, John seconded.