

Pawling Youth Hockey
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2026 8:30 PM, Google Meet

ATTENDEES: Rob Stecher, Alicia Harklerode, Liz Gabari, Jen Connolly, Dan King, Mike Bersak, Scott Chin, Dianne Thomson

REPORTS:

President - Rob Stecher

- Inactive player was removed from the Squirt C roster.
- CHC is actively discussing staying with Crossbar vs changing to another app - no new updates
- Matt Dutton is stepping down as tournament director

Registrar - Alicia Harklerode

- Coaches/Managers - Spreadsheet is up to date
- Working on cleaning up the website and updating all forms
- No coaches were redlined.
 - Rob Bauer received a temporary card & paid for the one-time exemption, so he can be on the bench for games

Treasurers - Jennifer Connolly & Dan King

- Account Balances as of December 31, 2025 (Statement, Reconciliation, and updated Treasurer Report received)
- Only outstanding tuition payments is the family with deferred payments. There continues to be no response to emails. One kid has sporadically attended practices, the other has not been attending. We have not received a formal withdrawal.
- Invoice submitted to NY Rangers on December 10th
- Bridgeport Islanders (Mites A Jamboree) paid \$850
- All other submitted invoices have been paid to date
 - Waiting on invoices from: South Kent for Dec, TP for Dec, TriState for Oct, Nov and Dec

Master Scheduler - Liz Gabari

- Trinity Pawling
 - Spring ice- no update on dates yet
 - Evals/ID skate
 - Squirts & PW ID skate: March 2 & 3 at 7:30 PM
 - Bantam ID skate March 10
 - Mites evals: March 9-11
 - Squirts & PW evals: March 17-19

- Bantam evals: March 17 and March 19
 - Midgets: no evals at this time
 - We can hold evals if there is a lot of outside interest. There are currently at least 12 interested players, all known to the coaches.
- McCann / Ice Time
 - No update
- Brewster Ice Arena
 - No update
- South Kent
 - No update
- Officials
 - Bantam periods are 15 minutes. We have been playing 16 minutes and will need to reimburse the refs' association for the overages.
- Prime Goaltending
 - No update

Secretary - Dianne Thomson

- Meeting minutes updated as of Dec 2025 and on the PYH Board Google Drive
- Nothing new to report

UNIFORMS - Mike Bersak

- There are only 1 adults small and 3 XS white practice jerseys still outstanding
- Uniform order is in

SPIRITWEAR - Dianne Thomson

- No update.

NYR LTP

- 65 registered skaters
 - Top 10 in NY Rangers program
- Steve Brunner will cover 1/17 when most teams are at tournaments. There are enough LTP dads/coaches and we won't need Bantams coaches to help

SPONSORSHIP/FUNDRAISING - vacant

SNACK SHACK - Lacey Ryan and Leticia Schiano

- Need to restock the hats/pucks (restocked from the storage unit)ats/pucks (done)
- Req to sell the jackets in the storage unit?
 - These are oddly sized jackets from the original Verbero order, but we can try

SOCIAL MEDIA - Jess Riina

- No report

MISC OLD BUSINESS

- Erik Nates battling/checking clinic
 - Waiting for Erik to return email re: spring dates
- 4Check hockey clinic
 - 3 year middle plan was approved, pending receipt of positive references, by majority vote

MISC NEW BUSINESS

- 12/4; CHC is enforcing the coaching clinic for 8U for any Mite coach, except first year coaches, including if they coached for other organizations in the past
- 12/7: PWB goalie filled in for Bantams when their goalie has been unavailable with school. CHC does not allow this without an exception to the “play up stay up” rule. We did not have an exception and he was not on the roster for the game he played. Alicia spoke with CHC and they will allow the PWB goalie to play up on a game by game basis, so he will need to be added to the Bantam roster each week he is needed. Must be done by the Monday before. They have also approved the game he did play, and it will not need to be forfeited.
- 12/9: Melissa Geiger reached out to the snack shack managers about PHS running the snack shack on 12/10. Continuing this arrangement (PHS runs snack shack, we supply the stock and they split the proceeds with us).was approved by majority vote on 12/11, for community goodwill. Snack shack managers were notified.
- 12/16 Tri State notified Liz that due to the cancellation of our contract with them, they will not be available for the 12/16 Mites session
- 12/29: Rob Bauer was unable to complete his certification training due to illness. Per Alicia, he can be on the bench with Mites, but will be redlined so he cannot be on the bench with any of the declared teams. He can practice with the teams.
- 12/31: PYH is not listed in the USAHockey.com “Find Hockey Near You” feature. Alicia will add us.
- 1/2 Rob Bauer was not redlined prior to getting the one-time temporary coaching card, so he is able to be on the bench for all teams.
- 1/6 local schools have cancelled after-school activities due to concern for icy road conditions. PYH decision on practices is generally based on whether TP closes or not. They are not closing. Decided by majority vote to send an email notifying parents/coaches all practices are on, but use your discretion regarding travel conditions in your area.
- Team dinner reimbursement - \$500 per team was agreed by majority vote
 - Squirt C may not have an end-of-season tournament and can use it at their next tournament, also approved by majority vote
- Golf outing
 - Liz is not able to organize the outing this year, we will need a new volunteer, or a committee. Dianne to send an email asking for volunteers
- 2026-27 season planning
 - ID skate & eval dates set
 - Start advertising as soon as we can get a posting image together
 - Social media budget: last year: \$110 Instagram/\$300 Facebook

- Early bird signup approved by majority vote \$50 for early bird vs \$75 for regular
- Dan raised the idea of rebranding the program to more closely match the current level of play, as many teams are playing above their designated letter (i.e A team playing at AA level, B team playing at A level).
 - After discussion, the consensus was not to advertise any levels and to continue to register teams in the summer based on their projected level, whatever that level is. Some teams will play above their projected level and others may play at or below their projected level.