

Pawling Youth Hockey  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2025 8:00 PM, Google Meet

**ATTENDEES:**

Scott Chin, Alicia Harklerode, Jennifer Connolly, Liz Gabari, Rob Stecher, Dan King, Michael Bersak, Dianne Thomson

**REPORTS:**

**President - Rob Stecher**

- Coaches meeting scheduled for Sept 14th – 31 of 35 coaches attending
  - Backpacks are ready to be handed out
- Shed scheduled to be delivered 9/10 will wait to set it up until all construction debris is out of TP
- Pads were delivered
- In contact with Keith at Crossfit Pawling re: group classes
  - There is a 5:30 class already booked on Tuesdays & Thursdays
- NYR Alumni visit to PYH practice tentatively 10/23
- Start of season email is ready to go as soon as TP ice is open
- Water bottle options
- Men's league email sent out

**Registrar - Alicia Harklerode**

- Board roster has been submitted and approved
- Coaches/Managers - Spreadsheet is up to date
- New 6U/8U Safesport module must be completed by Dec 31st
- All teams have been created in the USA Hockey portal. Awaiting 7 coaches to clear.
- Managers/volunteers also need USA Hockey #, background check and safesport
  - Alicia will f/u on this
- Working in getting team Binders for ready for next week
  - Prior years' binder contents can be shredded by/before the start of the next season

**Treasurers - Jennifer Connolly & Dan King**

- Account Balances as of: August 31st (Statement, Reconciliation, and updated Treasurer Report received)
- Ongoing problems with Crossbar - all payments have been processed. Last batch of payments will go through at the beginning of October - hopefully no issues
- There are no outstanding tuition payments for September
- All insurance certificates have been sent.
- Pawling Youth Foundation- we should take pictures of pads in use to submit with report once we start using due 2/28/26

- They have arrived! Photos will be taken after the TP ice is up and running, ideally with players on the ice
- PLEASE continue to push sending invoices to [pyhtreasurer@pawlingyouthhockey.org](mailto:pyhtreasurer@pawlingyouthhockey.org)
  - Sent detailed email to TJ - have not heard back from him
- Venmo account update
  - Dan got a Tello phone number (phone is on the way) & will work on getting venmo switched over from Tim
- Account Balances as of: August 31, 2025 (emailed Statement, Reconciliation, and updated Treasurer Report)
- Investments to be made in treasury bonds (Dan began process)
- Push cost of crossbar fees to membership for next season? Could save approx \$5k/year
- Tournaments to date have all been paid
- Rinks are all paid for ice time, except for Ice Time, which needs to be paid in person
- Insurance certificates have been sent to all rinks

**Master Scheduler - Liz Gabari**

- Trinity Pawling ice is confirmed through the end of February
  - Awaiting update on opening. Sept 29th at the earliest. Next update Fri 9/12
  - Filling in holes at different rinks
    - Reached out to BIA, Harvey School, Millbrook, Danbury with either no reply or no ice availability
- McCann / Ice Time
  - Needing to rely on them more heavily as TP ice is getting cancelled. Primarily only Friday availability.
  - New updated payment schedule (sent 9/9) with added ice
- Brewster Studio
  - Deposit paid
  - Canceled studio slots we didn't need
- South Kent
  - Booking more ice as needed. Schedule is very tight - Northwestern gets priority bc its their home ice
- Booked refs based off current schedule
- Prime goaltending Friday nights (same as last year)
  - Needed to cancel Sept. Matt looking to see if any availability in Brewster to host our goalies
- Tri-State
  - Schedule confirmed through December - need to update pricing contract, but no response yet
- Dodge Road - lights are not working

**Secretary - Dianne Thomson**

- Publishable format for monthly minutes is ready

- Updated as of August 2025 and on the PYH Board Google Drive
- Rob to look into publishing on the website.
- Bylaws update
  - Need to establish a committee
    - Will need to lay out the responsibilities for each board position
- Communications
  - New water bottles (Rob to handle)
  - Start of season email ready to go once TP is open (Rob to handle)

#### **UNIFORMS - Mike Bersak**

- We are still missing some items, but everything received has been distributed
- The store will remain open for individual orders, but the timeline will be several weeks

#### **SPIRITWEAR - Dianne Thomson**

- Coaches' skate suits were picked up
  - Rob will deliver at the coaches' meeting
- Players' skate suit store and spiritwear store to be open Aug 8th-27th; pick up/shipping date scheduled for 9/24 or 9/25, except jersey hoodies on 10/1 or 10/2
- Next store planned for 10/27-11/16 opening and pick-up/shipping on 12/10
  - Add wheeled gear bags? (Dianne will look into these)
- Magnets - Dianne to work on (still pending)
- PYH Mini Sticks (Rob)
- Water bottles design finished (Rob)
- Stickers for sticks and helmets Same company for all 3 products?

#### **NYR LTP**

- Posted on social media accounts today. Please like and share
- Flyers were sent to the printer 9/20
- All Mites, PW and Squirt teams will be away MLK weekend, so we will need help for LTP
  - TP or PHS players?

#### **SPONSORSHIP/FUNDRAISING - vacant**

- Need to update the sponsorship page on the website

#### **SNACK SHACK - vacant**

- Two volunteers - Lacey Ryan and Leticia Schiano. Jess is planning to meet with them.
- We can ask PHS students to volunteer, as many need community service hours

#### **MISC OLD BUSINESS**

- TJ has agreed to set up practice plans and drills for Mites
  - Is he sharing these with the coaches? They should have the info in advance of the practices
- Player moves

- 1 Squirt C player has been moved to Squirt B & roster are updated in Crossbar and with the CHC
- 1-2 Mites B players will be moved to Mites A
  - Not yet done; coaches are evaluating and have a target date of 10/1
  - Mites teams are all undeclared so no real deadline for the CHC
- Mens' league starts 10/19
- Consider a backpack/first aid kit for snack shack
  - Dianne is updating and restocking the first aid bag found in the shed
- We will need a tall narrow locker to replace the shed for the Edge Boss gear and pucks
  - Rob has ordered the new shed

### **MISC NEW BUSINESS**

- Can players who don't play for the organization practice with our teams?
  - Organizationally, we don't allow this, unless they are a guest/as-needed player (goalies in the past)
  - If they want to assist as a student/ junior coach, they must be sponsored by a coach over the age of 18, be SafeSport certified, etc., have all coaching certificates and register with USA Hockey
- Organizational outings:
  - Mites will be doing the NY Islanders Experience (needs to be paid)
  - NY Rangers contact to us for the Rangers Experience (free due to us hosting LTP)
  - Army game - need to contact group sales
  - NY Sirens will contact us (Jen) with date options when they are available
- Older siblings on the ice for practice or LTP
  - Coaches' decision if its allowed - Rob will mention in the coaches meeting
    - They should be in full gear for practice
    - For LTP, they are often helping kids up off the ice, which can be difficult in full gear, but should have, at minimum, helmet, shin guards, gloves.
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