

PRINCETON YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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

Monthly Board Meeting Agenda / Minutes

Aug 28th, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER: - 6:30 pm

2. ATTENDANCE

Joe Hostrawser, Brittany Stearns, Eric Englund, Jeremy Uhrich, Becky Krueger, Missy McAlpine, Ben Heath, Chad Ruzek

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

Slow month, meat raffles are starting again soon. Bowling alley back up. Raffle tickets are ready. Possibly having 2 boxes of pull tabs at the 50th-anniversary party. Becky Krueger motions to approve LG1004, Brittany Stearns seconds. All in favor motion passes. Eric Englund motions to approve a transfer of \$35,000 for bills, payroll, and tournaments, Joe Hostrawser seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

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

Joe Hostrawser motions to approve July’s meeting minutes, Chad Ruzek seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

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

Eric Englund motions to approve the treasurer report, Chad Ruzek seconds. All in favor, motion passes. Mighty Duck grant paperwork extension approved; now needs to be submitted by Aug. 31st. Joe is working with the city to see if the grant is still possible.

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

Parking lot was painted and completed. Milled up that lane in the front, will patch by the shooting gallery door. Drains near the warming house. The roof is complete. Waiting on siding, hoping it’s finished by Sept. 15th.

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

The online feedback form had a suggestion about fixing the billboard but no contact info.

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

- I. SCR - West dehumidifier wheel broke. Messing with ice quality. Team is working on it, but no parts. The East dehumidifier keeps tripping. On their list to fix as well. Met with CEO to discuss West locker room heat. Came out and looked. Quoted it at \$18, 567. Insulation is doing nothing. Space heaters would be \$12-15,000. Could get it all done by Oct. \$22k approx with insulation.
- II. Request from BBL to put a door between west rink locker rooms 4 and 5 was declined by the board.
- III. Board says BBL banners are only approved to be hung in west rink, not lobby.
- IV. Tom with D10 said Ice schedulers are doing 4 game full-ice Mite scheduling for the league. Doing N, S, E, and W leagues.

9. DISTRICT 10 REPORT (*Jeremy Uhrich*)

Topics of discussion were: Need to lower amount of penalties, rostering managers or not, locker room monitors, Bruce Erickson retirement, new D10 Coach in Chief, handshake lines, goalie development, and mite full ice game rules.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- **Away Tournament Coordinator**, *Joe Hostrawser* – Tournaments are harder and harder to find every year, still looking to find tournaments for some teams. Becky and Brittany are handling out of town hotel blocks for teams.
- **Communications Coordinator**, *Becky Krueger* – Sent out 2 association-wide emails about registration and the Fall Tiger Feed newsletter. Will send a last call for registration. Talked to Ben Heath about doing mite-specific newsletter with raffle tickets, fundraisers, practice dates, assessments, etc. Promoting 10k pucks on social media and helping to promote the 50-year anniversary.
- **Equipment Manager**, *Eric Englund / Chad Ruzek* – Appointments with Play It Again sports about selling or trading large gear we don’t need. Threw a lot of junky gear in the dumpster. Becky will email PeeWees and Bantams to give

them the first opportunity at the large gear. Should have all team jerseys (Squirts and above) by next week and socks before tryouts are done.

- **Fundraising Coordinator, Jeremy Uhrich** – Signed up for braids. September 7th is Pappa Murphy's. Krista set up some dates that we need to follow up with. Details are in Krista's email.
- **Game Sheet Coordinator, Brittany Stearns** – iPads are updated.
- **Girls Program Coordinator, Becky Krueger** – Went to girls meeting on 17th, 13U program Coleeen on board, no problem declaring B1 for both 13U and 10U. Will send out an email next week to girls' families about scrimmages, along with some details about the Rochester tournament.
- **Hockey Director, Ben Heath** –
 - I. HDC Update – Committee started recording drills for video library on 8/22.
 - II. Submitted a listing for coaches wanted on [MN Hockey website](#)
 - III. Discussed using Outdoor Dryland Training purposes in Oct-Nov. before snow comes.
 - IV. Working on scheduling try-out scrimmages with other associations for Squirts and above.
 - V. Going to MN Hockey Director's Conference 9/8 to 9/10.
- **Mite/8U Coordinator (On-Ice), Ben Heath** –
 - I. Working with Nikki to order intermediate nets. D10 requires these nets to be used for ALL mite games this year. We currently only have 1 set on the East Rink. We need two sets so two half-ice games can be played simultaneously.
 - II. Due to the new rule, Mite Jamboree is to offer full ice games instead of ¾ ice games this year. Not enough locker rooms to do ½ ice games, and upper-level teams have been registering because we offer a larger ice format. We will need an ice hour schedule to determine team limits per level. Registration opens September 1st.
 - III. Request to clean up and use old entryway for make-shift locker room, so our most advanced mite group (Mite A's) can have short pre-game team talks before 1/2 ice games. Regular locker rooms will be jammed with double the teams sharing locker rooms since ½ ice games are mandated by D10 instead of the ¾ ice games that A's and B's used to be allowed to play. After January 15th, A's and B's will be allowed to play 7 full ice games, which will ease the locker room congestion some.
 - IV. On September 13th there is a mite coordinators meeting, November 8th game scheduling meeting – both at Junction Bowl in Isanti. A, B, 8U initial declarations due by Sept. 10th. Final declarations by Oct. 1st.
- **Mite Jamboree Coordinator, Danielle Murphy** –
- **Mite/8U/Tiny Tiger Coordinator (Off-Ice), Jeremy Uhrich** –
 - I. Mite/Tiny Tiger jerseys update. Becky is getting pricing on this year's jerseys. Last year they came out to \$40-45. Will continue to work on ordering.
 - II. No in person mite meeting this year, will instead send out email with PowerPoint and other details pertaining to the season.
 - III. Will work with Eric and Chad to schedule equipment handout dates.
- **Outdoor Ice Manager, Jon Stenslie** – Nothing new.
- **Recruitment Coordinator, Becky Krueger** –
 - I. Learn to skate on Aug 9th had 11 skaters. Youth helped out, no coaches.
 - II. Decided no Try Hockey for Free's this year and just stick with "Learn to Skate" this year.
 - III. Will have a table at school open house to promote PYHA.
- **Referee Coordinator, Joe Hostrawser** – Will send out email to returning referees about getting into clinics. Last year we had 12 refs for both BBL and Princeton. We have extra tops in case youth refs forget theirs.
- **Registration/Team Manager Coordinator, Brittney Stearns** –
 - I. About 50% registered so far. Typical. Some new people.
 - II. Locker room monitors have to be screened.
 - III. Jeremy will send drive folder for coaches documents for Brittany and Ben Heath to keep track of.

IV. This Wed 6pm D10 Registrar meeting at Fogerty.

- **Scheduling Coordinator (Practice)**, *Jeremy Uhrich* – Going to schedule a time with Missy to go over everything.
 - **Scheduling Coordinator (Games)**, *Missy McAlpine* – Nothing new.
 - **Tiny Tiger Coordinator (On-Ice)**, *Jeremy Uhrich* – Nothing new.
 - **Volunteer Coordinator**, *Jeremy Uhrich* – September dibs are up.
 - **Website Coordinator**, *Becky Krueger* – Try and get preskates and tryouts added to calendar. Get D10 coaches meetings added to PYHA calendar.
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11. NEW ITEMS

- **Board Member Resignation** – Krista Benjamin sent her letter of resignation via email on 7/25.
- **50th Anniversary Party Budget** – Britany Stearns motions via email on 7/28 to approve a \$2000 budget for the 50th Anniversary Party; Ben Heath seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
- **\$100 Jersey Fee** – Chad Ruzek motions via email on 8/1 to approve adding a \$100 jersey fee into registration for Squirts/10U and Above; Becky Krueger seconds. All in favor, motion passes. Note: Players will keep their jerseys at the end of the season.
- **Dryland Facility Fee / Mite A Fee** – Ben Heath motions via email on 8/1 to approve adding a \$50 per player (squirts and above) Dryland Facility Fee to registration, along with a \$50 Extra Ice Time Fee to players placed on the Mite A team - to be invoiced after teams have been selected; Becky Krueger seconds. All in favor motion passes.
- **Boy's Hockey Socks** – Joe Hostrawser motions via email on 8/4 to approve spending \$1700 on black knit socks for Squirts thru Bantams; Ben Heath seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
- **PYHA Handbook** – Becky motions to approve updates to PYHA Handbook, Ben Heath seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
- **PYHA Suspension Guidelines** – Eric Englund motions to approve new suspension guidelines, Brittany Stearns seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
- **PYHA By-Laws** – Board agrees to post updated/edited Bylaws to website to notify members that a vote to approve updates will be held on September 25th during the next scheduled board meeting.
- **Coaching Incentives** – Starting in 23-24 volunteer coaches will receive free Princeton Hockey jackets. Chad will check with Lettermans on availability of Bauer mid weight and CCM.
- **USA Hockey Reimbursements** – Confirmed that coaches are eligible to get their USA Hockey registration fees reimbursed this year if they send Nikki their receipts by the assigned date.
- **10K Puck Challenge Update / rewards & photo at the 50th party? (Becky)** – 10K Puck Challenge closes September 12th. On September 30th pictures of recognition will be taken (for those who completed the challenge). Becky will send info to finishers.
- **Apparel Order** – Chad will set up same dates as last year. Squad locker.
- **Nominate and vote for new board members** –
 - I. Zach Welding was nominated and confirmed by the board to complete the vacant term left by Krista Benjamin ending in 2026. He will perform the roles of Tiny Tiger Director (On and Off Ice) and Mite Coordinator (Off Ice).
 - II. Corey Murphy was nominated and confirmed by the board to complete the vacant term left by Brianna Gadacz ending in 2025. He will perform the roles of Volunteer Coordinator and Fundraising Coordinator.
- **Dryland Facility** – Chad Ruzek will check on turf mat/flooring pricing. Becky Krueger will check pricing on plastic hockey tiles/flooring. Will also need to get pricing for rubber mats for underneath treadmill and any other equipment. After we get baselines then we can establish budget. Board decided to decline donation offer of various used gym machines as they would take up too much space and not fit the needs/purpose of this space.

12. **ADJOURN:** - Ben Heath motions to adjourn at 9:08 pm. Joe Hostrawser seconds.